

Taiyou Con



January 16-18, 2015
Mesa Convention Center
Phoenix Marriott Mesa

Table of Contents

General Information	Page 3
Convention Policies	Page 4-5
Guests	Page 6-8
Vendor Hall Map	Page 9
Convention Map/ Cosplay Gatherings	Page 10
Panel Descriptions	Page 11
Event Schedule	Page 18

Less time watching ads means more time watching anime.

Skip the ads. Try Crunchyroll Premium free.
Stream the largest HD anime collection without ads right after Japanese broadcast! Now with unlimited manga.

crunchyroll.com/free

GNN
GEEK NEWS NETWORK

COSPLAY MOVIES MANGA SCI-FI
VIDEO GAMES COMICS ANIME

GEEKNEWSNETWORK.NET

NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT **LUCKY PENNY**

CATSEYE Season Two
available NOW
Cat's Eye Season 2 DVD Collection

FANTASTIC DETECTIVE LABYRINTH
available NOW
Fantastic Detective Labyrinth DVD Collection

AZAZEL
available Feb 3
You're Being Summoned, Azazel DVD Collection

Get the latest news, free episodes and more at
NOZOMIENT.COM
LUCKYPENNYENT.COM

You're Being Summoned, Azazel © Yoshitaka Kubo • KOJANSHAYAKUTABETANTEIHMUSHO. All rights reserved.

Available from these and all fine retailers:

RightStuf.com
fye **amazon.com**

About Taiyou Con

Taiyou Con is a three-day convention celebrating anime, manga, video games, and other aspects of Japanese culture. Taiyou Con promises enjoyable programming, great guests, and a good time! Taiyou Con is dedicated to bringing Arizona anime fans convention staples such as the Masquerade and dances as well

as new and original events! We're also hard at work inviting guests you've requested to make your dreams of meeting your favorite voice actor, artist, or cosplay extraordinaire to life. We would love to hear your suggestions for Taiyou Con, so send us an email at info@taiyoucon.com.

Registration Information & Hours

Attendees will pick up their badges at the registration desk in the lobby of the Mesa Convention Center. Pre-registered attendees will need to print out their Yapsody eTicket in order to pick up their badges. Full weekend badges & day badges may also be purchased at the registration desk in the lobby. For those that did not register through Yapsody, please bring your PayPal confirmation and a photo ID.

Badges are required for all events in the Mesa Convention Center and the Marriott hotel. Attendees without badges will not be able to enter the vendor hall, panel rooms, dances, concerts, etc. Badges must be worn at all times and will be checked for authentication at every entry point. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration Hours	
Friday	10am - 7pm
Saturday	10am - 7pm
Sunday	10am - 2pm

Vendor Hall Hours	
Friday	2pm - 8pm
Saturday	10am - 6pm
Sunday	10am - 4pm

Refunds & Lost Badges

We are sorry, but badges to Taiyou Con are non-refundable. We suggest selling or giving your badge to someone else interested in attending the convention. Taiyou Con is not responsible for lost or stolen badges. If a new badge is needed, one will have to be purchased at door price at the convention. Receipts

and email confirmations are not valid badges and will not be accepted for entry into convention events.

Further information can be found at the Registration Table in the Mesa Convention Center lobby.

Age Policy

Attendees under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a guardian. Anyone without a guardian under the age of 13 will have their badge revoked. Children under the age of 10 may acquire a free wristband that allows access into the convention with a paid adult.

The wristband is limited to one per paid adult. Lost or stolen child's wristbands will not be replaced.

Another child wristband can be obtained with another paid adult.

Weapons, Dress & Harrassment Policy

Taiyou Con Weapons Policy may change at anytime during the convention. All weapons and weapon props need to be peace bonded at the peace bonding station. Details regarding specific procedures and weapons are stated below.

Please note that Taiyou Con reserves the right to ask anyone to change or leave the premises on the basis of inappropriate dress at the discretion of both the Cosplay Director and the Convention Director. Taiyou Con is considered to be a PG-13 event, and the dress of attendees should reflect that.

The following is a non-comprehensive list of dress considered inappropriate by Taiyou Con. If you have any questions, please contact Mei at masquerade@taiyoucon.com.

- Discriminatory or vulgar symbols or words
- Uncovered skin in excess of what would be considered appropriate in a traditional public setting
- Costumes not providing the wearer with a clear line of sight
- Bare feet—shoes may be removed for photos, but must be replaced immediately
- Roller skates, roller blades, ice skates, skateboards.

If your costume is particularly large or has many protrusions such as wings or spikes, you may be asked to change if it is found that you are not exercising enough responsibility while wearing the costume. All weapons will be subject to

inspection by Taiyou Con security. If the weapon is approved, the weapon will be peace bonded* with a zip-tie. This zip-tie is not to be removed for the duration of the event. If the weapon is not approved, you will be asked to either store it in your hotel room or remove it from the convention site. The following is a non-comprehensive list of weapons that will not be permitted:

Not Permitted Weapons/ Props...

- Real firearms, loaded or otherwise, including (but not limited to) BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, paint-ball guns, and dart guns.
- Live steel of any kind that cannot be secured in its sheath.
- Flail weapons, such as Nunchaku
- Aluminum baseball bats
- Yaoi paddles
- Self-defense weapons such as pepper spray, mace, stun-guns, and Tasers
- Golf clubs

Weapons that are easily identifiable as props—such as replica firearms or wooden swords—are permitted, as well as any handmade items that do not pose a threat to other attendees. Water guns, horns, and buckets are permitted; NERF guns, air soft guns are permitted but must be examined on a case by case basis and peace bonded.

*The peace bonding process is an agreement on the part of the attendee to exercise responsibility in regards to the prop in question. If

the attendee is found to be acting in an irresponsible way (i.e. using the prop to inflict harm, etc.) the prop will be subject to confiscation.

All fake, prop, or homemade weapons are permitted if they are in no way dangerous to attendees. Taiyou Con Security Staff will determine on a case-by-case basis whether a fake, prop, or homemade weapon is dangerous.

Staff decisions will be final.

Peace Bonding in Detail*

Attendees are required to have all such weapons (props, fake, homemade, etc.) peace bonded by Taiyou Con Security prior to roaming convention space. There will be a peace bonding station located near the Taiyou Con Registration area or Information Desk area or Security Desk area.

A weapon/prop definitely requires peace bonding if:

- A person could think it is a genuine weapon from 20 feet away.
- A person could reasonably conclude that the item may cause physical harm or damage to property.

All weapons deemed unsafe for the convention by Taiyou Con Security must be removed from the convention space and stored in private quarters (car, home, hotel room). The skill or lack of skill of the person in possession of a prop weapon is irrelevant to the determination of whether or not it is dangerous.

Behavior with Weapons/Props in Detail

Misuse of any prop weapon, such as swinging it in a public area or causing hazards to others, will result in the weapon or prop being deemed unsafe for the convention. If a weapon or prop is deemed unsafe for the convention due to misuse, it must be removed from the convention space and stored in private quarters for the remainder of the convention.

Prohibited Weapons in Detail (non-comprehensive list)

Live steel is not permitted unless the item can be secured in its sheath by Taiyou Con Security, and it is not removed during the convention. Live steel is defined as swords, knives, or other objects made of metal which can take an edge. Bullwhips and other stockwhips are not permitted unless they are rolled up and secured by Taiyou Con Security and remain that way during the convention.

Guns and projectile weapons are prohibited at Taiyou Con. Examples of guns and projectile weapons include but are not limited to live guns, pellet guns, BB guns, air guns, crossbows, dart guns, and blowguns. Exceptions may be made for non-live guns that are not loaded and can be disabled by Taiyou Con Security. Replicas of live guns are permitted if they are easily identifiable as props. Nunchaku and other flail weapons are prohibited.

Incendiary devices are not permitted. All devices which spark, shoot flame, burn, smolder, can otherwise cause combustion, or which exist

for no purpose other than to be lit with a combustion device, are considered incendiary devices.

Illegal weapons are prohibited at Taiyou Con. Attendees found to be carrying illegal weapons will be immediately reported to appropriate authorities.

Concealed weapons are prohibited. All prop weapons must be carried in plain view and cannot be concealed.

Dealers Room Purchases and Prizes

Any prohibited weapons purchased or won as prizes at Taiyou Con must be securely packaged and immediately removed from the convention space. Weapons should be stored in attendees' private quarters and are not to be taken out of their packaging or wrapping at any time on convention premises.

All prop weapons purchased or won as prizes at the convention must be peace bonded by Taiyou Con security if they are to be carried during the convention.

