



BRING ON THE BAD GUYS

CONVERGENCE 2010

PROGRESS REPORT 2





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# ANNUAL THEME: BRING ON THE BAD GUYS

The **BAD GUYS** are coming, and they're taking over CONvergence 2010!

They say a hero is only as good as his villain. Nowhere is that truer than in the realms of Science Fiction and Fantasy. There wouldn't have been a heroic Fellowship without the evil of **Sauron** and his ring. Flash Gordon would have spent his best years playing polo if it hadn't been for the villainy of **Ming the Merciless**. And Kirk would have spent the latter half of his career pining for his old command in between the occasional training cruise if **Khan** hadn't commandeered the USS Reliant, hell-bent on revenge. Heck, he was practically doing Kirk a favor!

Our mascot Connie's evil sister **Connie Mark II** is taking over at CONvergence 2010, and is making it a celebration of the greatest villains Science Fiction and Fantasy have to offer. Join us as we delve into the **Dark Side**...

## REGISTRATION: YOUR FIRST STOP AT THE CONVENTION

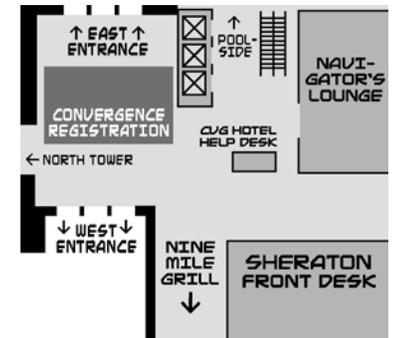
CONvergence Registration is your portal to the convention; it's your first stop at the con where you pick up your badge and programming guide, and it's the one place every member of the convention passes through.

The Registration Department will have a **new home** when you arrive at the Sheraton this year. Come to the lobby across from the West Main Entrance to pick up your registration materials.

### REGISTRATION HOURS

Wednesday..... 3:00pm-6:00pm  
(For volunteers ONLY – come sign up!)

Thursday..... 10:00am-11:00pm  
Friday..... 9:00am-11:00pm  
Saturday..... 10:00am-8:00pm  
Sunday..... 11:00am-6:30pm



### RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

Bring in your used **badge clips**. They want to be at more than one convention in their short, short life.

Please consider donating your **used eyeglasses** to charity by bringing them to the collection point at Registration. Thank you to the OneSight Foundation and the Luxotica Group for bringing a better quality of life to developing countries. More information can be found at <http://www.onesight.org/>.

### PARKING

As CONvergence has grown, parking has become something of a concern. We are contacting businesses close to the Sheraton to arrange permissions for parking and are currently awaiting final word. We will post to the CONvergence web site and send an email announcement when we have more information.

# WHAT'S NEW(S) IN 2010?

## CONVERGENCE ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS AT-CON!

For the first time this year, CONvergence will be able to accept **Visa** and **Mastercard** credit card transactions at the convention in several key locations:

- Registration
- Art Show
- Merchandise Table

There will be a handling surcharge to cover the cost of the transaction (between 3-5%, we'll announce the exact number when we know, sometime before the convention weekend). The transaction will be "live" at the convention, and a government-issued **photo ID** will be required for credit card transactions.

Watch the website and our monthly emails for updates as the convention approaches! Remember, you'll still want cash for many things over the con weekend that you can't use a credit card for!

## PROGRAMMING

We anticipate another stellar year of programming in 2010. Our department has been hard at work processing over **450 programming suggestions**. Because we already have three times the number of panels we could use, we are no longer taking panel suggestions.

The sign up deadline is **May 1**. We may not be able to accommodate any requests after that date. The schedule is available online at <http://schedule.convergence-con.org/>.

The Programming Department has listened to your feedback and are **reducing the maximum number of panelists** per panel from 6 people to 5 people for 2010 and beyond. This will help give all panelists a chance to share in the discussion and allow for additional audience participation as well.

This also means panels are filling up faster than ever before. All panels are filled on a first come, first served basis so if you have an interest in **sitting a panel**, you should contact us right away. We apologize in advance if the panel you really wanted to sit is already full.

We are looking for people to **volunteer as panelists** and to staff **Programming Operations** (2-hour shifts) the weekend of the con. Email us at [programming@convergence-con.org](mailto:programming@convergence-con.org)

L. Frank 9/2009

What is this?  
Some kind of **JOKE!**  
I'm the **NEW** and  
**IMPROVED** model! **NOT** some  
**IMPERFECT CLONE!**

So you **WON'T**  
be wanting the **matching**  
**necklace** then?



if you'd like to volunteer your time as a panelist and/or as