TAIYOU CON HARASSMENT POLICY

Taiyou Con attendees are expected to treat fellow attendees, guests, staff, volunteers, and the general public with due respect regardless of fandom, costume, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion. Physical harassment, verbal harassment, and/or assault will be met with zero tolerance. This includes, but is not limited to: physical assault, battery,

deliberate intimidation, stalking, and unwelcome physical or verbal attention. However, falsely accusing an individual of harassment will be considered an act of harassment itself and will be dealt with as such.

Remember: cosplay is not consent.

If you are the victim of harassment and/or assault:

* Please locate the nearest available staff member or volunteer to explain your situation

* Depending on the gravity of the situation, you may be asked to fill out a voluntary and confidential incident report

* Depending on the gravity of the situation, the convention may be forced to contact local law enforcement

If you choose to violate this policy:

* Your badge may be revoked at the discretion of the convention

* You will be subject to appropriate punishment ranging from a strict warning to the confiscation of your badge

* Depending on the gravity of the situation, Taiyou Con reserves the right to contact local law enforcement at the discretion of the convention director

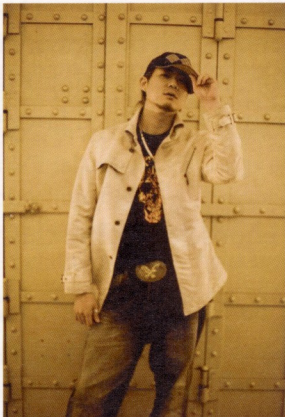
Guests



Shihoko Hirata is a Japanese vocalist, most famous for performing the songs from mega-hit video game *Persona 4*. Beginning when she was 6 years old, Hirata learned to play classical piano. When she was 12, she was introduced to soul music and began the pursuit of her life-long dream of singing. A graduate of the Soul Bird Musical School where she learned gospel music, Hirata then left to begin voice training at An Music School with vocal teacher Mineko Yamashita. She has worked with popular Japanese electronic music groups like Studio Apartment and Atrie.

Around 2007, Hirata caught the attention of composer Shoji Meguro who invited her to record songs for the then-upcoming newest instalment in the popular *Persona* franchise of games, *Persona 4*. Since then, Hirata has been involved with nearly all material associated with the game; including both anime adaptations, the fighting game sequels, and the updated rerelease for PS Vita. She has also toured alongside Meguro and other talented musicians as a member of the *Persona Music Live Band*.

Taiyou Con will be Shihoko's convention debut in North America, and she's very excited to come and make some golden memories with everyone!



Lotus Juice is a Japanese rapper. A rising force in the Japanese music industry, "LJ", as he is also known, has released two full albums "Only a Test" and "Carpe Diem", and is working on a third. He has collaborated with composers like Taku Iwasaki and Shoji Meguro, and artists like Vlidge and Shihoko Hirata.

To gaming fans, LJ is most well known as the rapper from the popular video game *Persona 3*, performing the battle themes "Mass Destruction", "Wiping All Out" and "Burn My Dread - last battle-" for all releases of the game (original, FES, and PSP versions) among others. He also has written lyrics for the new opening for "unbreakable tie" from *Persona 2 Innocent Sin* PSP, and performed original songs for the most recent entry in the *Dead or Alive* franchise, *DOA 5*. Of course LJ has also branched out into songs for anime such as *Soul Eater*, *Katanagatari*, *Black Butler*, and *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure*. He also wrote the lyrics for many new songs, including both opening themes ("Sky's the Limit", "Key Plus Words") as well as the first ending theme ("Beauty of Destiny") for *Persona 4 the Animation*, the adaptation of the mega-hit video game. LJ hopes that Taiyou Con is ready, because he's about to bring some mass destruction!



Yumi is a Japanese vocalist. Aside from being a highly requested session singer for J-Pop artists like Nana Mizuki and Faylan, she has worked on songs for games like "Tokidoki Sugar", "The Spirit of Eternity Sword", and "Onitama". However, to gaming fans she is most famous for working with composer Shoji Meguro on music for the popular video game "Persona 3".

Originally making her mark on the series w/ the original release of "Persona 3" for the PS2 and the later "Persona 3 FES", Yumi has since become a musical fixture for the mega-hit franchise. She also performed songs for other games in the series "Persona PSP", "Persona 4 Arena" and "Persona Q: Shadow of the Labyrinth". When *Persona* was adapted into anime, she contributed to the soundtracks for the anime spinoff "Persona -trinity soul-", as well as the adaptations "Persona 4 the Animation" and the recent "Persona 3 the Movie: #1 Spring of Birth". Yumi has also toured as a regular member of the *Persona Music Live Band* with series composer Meguro, as well as fellow vocalists Lotus Juice and Shihoko Hirata.

Guests



Besides starring in hit shows including Pokémon (Brock, James) and Yu-Gi-Oh! (Seto Kaiba), Eric has toured with such rock legends as Peter Frampton, Ringo Starr, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jethro Tull, Chicago, Hall & Oates, Dave Mason, Julian Cope, Dave Davies, The Alarm, John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band, and Jeffrey Gaines.

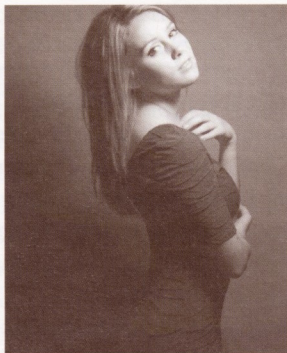
Other projects in Eric's impressive career are Viva Piñata, Ultimate Muscle, Dinosaur King, Kirby, Slayers, Chaotic, Sonic X, TMNT, GoGoRiki, One Piece, F-Zero, Magical DoReMi, Fighting Foodons, Shaman King, Descendants Of Darkness, Labyrinth Of Flames, Valkyrie Profile, Tama And Friends, and voicing many national radio and TV commercials and audiobook narrations.



Erin is most know for providing her vocal talents to many video games as well as anime! Some of her roles include Chie Satonaka from "Persona 4 Golden" and "Persona 4: The Animation" the "Persona 4 Arena" series and "Persona Q", Bullet from "Blazblue", Sona and Janna from "League of Legends", Noire/Black Heart from the "Hyperdimension Neptunia" series, Perasoul in the hit Indy fighter "Skullgirls," she also shared the roles of Junko Enoshima and Genocider Jill with Amanda C. Miller in the hit video game "Danganronpa: Trigger Happy Havoc" as well as many other roles in series such as Catherine, Dynasty warriors and Shin Megami Tensei and many others!

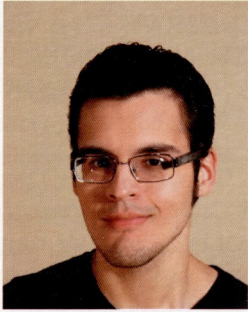


Johnny is a Navy veteran turned student and cosplayer. Currently attending University of California San Diego for Structural Engineering he creates costumes as a hobby for both fun and profit. Starting cosplay in 2011 with few tools and resources he was given the chance to work on a team to create a promotional piece for Bioware's Mass Effect 2 at San Diego Comic Con 2011. From there he started working professionally as a prop maker and model while still attending college. His list of professional credits include pieces made for Riot Games and their hit game League of Legends, Rooster Teeth with and their popular web series RWBY as well as KOG Studios and their MMORPG Elsword Online. Even with a large background in video game costuming he still works closest with Crunchyroll.com as a Cosplay Ambassador, creating promotional pieces for their streaming anime, most notable of which being Attack on Titan. His hope is not for fame, or fortune from cosplay, but to share his trade and teach cosplayers how to make props and armor so that they can share the same joy he has.



Heather Vaughn is a K-Pop dance cover artist from Phoenix, Arizona. She has been running a K-Pop dance and vlog YouTube channel under the username Jellybeannose for 3 years. In August of 2013 she was offered a part on MNET America's reality series #MYK-POP and was flown out to KCON2013 to show her love of K-Pop dance. In September, she and YT dancer DVINC3B were chosen to be flown out to Korea to compete in the K-Pop Festival in Gangwon and received 2nd place overall. This year, Heather and her dance group, Nyx, were invited to perform at KCON2014.

Guest



Chris Guerrero is a voice talent at Funimation with his debut role being the Narrator in the mouthwatering anime *Toriko!* And he also took part in the *Dragon Ball Z: Abridged* series with Team Four Star. Chris can also be heard in the anime *Level E*, *Fairy Tail*, *One Piece* and many other titles which he isn't allowed to talk about at the moment! And besides anime, Chris can be heard as the Commander in the Xbox game *Dust: An Elysian Tail*.

You can follow Chris at both his Twitter (<https://twitter.com/ChrisGuerreroVA>) and Tumblr (<http://chrisguerrero.tumblr.com/>)



Figure collecting is a huge hobby among anime fans, and no one knows figures like Frances Delgado. She is a popular figure collector and blogger who runs Howagirlfigures.com and successfully turned her passion for collecting figures into a career with top Japanese figure producer, Good Smile Company. Known as Mamitan, Frances is their official blogger for the US! When it comes to figures, she is the person you talk to about it.



Hi! I'm Ichigokitty! I've been cosplaying for over 10 years now, and I make all of my costumes! I love the games, anime and movies that I make costumes from; my passion and love for the things I cosplay from is my drive to make things as accurate as I possibly can. I hope my costumes and photos can inspire you to take a look at the shows and games I love so much! Aside from cosplay/anime/games, I love animals and music! I have had numerous different types of pets, and volunteered with some interesting creatures. I also have played trombone and piano for a number of years. I also recently have become a BJD collector (though I've collected figures for a while)! I went to UCF in Florida and I have a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a minor in Asian studies, but I still would like to do more schooling. I'm very friendly and I love meeting fans of things I like, so please don't be afraid to approach me~ Nice to meet you!



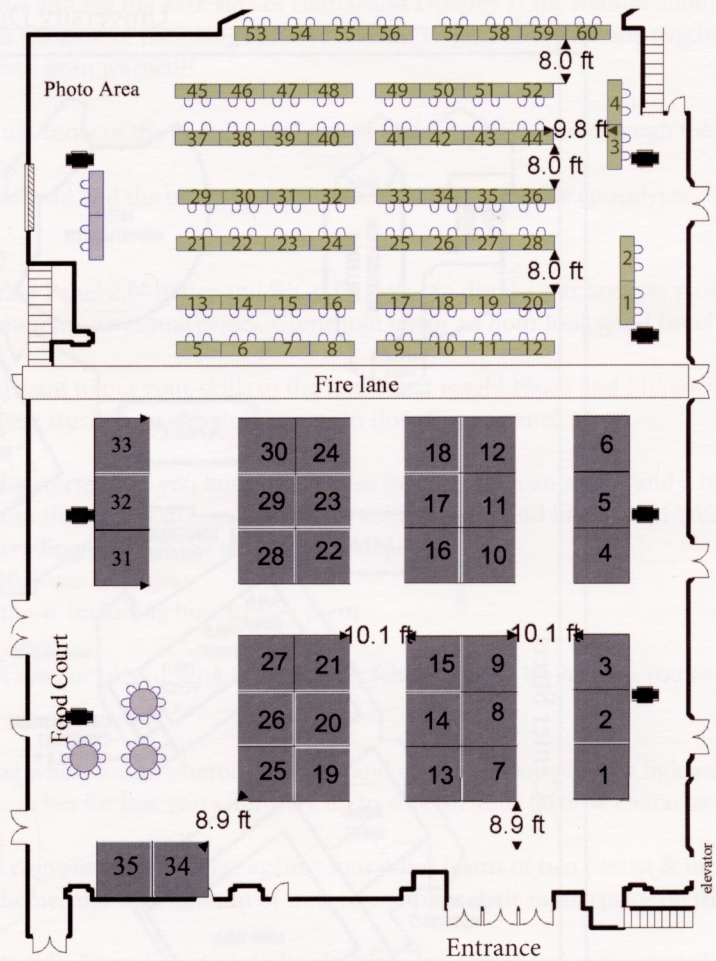
Charlene Ingram has been our cosplay guest since our very first year. We love her for supporting us all of the time by judging masquerades and participating in panels and many other things. Charlene is also working in the anime industry and has a wealth of knowledge about anime. She worked with major companies, voice actors, etc. If you have a question, she'll probably know the answer. Check out her Industry Q&A panel on Sunday.



Random, aka Mega Ran, or Random Beats. Before being chosen as LA Weekly's "Rapper Most Likely To Be Big in 2014," The Penn State graduate and self-proclaimed "TeacherRapperHero" made waves by going way left of his backpack roots by combining 8-bit video game sounds and hard hitting hip-hop tracks, and has become a trailblazer in the budding genres of chiptune and nerdcore hip-hop. Retro video games were the catalyst. Random began the transformation into Mega Ran, his alter-ego, an ode to the classic video game character Mega Man. After creating a tribute album and receiving an unprecedented level of support and blessing from Capcom to continue, Ran was reborn and became a trailblazer in the budding "nerdcore" and chiptune subgenres, while coining his own term to describe what he had done, "Chip-Hop."

Exhibitor & Artist Alley

Vendor Names	Booth Numbers
168 Dragon Trading	31, 32
Anime Books	30, 24
Anime Global	21, 27
Anime Palace	19
Blade Daddy	20
Blue Sky	2, 3
Cartoon Passion	4, 5, 6
CosplayMoomoo	15
Galaxy Creations	35
Geeksville, AZ	34
Designs by Dragonflai	18
Dragon Song Forge	10, 11, 12
Epic Cosplay	23
Game Zone	28
Hobbyfan	13, 14
JS Anime	1
Musetap	29
Nerds Comictopia	26
TOYSLOGIC	16, 17
Toymandala	25, 33
Yay4Anime	22
YesAnime Inc.	7, 8, 9



Artist Names	Table
Blackfire Productions	1
GlassCatfish Art	2
ARTCHAMA-CALLIT.COM	3
Apocalypse Too	4
Xipel	5
Ninja Owls	6
The Con Artist	7
darksocky	8
Jessica C. Feinberg	9
Orange Crows	10
Harhwhimsy	11
Antickquities	12
The Manly Spies	13

Contraband, LLC	14
Royal Sugar	15
Dani Hoots	16
Random Sunshine	17
Misue	18
JulietheRobot and Kaiden Jane	19
Cake Shop Couture	20
LisuWorks	21
Wyvern Works	22
Geeky Bat	23
Laminartz	24
SpoopyArt	25
BAD TO THE BONE	26
Kimiwarui Cute	27
Miss Magpie	28

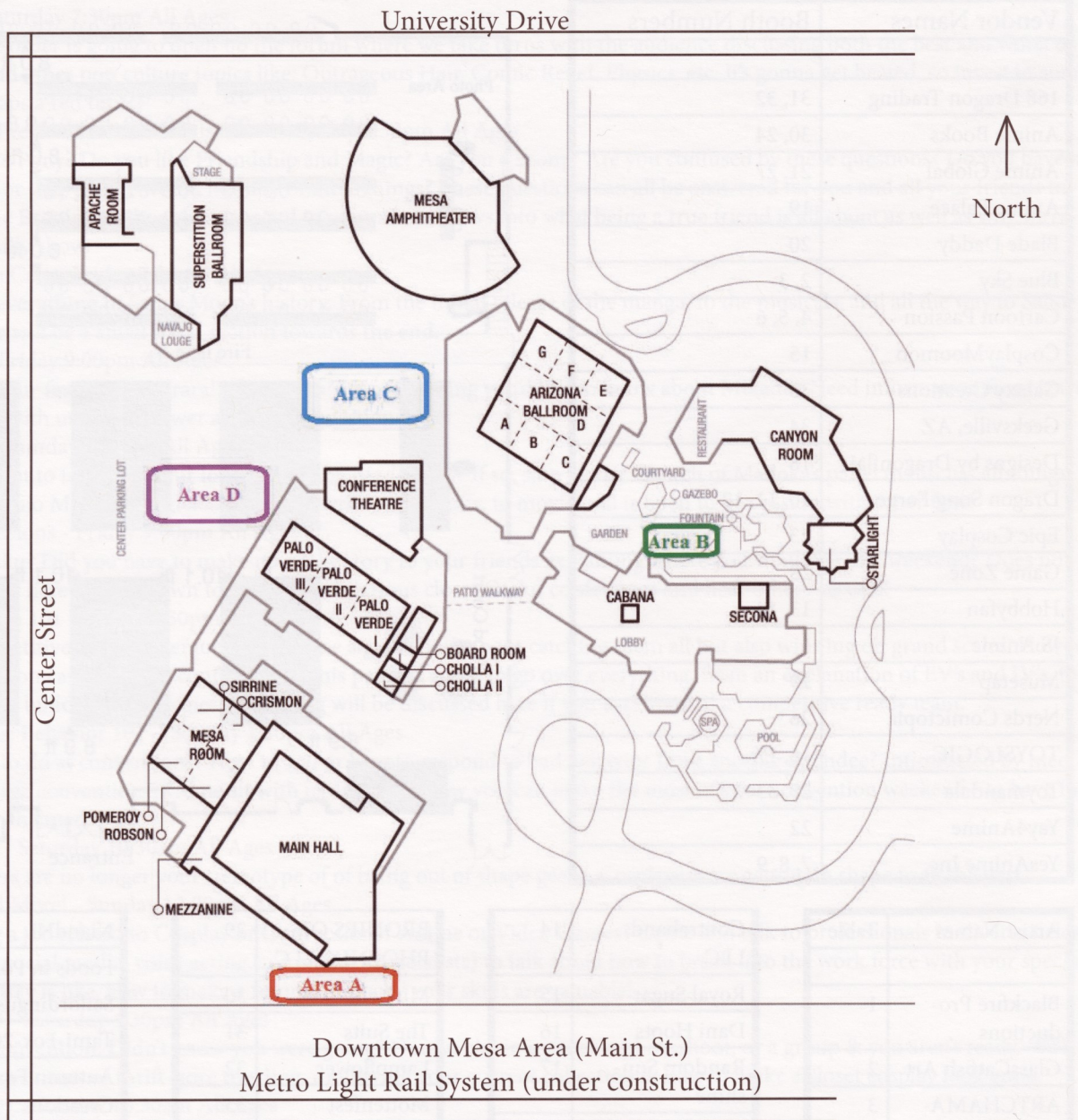
BRONIES OF PHOENIX, LLC.	29
Mireielle	30
The Suits	31
Lampflower	32
Mottenfest Studio	33
Alienkitty Designs	34
Art by Chad	35
DustyLion Crafts	36
Nik's Pix	37
nikamoo	38
Redstarpanda	39
BeefxCake Art	40
Sincerely Sam	41,42
Strawberry Creme Shop	43
Anijii	44
Pixel & Graphite	45

NiandNi	46
Foods in Portrait	47
Sailordingus	48
Tami-Fox-200	49
Autumn Fox Creations	50
Xandra Designs	51
#Cute	52
Pony Xpress	53
ManaOverdose	54
Cryptid Castle	55, 56
Tapioca	57
Cutie Craze	58
WananiEpicDesigns	59,60

Food Concession Times

Friday 3pm-7pm
 Saturday 12pm-6pm
 Sunday 11:30am-3:30pm
 Outside food prohibited*

Convention Map



Friday

- Sailor Moon: Area C - 12pm to 1pm
- Kill la Kill: Area B - 1pm to 2pm
- Final Fantasy: Area D - 2pm to 3pm
- Sports Anime: Area A - 3pm to 4pm
- RWBY: Area C - 3:30pm to 5pm
- Wadanohara and the Great Blue Sea: Area B - 4:30pm to 6pm

Cosplay Gathering Times & Location

Saturday

- Kagami no Asabi: Area B - 11am to 12pm
- League of Legends: Area D - 12pm to 1pm
- Persona/SMT: Area A - 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- One Piece: Area B - 1pm to 2pm
- Hetalia: Area C - 1:30pm to 2:30 pm
- Attack on Titan: Area D - 2pm to 3pm
- Black Butler: Area C - 2:30pm to 3:30pm
- Dangan Ronpa: Area B - 3pm to 4pm
- Spice & Wolf: Area C - 3:30pm to 4:30 pm
- Naruto: Area D - 4pm to 5pm
- Free! Iwatobi Swim Club: Area B - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- DRAMATical Murder: Area B - 5:30pm to 7pm

Sunday

- Pandora Hearts: Area B - 12pm to 1pm
- CLAMP: Area A - 1pm to 2pm
- Haikyuu!!: Area C - 1:30pm to 3pm
- Mekakucity Actors: Area B - 2pm to 3pm

Downtown Mesa

A variety of restaurants are in downtown Mesa (10 min. walk) including Subway, a coffee house, bar and grill, pizza place, Mexican restaurant and many more. The food court will also be available in Vendor Hall at certain times (page 9).

Programming

A Guide to F'd Up Hentai (18+) - Friday 9:00pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

There's some pretty weird stuff out there on the internet, come and see the dark side of Hentai and Doujins as the Mahou Shoujo Defense Force shows you what happens when the sun sets in the land of the rising sun. We take no responsibility for any psychological damage or loss of stomach contents during the panel. You have been warned!!

A Guide to Idol Anime - Sunday 4:30pm All Ages

Nico! Nico! Nii! The Mahou Shoujo Defense Force will discuss some of the popular Idol anime that have come out through the years.

A to Z: Basic Zombie Survival - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

We'll be covering the many different types of zombies in the world and the best ways to not only survive a zombie apocalypse, but ways to counter each zombie you may come in contact with.

A Yaoi Panel 2.0 - Friday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

From the panelist who brought you A Yaoi Panel comes A Yaoi Panel 2.0! Better and BIGGER! We can discuss our favorite yaoi, along with our favorite pairings. We will also have games, with even more awesome prizes. Come join us for an hour long good time!

Act that character! - Friday 7:30pm All Ages

You have your cosplay, props, and character down. Now you want to put your skills to the test. What would Natsu and Mikasa do if they went on a date? How would Ichigo and Brock react if they were stuck in an elevator. Join us in this all goes panel.

Aikatsu! You-katsu! We-katsu! - Friday 6:00pm All Ages

Ever wonder what that new idol game is that's taking Japan by storm? Did you know it was also lined up with an anime and a real idol group? Come join AZ Aikatsu! Cosplay as we tell you all about this wonderful up-in-coming anime, game, and idol group! We'll talk about how Aikatsu! came to be and how it's growing and spreading through the world! Let's Aikatsu!

An Introduction into JCG-Japanese Card Games - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

A learning experience of different Japanese card games out there. Including how to play them.

Anime and Video Game Confessional - Sunday 1:30am All Ages

Its back, please come join us in the safe haven. Have you not seen or played something? Never felt bad about it? Perhaps you've got a guilty pleasure. Well step right up and confess it to us.

Anime Arena - Saturday 1:30am All Ages

Welcome back to another year of the Anime Arena, the panel where anime's heroes, villains, and others are paired up in fights where the audience picks the winner. Be there for the brand new matches for this year's Taiyou Con to vote for your favorite characters.

Anime Face Off! - Saturday 12:00pm All Ages

Think you've got the skill to be the best makeup artist at the convention? Compete against four other teams of two (artist & model) to win the grand prize. Each group will be given a makeup, a theme, and a set amount of time to complete their masterpiece on the model.

Anime Oldies - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

A chance to reminis about some of the first anime to hit state side. From Robotech to Ronin Warriors. Come and share your old favorites or learn about some of the old greats.

Anime Picture Game - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

Piece together images to form an anime or game title. Are you a bad enough dude to take on The Critical D's challenge?

Anime Seasons 2014 Year in Review - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

Join the Mahou Shoujo Defense Force and take a look back at the: Good, Bad, and down right Horrible Anime from the year 2014.

Anime vs Manga - Friday 6:00pm All Ages

Was your favorite manga turned into anime and it was completely not what you expected. Did the anime adaptation dissappoint or surpass your expectations. Come join us and either rant or praise in this all goes panel.

Artist Alley 101 - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

So you want to sell your wares in the artist alley, but you don't know where to start? Well then come on down and join Alienkitty Designs, an artist who's been at it for years, to teach you the ins and outs of the alley!

Artist Alleys from HELL - Saturday 9:00pm All Ages

Sit down and enjoy some interesting stories from behind the table. Learn what it takes to endure a convention, and hear tales of woe, humor, suspense, and all around weirdness from the artists that make artist alley, artist alley.

Ask a S.E.E.S. Panel - Saturday 12:00pm 16+

Ever wanted to know the deep dark secrets of the gang from persona 3? Well nows you're Chance! Ace Defective Cosplay brings you the Ask a S.E.E.S Panel where you can learn everything there is to know about the Great characters of P3 such as Protagonist, Mitsuru, Junpei and Yukari, and even win some awesome prizes while doing it!

Ask Haikyuu!! - Friday 3:00pm 16+

Come join the cast of Haikyuu!! for fun, dares, and Q&A! Join us for shenanigans with your favorite volleyball boys!

Ask the Survey Corps - Sunday 1:30pm All Ages

Come see your favorite members of the Survey Corps and ask us questions about anything you're curious about! From titans to favorite foods, we'll tell you all about it.

Ask Yowamushi Pedal!! - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

Join your favourite biking boys from Sohoku, Hako Gaku, and Kyoto Fushimi in a fun panel where you can ask the characters anything

from biking tips to what they like to do in their spare time!

Bad FanFic Theatre - Saturday 9:00pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Ever seen a fic where the author uses WAY too many euphemisms? Or a crossover that made you question where your sanity has gone? Come learn and laugh with us as we talk about the finer points of troll, crack, and truly bad fanfiction.

Best/Worst of... - Saturday 7:30pm All Ages

Chronic Gaming Disorder is going to open up the forum where we take turns with the audience discussing both the best and worst of many video game and other pop culture topics like: Outrageous Hair, Comic Relief, Physics, etc. It's gonna get heated, so invest in some cool drinks, or perhaps a red tunic!

Bronies of Phoenix Present: Harmonic Discourse - Friday 7:30pm All Ages

Do you like My Little Pony? Do you like Friendship and Magic? Are you a brony? Are you confused by these questions? Do you have no clue what a brony is or why people would like any of these things? These questions can all be answered for you and all your friends in lickety split time. The Bronies of Phoenix are proud to present our views into what being a true friend is all about as well as why we're all crazy about this silly show.

Bun head and Moon Cats - Friday 7:30pm All Ages

We'll be going over everything in Sailor Moon's history. From the initial release of the manga, to the musicals, and all the way to Sailor Moon Crystal. There will be a small trivia section towards the end.

Chat with Dollars - Friday 9:00pm All Ages

Ever wonder about your favorite Durarara!! characters? Have anything you'd like to know about Mikado? Need information from Izaya Orihara? Come chat with us as we answer all of your questions!

Church of Madoka - Sunday 1:30pm All Ages

Do you have a moment to talk about our lord and savior, Madokami? If so, stop by the Church of Madoka's panel to discuss all things related to Mahou Shoujo Madoka Magicka. From the series, to spinoffs, to movies, all is open to discussion with other fans!

Closet Otaku Confessions - Friday 9:00pm All Ages

Are you a closet Otaku? Did you have to make up a fake story to your friends explaining where you would be this weekend? Does nobody know that you're here? Come down to share your hilarious closet Otaku confessions and hear others' as well!

Competitive Pokemon 101 - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

With a popular competitive scene Pokemon has become a game both about catching them all but also winning on grand scales. However competitive Pokemon can be rather confusing. So this panel is going to go over everything, from an explanation of EV's and IV's, to breeding Pokemon, to builds and strategies everything will be discussed here if you ever wanted a competitive ready team.

Conventional Norms: Behavior 101 - Sunday 1:30pm All Ages

Not quite sure what to do at conventions? How to act, or how to respond to bad behavior from another attendee? Intimidated by meeting new people or large conventions? Come sit with us and learn how you can make the most of your convention weekend - to have fun without feeling overwhelmed.

Cosplay and Fitness - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

These days, cosplayers are no longer your stereotype of being out of shape geeks. Cosplayers are getting in shape to fit the part.

Cosplay Careers and More! - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

Are you considering a job related to Cosplay or Conventions? Anime or Video Games? Come and talk to professionals in diverse fields (wardrobe assistant, social media, voice acting, community specialists) to talk about how to break into the work force with your special skills, what the industry is like, how to make a resume and why your skills are valuable!

Cosplay Emergency! - Saturday 4:30pm All Ages

It's a week before a convention. Didn't know you were going? Now you're in a panel, a photoshoot, or a group & you aren't ready. We'll help you know the ins & outs of thrift store trawling, modifying your current collection & how to make a closet cosplay look good.

Cosplay Etiquette 101 - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

This panel will go over the dos and do-nots of proper etiquette in the world of cosplay.

Cosplay for Beginners - Sunday 4:30pm All Ages

Do not know what cosplay is? This is your first convention?! Come and join the friendly atmosphere that Soupernatural has to offer, teaching and giving amazing tips on how to cosplay, and when the dos and donts apply! Stop on in and enjoy the fun! Prizes are given!!

Cosplay Photoshop 101 - Sunday 1:30pm All Ages

Come and learn all about post-photo editing for your cosplay needs! Learn how to touch up your skin, add better lighting, change the background, add visual effects like super powers and sparkles and more! We will break it down for you so it's easy, fun and fast! We'll teach you the basic tools and advanced techniques.

Cosplaying When You're Plus Sized - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

Cosplaying is hard enough as it is, not to mention if you're plus sized. Come join Baby Dokis as we share our experiences with overcoming the frustration and fear of plus sized cosplay. You'll learn innovative techniques to create amazing cosplays that will not only inspire confidence, but transform you without you having to lose weight.

Current Season is Best Season - Saturday 6:00pm All Ages

Ever wonder what Japan is working on while you're watching anime from 2012? Perhaps you are looking for something new to watch? Maybe you're already keeping up with the season and just want to talk about it? Whatever the case, The Critical D is here to deliver.

Dangan Ronpa Discussion - Friday 6:00pm 16+

Come join the Crows as we discuss one of our personal favorite video game, anime and novel series: Dangan Ronpa! Everyone's allowed

to voice their Super High School Level opinions in this panel as we talk about our favorite cases, characters, and more! Be warned though, as spoilers will be thrown about without mercy and we wouldn't want anyone to be Ultimately disappointed by this!

Delicious Creepypasta - Saturday 12:00am All Ages

Would you like to hear a scary story? Come join us to hear the most shocking stories of haunted games, creepy conventions and more. Hope you're not afraid of the dark.

Digital Arena - Sunday 3:00pm All Ages

A fight among the video game greats where the fans decide the winners. These will be one on one, or group against group matches of characters from all systems and genres. All to figure out which characters fan believe will be able to win against their selected opponent. Make sure to arrive early to vote for your favorite characters and stay till the end to see what interesting secret bout will appear!

Disappointing Anime and Adaptations - Sunday 1:30pm 16+

Ever watch a series only to be disappointed by its plot progression? Come join Dowase Entertainment as we discuss awful adaptations and poor storytelling and maybe even discuss how these series could have turned out!

Do You Even Rift! - Friday 7:30pm 16+

Do You Even Rift?! Come discuss your crazy League of Legend Stories. Pentakills Quadras RageQuits! its ALL WELCOMED!

Do You Like Fanfiction? - Friday 3:00pm 16+

Have you written your own fan fiction or have read one and began to love it so much? If you do, come on over and share your opinion on fan fictions with us all.

Do You Wanna (TRY &) Build A Gunpla~ - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

Here we talk about the joys of building a model Gundam and the anime they're from. Join us as we show the highlights of Build Fighters Try, a new season about Gundam Models which continues year later after Sei and Reiji won the tournament, as well as important parts from the main series.

Don't Ship It - Kill it! - Friday 1:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Have you ever looked at two characters and thought they should hook up? Who cares! We want to know who needs to die! And how. And why. Gory details are welcome! Which anime irks you the most and which characters need to be eliminated?

Don't Waste your time - Sunday 1:30am 16+

Have you ever gone through episode after episode of an anime, or chapter through chapter of a manga, hoping it gets better? Did it seem promising, but never materialized and by the end you felt like you wasted your time? Come share your stories of some of the worst anime or manga you regret and help save others from such a boring fate.

DragonBall Z - Friday 3:00pm 16+

Enjoy some trivia giveaways & discuss your favorite dragon ball character. As always NerdRage will have their DB dance off contest.

Dramatic Fanfic Reading - Sunday 12:00am 16+

If you enjoy fanfic classics, such as: Dipper Goes To Taco Bell and My Immortal, then this panel is for you. Join Priapella Corp as we explore the strangest of fanfic.net and read aloud.

Eff it Glue me IN! - Friday 7:30pm All Ages

Share your moments of desperation to finish a cosplay the night before, morning of, or at the convention. We have plenty moments to share as well. Re-live the tears, cuts and burns of making that glorious work of wearable art!

Eroge 101 - Sunday 1:30am 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Curious about the world of eroge and visual novels? If so we're here to help introduce newbies to this varied and unique genre of gaming, share experiences, and suggest new and interesting titles for you veterans!

Face Your Cosplay Fears - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

Too scared to heat up your glue gun? Terrified of dealing with haters? Cosplay can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Hosted by cosplayer Luluko, this is a safe space where all cosplayers can ask any question and get an answer.

FanFic Mad Libs - Friday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Come join us for an hour of naughty fun as we take out words from dirty fan fictions and replace them with suggestions from the audience, mad libs style! But be warned, the result will likely be more hilariously inappropriate than the original!

Feel-Good Hour: Conventions & Cosplay - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

The "whys" of cosplay--why do we continue to cosplay and attend conventions? This panel is to serve as a reminder of good experiences in this sometimes-stressful hobby. Come share your stories and hear the stories of others reminding all of us what makes this hobby such a fun and worth-while experience!

Final Fantasy XIV: A Realm Reborn and Beyond - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

Final Fantasy XIV A Realm Reborn.... A game that got a second chance from the ruins of a game focused solely too much on graphics. Take a journey back in time from the day the servers went dead to when they were turn back on and the year that has passed. Learn about Eorzea and celebrate it's 1 year anniversary with tales from the Warriors of Light and experience a Realm Reborn. And experience the chill you get from the Ice Queen, Shiva, and the first expansion coming out: Heavensward!

Finding Love As An Otaku - Saturday 4:30pm All Ages

We all want that waifu in real laifu, or husbando in Orlando. I sure do, and so do you. I will present to you how to find love as an otaku.

Finding Your Way: PLOT Workshop - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

Do you have a dozen stories that start out strong and then promptly die? Did your fanfic get zinged as being pointless? Let creative writing teacher Sara Fujimura teach you how to find the energy markers in your story and create a plot map to get you to the end of your story. All storytellers are welcome! **This is a hands-on, interactive workshop.**

Fluff n' Stuff: A Guide to Plush Making - Saturday 1:30pm All Ages

Struggling to find a plushie of your favorite characters? Looking for a plush mascot to accent your cosplay? Learn the basics of making your own custom plushie with Teeny!

Fruity Rumpus Ask Panel - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

Have you ever wanted to ask your favorite Homestuck character a question? Well now you can! Stop by the Fruity Rumpus Ask Panel to ask some questions and have some fun with the beta and alpha kids, as well as the beta trolls.

Fujoshi Funtime Hour - Saturday 9:00pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Enjoy the company of your fellow fujoshi (yaoi fangirl). We'll discuss your favorite characters, ships & yaoi themes from recent anime.

Gender in Anime and Manga - Friday 1:30pm All Ages

Explore gender in the context of the anime world. Learn about characters that are canonically transgender/gender variant, characters that are strongly suspected to be, and discuss your thoughts about the portrayal of gender identity and issues in Japanese media!

Green Cosplay - Friday 1:30pm All Ages

Whether you want to save the earth or just save some green, this panel is for you. Learn how to make your cosplay habit a little more earth friendly, through recycling and finding green products!

Gyaru 101 - Saturday 12:00pm All Ages

Everyone's heard about lolita, but what exactly is the gyaru fashion style? Come join our host Letho as she discusses everything from the history, styles, makeup techniques, brands, popular trends and more!

Harvest Moon: It's Not Farmville! - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

Growing turnips, hitting up the town hotties & saving the Harvest Goddess... AGAIN. Join us & discuss the series Harvest Moon.

History of the Magical Girl - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

Everyone knows about Sailor Moon and Madoka Magica, but where did the first magical girl come from? Come and traverse history as we discuss the first and many more defining series of this beloved genre!

Homemade Games with RPGMaker - Friday 6:00pm All Ages

Want to make your own video games? A tool called RPGMaker can help. Here we'll give you an introduction to the program, as well as some neat games made with it.

Horror Gaming Lights Out LIVE - Saturday 7:30pm All Ages

Remember running away from Nemesis as your heart beat out of your chest? Or holding your breath while playing Fatal Frame because you heard a rattle in the bathroom? Come join the Arizona Midnight Channel and experience those feelings in the dark by voting on a horror game to play LIVE!

How do you Cosplay? - Friday 9:00pm All Ages

When you go to a convention, you'll see a lot of people in colorful wigs and outfits. Those people are cosplaying. Do you wanna get in on this fabulous thing? Great! Come join us, a panel full of seasoned cosplayers, and find out what it takes to cosplay! We'll cover everything from etiquette to wig care to tips on making things!

How to Train your Cosplayer - Friday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Learn how to properly care for, socialize & train your cosplayer in a positive, highly effective manner. Audience interaction is suggested!

How to wear a Kimono - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

have you got questions on what all the pieces of a kimono are? Want to wear a kimono and have no clue where to start? Come to this panel! We'll be doing live demos on how to wear a kimono with models for each type, including men's kimono and kids!

In-Character Cosplay Challenge - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

You've got your costume down, your wig is fabulous, and you think you've done a great job. But can you go the extra mile and stay in-character as we throw you into wild situations? What is Batman's drink order at Starbucks? How would Naruto react on a blind date with Deadpool? Join Priapella Corp as we test your skills.

Inside Sasuke - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

4 time competitor of American Ninja Warrior, Curtis Tran, will give the inside scoop of the origins of the hardest game show in history.

iPhilia (18+) - Saturday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

I feel ya, some things are just attractive and it's impossible to explain why. Come visit our confession panel on the discussion of fetishes, philiias, or any other quirks you have when it comes to sexual attraction.

J-Fashion on a Budget - Saturday 3:00pm All Ages

Always wanted to dress in J-Fashion but were worried it was too expensive? We'll teach you the latest styles on the streets of Harajuku and where to find the best clothes and accessories for cheap.

Japanese Cuisine - Saturday 3:00pm All Ages

There's more to Japanese food than Ramen and Sushi! Come to learn more about different types of Japanese cuisine and it's culture along with how to make some of these recipes at home!

Kigugarten Craft Corner - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

Kids getting bored and restless, or just feeling creative? Grab a kigurumi and come join the Bunniez for the Kigurumi Craft Corner! This children's panel is free; we supply the crafts, you supply the imagination! Come play with us!

Kingdom Hearts After Dark - Friday 9:00pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

The villains come out at night for fun and fan service. Ask questions, play games, win prizes, see your favorite characters and ships come to life. Have Sea Salt Ice Cream! (18 + Yaoi/Yuri).

Know your character types and terms! - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

Do you know the difference between Tsundere and Dandere? Join our panel to discuss terms you may see in anime, manga, and more. We will also play a few games!

KPOP: Boys vs Girls - Sunday 4:30pm All Ages

Comparisons are made between male & female idols, based on looks, talent, popularity but who runs the kpop kingdom: boys or girls?

Kpop/Jpop Open Dance Panel - Saturday 12:00pm All Ages

Have you ever learned a dance, but never had the opportunity to perform or show them off? This panel is perfect for you to come show off your own dance moves, as well as see amazing performances! You may even learn part of a dance while you are there!

Let's play an Eroge! (18+) - Saturday 12:00am 18+ (Requires ID Check)

School girls, Magical girls, and Monster girls Oh my! What will Let's Play an Eroge feature! Leave the kids at home and come find out!

Let's play Idolm@ster! - Saturday 10:30pm All Ages

Learn the ins and outs of one of Namco Bandai's biggest franchises and join in as we showcase multiple games in the series!

Monster Hunter: Who's That Monster? - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

Chronic Gaming Disorder loves Monster Hunter, and we know you do too; so, come play our "Who's That Monster?" game where you use clues to identify the silhouettes of several Monster Hunter monsters from all the titles up to the most recent, Tri Ultimate. A hunter has to know their quarry, and we're here to see that you're prepared for the hunt!

Monty's Guide To Figure Collecting - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

Did you ever want to start a figure collection? Feel clueless on where to start? Let Monty of Noble Beast Photography be your guide. Bestowing to you his tip & tricks as a seasoned figure collector, come learn everything you need know to start your own figure collection.

Myanimelist is Better than Your Anime List - Sunday 4:30pm 16+

"How can you rate Sword Art Online a 10? It's totally a 6 at best." "Why'd you give Attack on Titan only a 4? It was the best anime of that year! 10/10 hands down!" We all have our reasons for rating our anime the way we do. Come share yours with The Critical D as we analyze popular titles objectively from top to bottom.

Name that Anime Tune!! - Friday 9:00pm All Ages

Do you find yourself listening to Anime Openings and Endings all the time? Can you name an Anime based on the song alone? Come join Dowase Entertainment as we test your knowledge and honor those who know their Anime Openings and Endings in this Jeopardy styled game! Prizes and Candy Galore!

Obento 101 - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

Obento, or boxed meal, is an art form in Japan. The Obento Lady breaks it all down for you and shows you how to make an authentic, artistic obento for your next Cosplay picnic or special event. Let's play with our food!

Open Vocaloid Dance Panel - Saturday 9:00pm All Ages

Vocaloids are well known for having a dance for most of their songs, which is exactly what this panel is about. Here at this panel we'll show off our vocaloid dances and this is an open panel so if you have anything you wanna show off you are welcome to as well.

Origami for ages 5-197 - Saturday 3:00pm All Ages

Ever wanted to learn how to do the beautiful folded art of origami? In this hands on workshop you can make pieces from the simplest crane to the fanciest looking modular creations. Paper will be provided. For everyone from level 1 novices to maxed out paper wizards.

Paint Tool SAI 101 - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

Paint Tool SAI is one of the most commonly used digital art programs for anime artists. Getting started on SAI might seem daunting with all the tools and options so this panel will cover how to use them and create exactly what you have in mind. As well as go over common ways anime artists sketch, lineart and color digitally using the program.

PC Horror Gaming - Saturday 4:30pm All Ages

This panel will be, to make a long story short, me and my fellow panelists playing horror games for a (presumably) large crowd of attendees. We will announce the names of the mainly short games, due to time restrictions, as well.

Persona Discusson - Saturday 1:30pm 16+

Join the Crows as we discuss a series that we all love and enjoy, the Persona series! We will be having an open discussion about all the games currently out and speculate on the upcoming, long awaited, Persona 5! Be warned though, as spoilers will be present! Be prepared to face your true self as we discuss the story, characters, music and more!

Photo Editing - The How To's of Cosplay Edits - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

Ever had an idea for how to edit a photo but didn't know how to go about making that idea come true? Come and sit down and learn all the tricks about how to use Lightroom and Photoshop to get that perfect photo you want.

Pokemon Mafia - Sunday 1:30pm All Ages

Join us for an otaku twist on this popular party game! Will Ash and the gang save the day, or will Team Rocket prevail?

Quotes on Quotes off - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

We will be acting out different scenarios and using quotes given to us by the audience to make funny scene that everyone will enjoy.

Rhythm Essentials - Saturday 12:00pm All Ages

Get an introduction to Japan's thriving rhythm game genre. Learn about the 2014 games, purchase options, and try them out.

Roleplaying Workshop - Saturday 12:00pm 16+

Need to brush up on your writing skills? Unsure of how to actually get into roleplaying with other people? We can help! With this hands on roleplaying workshop we will give you tips on roleplaying and help you develop the skills to be the best roleplayer you can be!

Roleplaying: From Canon to OCs - Saturday 4:30pm 16+

Whether you have experience roleplaying around a table or on forums, learn the ins and outs of roleplaying online, why it's so great, & how to be better at it. We will discuss roleplaying cannon characters & OCs, character development, & the roleplaying communities.

Sexy Ships Fanfic Workshop - Saturday 12:00pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Can't get your characters to kiss? Are your steamy scenes more like the Sahara Desert? Is your PWP turning into NOPE? Let us help! Join us for a fun workshop to increase your views and kudos!

Show off your Cosplay! - Saturday 6:00pm All Ages

Are you proud of your cosplay? Do you want to show it off and explain to others what your cosplay is and how you made it? Do you want to learn how others made their own? Create Cosplay Arizona would like to help you do that! We are hosting a panel to all talk about how to make and how we made cosplays! Be proud of your handmade fandom and show it off!

Significance of Anime Openings and Endings - Sunday 4:30pm All Ages

How often do you find yourself skipping an Anime Opening or Ending? It's quite surprising how many people skip these wonderful sequences, and Dowase Entertainment is here to show why one shouldn't necessarily overlook these short clips, while demonstrating good openings and the hidden meanings behind them.

Slash in Sports - Friday 6:00pm 16+

From rookie series like Free! and YowaPedal, to the veterans like Slam Dunk and TeniPuri, we will discuss sports series with slash overtones and their impact on fujoshi subculture.

Steampunk Anime - Sunday 4:30pm All Ages

Steampunk has been embraced by anime fandom. It takes more than a top hat or a rusty robot to be truly considered steampunk. We discuss the popular lists & differentiate between which anime are steampunk, dieselpunk, or should not be included on the lists at all.

Tales of Historia - Sunday 12:00pm All Ages

With the annual release of the Tales of... games in the States, the RPG series is finally getting some exposure outside of Japan. But where did the game get its start? Come join Dowase Entertainment as we delve into the history of this jRPG and its unique battle system.

Team Rocket Training Camp - Friday 6:00pm All Ages

Have what it takes to be part of Pokemon World's favorite losers? Find out in this grueling training regime hosted by Team Rocket AZ!

Telephone Pictionary - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

Ever played Telephone? Ever played Pictionary? In this fun party game, we combine the two! Break out your favorite fandom references, and brush up on your doodling skills!

Tenchi Muyo Unlimited - Saturday 10:30pm All Ages

Space pirates, princesses and Gods, OH MY! Come with us as we journey back to the original Harem anime of our childhoods, "Tenchi Muyo!". We'll talk about all things old and new in the Tenchi-verse ranging from original OVAs to the new anime airing just this winter.

The Art of Anime fighting - Friday 7:30pm 16+

Did you see the hit on that one? Anime and fighting are synonymous for an excellent reason. Some of the best knows shows in anime reach their climax with the fight between the protagonist and antagonist. These anime are also known for their complex fighting styles or variety of styles. Come check out these different excellent fights that anime movies and TV shows have to offer.

The Epitome of Ecchi - Friday 10:30pm 16+

Perverts unite! Come and join Arizona Midnight Channel as we celebrate all things ecchi! We even get down to that age old questions which has plagued mankind since ye olden times, boobies or buttocks? Which is more important? Come down and help us find out!

The Ethics of Cosplay Photography - Saturday 3:00pm 16+

Noble Beast Photography will walk you though his ethical guidelines and approach to Cosplay Photography. And bit of frank yet respectful conversation at the end.

The feels! - Friday 4:30pm All Ages

What makes your favorite video game, anime, or manga special? What about it brings about the strongest reactions of sadness, happiness, or rage? Come discuss it with all of us as we dissect our favorite media and the feels they bring out of us!

The Hottest of J-pop - Friday 3:00pm All Ages

With groups and artists such as AKB48, Weather Girls, and Chemistry, who wouldn't think that J-pop offers some of the most attractive artists in the music industry? So come discuss and listen to J-pop with other con goers!

The OC Talk - Saturday 7:30pm All Ages

Learn about ocarinas! learn how to play a ocarina! How to read tab and music! So bring your ocarina and come on in!

The Wildest Deaths in Anime - Friday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

"I never know a person has that much blood." "Are anime characters just made up of intestines?" Sound like fun? Anime has some of the most gruesome deaths ever put on celluloid. From decapitation to eye trauma to severing of limbs, anime has a lot of ways to kill off random bystanders. Come watch these over the top deaths to see how much you can handle.

The Worlds of Final Fantasy - Saturday 7:30pm All Ages

Ever wanted to know more about Final fantasy? The unique worlds and how they each have their own separate world. How the people live and die? This is the panel for you then, we touch on every world of Final Fantasy from Terra to Gaia, Balance to Ruin and even Heaven to Hell. We also talk about how the economy and way of life is different for each world. This panel is a must for those wanting to know more about Final Fantasy and those die-hard fans who can't get enough of it!

Touhou Fan Panel - Sunday 10:30am All Ages

Are you a Touhou fan? Do you enjoy the music, stories and gameplay for Touhou? Then the Touhou Fan Panel is for you! you Come

join us for fun and discussion about this popular doujin series.

Ty Lee's Morning Taichi and Yoga - Saturday 10:30am All Ages

Do you feel a little down? That amazing pink getting a little dingy? Even grey?? *GASP* Then come in! Grab a piece of carpet and get comfy! Beginning Yoga and stretching. Everyone can join and find their inner Pink!

Ultimate Anime Quiz - Sunday 3:00pm All Ages

So you think you know anime? Can you name every Miyazaki film? What about all the characters in Naruto? Come test your anime knowledge with Priapella Corp and win some prizes at this team-based quiz game!

Underappreciated Anime Hour - Saturday 4:30pm 16+

Looking for a new anime that has a great storyline and an equally great community? Interested in learning about an anime that deserves more recognition? Then this panel is the one for you! Come learn about our favorite animes that you may never have heard of or come and tell us about your favorites!

Unleashing Your Creativity - Saturday 6:00pm All Ages

Do you suffer from Writer's Block or Artist's Block? Learn how to get unstuck by using music to paint vivid pictures in your creative brain. Learn how to create a soundtrack for your fanfic or original work, so that you can instantly connect to your story every time your butt hits the chair. **Bring your favorite writing/art equipment.**

Violent Weird Japanese Animation - Saturday 10:30pm 18+ (Requires ID Check)

A look into the more darker side of Anime. Whether you're an otaku wanting to expand your knowledge on some decent anime or an Avid horror fan, this panel is in your favor. Here will show clips of weird, and horrific anime shows hand picked by us. You'll leave the panel frightened and have video rental suggestions.

We Read Good - Saturday 7:30pm 16+

Hear the soothing voices of Munchyz and Dana read hilarious books aloud with interpretative dance and bongos. There will be laughs, chortles, and maybe some uncalled for gigglefarts, but hey its all in fun!

Who Owns Fandom? - Saturday 12:00pm All Ages

From fan art to fanfiction and cosplay, fandom is full creativity or is it copyright violation? Is fandom Fair Use? Could new laws meant to fight piracy criminalize cosplay and doujinshi?

Who's THAT Pokémon?! - Saturday 9:00pm All Ages

Come test your artistic skills and knowledge of Pokémon in the game "Who's THAT Pokémon?!", where volunteers from the audience take turns coming up and drawing Pokémon. Can you guess what Pokémon the person is trying to draw?

Whose Line is it Anime? - Saturday 6:00pm All Ages

Come join us for Whose line is it Anime! Where the games are made up and the points don't matter! Based off the popular improv show Whose Line is it Anyway with a slightly nerdier theme. We'll be taking volunteers from the audience. *Now with 20% more lulz.

Working Title - Saturday 10:30pm All Ages

Chronic Gaming Disorder is no stranger to the disappointment of awaiting a game that never reaches the light of day. At this panel, we discuss with the audience about video games that could have been, why some games don't make it through development, and what we fans can do as a community to support the production of the games we want.

Writer's Unite! - Friday 9:00pm All Ages

Fanfiction, novels, poetry, and more. Come talk about your trials and tribulations as an author, hear advice from fellow writers, and hear from a reader's point of view what they want from an author's work.

WTF Japan - Sunday 12:00am 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Oh my Glob! Did you hear? Japan is a crazy place, and it always is full of surprises. But sometimes, they make things make you go WTF. Join the Midnight Channel on a roller coaster of crazy anime, pranks, pictures, movies and more!

Yaoi Pajama Party - Saturday 12:00am 18+ (Requires ID Check)

Going into the wee hours, come with your jammies, pillows, and take a break with us after a long day at the convention. We'll be showing some of our favorite shows, and some of what's new in the Yaoi scene. This is an 18+ event and ID is required.

Special Events

Concert feat. Lotus Juice, Shihoko Hirata, Yumi Kawamura & Mega Ran - \$25 (purchase at registration)

Japanese Fashion Show - Free

At Your Service Maid Cafe - \$10 (purchase at Ballroom D entrance 15 minutes before starting)

Lolita Tea Party - \$10 (purchase at Ballroom D entrance 15 minutes before starting)

Masquerade (cosplay contest) - Free

Lotus Juice solo concert - Free

Karaoke - Free

AZHP Gaming Room - Free

Tabletop Gaming in Cholla rooms 1 & 2 - Free

Friday and Saturday Dances - Free

300-400	J-Fashion on a Budget	The Ethics of Cosplay Photography	Japanese Cuisine	Maid Café		Ask Yowannushi Pedal	Kpop//pop Open Dance		
430-530	Unappreciated Anime Hour	Roleplaying: From Canon to Ocs	PC Horror Gaming			Finding Love as an Otaku	Cosplay Emergency		Musical Guest Concert
600-700	Current Season is Best Season	Unleashing your creativity	Figure Collecting with Marnitan	Who's Line is it Anime			Roleplaying Workshop		
730-830	The OC Talk	The Worlds of Final Fantasy	Best/Worst Of	Horror Gaming Lights Out LIVE		Kantai Collection	We Read Good		Masquerade
900-1000	Who's That Pokemon	Arcade Stick Modification with AZHP	Bad Fanfic Theater	Fujoshi Fun-time Hour		Artist Alley from Hell	Open Vocaloid Dance Panel		
1030-1130	iPhilia (18+)	Working Title	Tenchi Muyo Unlimited	Dance		Lets play Idol-master	Violent Weird Japanese Anamation		
1200-100	Dramatic Fanfic Reading	WTF Japan (18+)	Sexy Ships Fanfic Workshop						
130-200	Eroge 101 (18+)	Don't Waste your Time	Anime and Video Game confessional						

Sunday

1030-1130	Know your Character Types and Terms	Q and A with Ichigo Kitty	Cosplay Etiquette 101	Touhou Fan Panel	Metal Gear Solid: Snakes in a Game	AZHP Gaming	Paint Tool Sai	An Introduction into ICG-Japanese Card Games	Kigugarten Craft Corner	
12:00-100	Cosplay Careers and More!	Finding Your Way: PLOT WORKSHOP	Monty's Guide To Figure Collecting	Lolita Tea Party	Tales of His-toria			Do You Wanna (Ty And) Build A Gunpla	Obento 101	Lotus Juice Solo Concert
130-230	Church of Madoka	Disappointing Anime and Adaptations	Cosplay Photoshop 101	Voice Actor Q and A	Karaoke		Pokemon Mafu	Charlene Ingram Industry Panel	Convention-normal Behavior	Ask the Survey Corps
300-400	Significance of Anime Openings and Ending	Digital Arena	Ultimate Anime Quiz	K-Pop Dance Workshop with Heather Vaughn				Cosplay On A Budget	Musical Guest Private Meet and Greet	Who wants To Be a Voice Actor
430-530	Steam Punk Anime	Masquerade Open Fourn	Show off your cosplay	Kpop Boys VS Girls			A Guide to Idol Anime	MyAnimelist is better	Cosplay for Beginners	Closing Ceremonies

Friday

	Hotel A	Hotel B	Hotel C	Hotel D	Hotel E	Hotel FG	Crimson Syrine	Pomeroy	Robson	Palo Verde
1200-100										Opening Ceremonies
130-230							Green Co- splay Chal- lenge	Don't Ship It - Kill It	Gender in Anime	Charlene Ingram's Cos- play Tips
300-400	Ask Haikyuu	How to wear a Kimono	Dragon Ball Z	Monster Hunter: Who's that Monster!	In Character Cosplay Chal- lenge	AZHP Gaming	Hottest in J-Pop	History of Magical Girls	Do You Like Fanfiction?	Fruity Rumpus Homestuck Ask Panel
430-530	Inside Sasuke	Competitive Pokemon 101	The How To's of Cosplay Edits	Anime Sea- sons	The Feels		Vocaloid 101: Electric Voices	A to Zombi- e: A Basic Sur- vival Guide	Telephone Pictionary	Voice Actor Guest Panel
600-700		Homemade Games with RPGMaker	Dangan Ron- pa Discussion	Team Rocket Training	Karaoke		Slash in Sports	Anime vs Manga	Aikatsu! You-Katsu! We-Katsu	Musical Guest Panel
730-830	Cosplay 101	Bun Head and Moon Cats	Do You Even Rift?	The Art of Anime Fight- ing			Bronies of Phoenix	Eff it Glue me INI!	Act the Char- acter	J-Fashion Show
900-1000	A Guide to Fd up Hentai	Closet Otaku Confessions	Name That Anime Tune	Prop Making with Johnny N Junkers			Chat with The Dollars	Writers Unite	How Do You Cosplay	
1030-1130	The Epitome of Ecchi (18+)	A Yaoi Panel 2.0 (18+)	Who's Hentai Is it Anyway?	Dance			The Wildest Deaths in Anime (18+)	Fanfiction Madlibs (18+)	How To Train Your Cos- player	Kingdom Hearts After Dark (18+)
1200-100	Yaoi Pajama Party (18+)	Lets Play an Eroge! (18+)	Delicious Creepy Pasta							
100-200			Anime Arena							

Saturday

1030-1130	Ty Lee's Morning Tai- chi and Yoga	Cosplaying when you're plus sized	Artist Alley 101	Voice Actor Guest Panel	Cosplay and Fitness	AZHP	Harvest Moon: It's not Farmville!	Quotes On Quotes Off	Anime Oldies	
1200-100	Who Owns the Fandom	Rythem Essen- tials	Gyaru 101	Ask a S.E.E.S	Megaran Panel		Oragami for Ages 5-197	Anime Face Off	Masqrade Greenroom	
130-230	Fluff n' Stuff" A Guide to plush making	Face your Co- splay Fears	Final Fantasy XIV: A Realm Reborn and Beyond	Persona Dis- cussion	Karaoke		Anime Pic- ture Game	Feel-Good Hour: Co- splay and Conventions		

We are
Back in 2015!!!!

COMIC MEDIA EXPO

OCTOBER 16TH -18TH, 2015
@ THE MESA
CONVENTION CENTER

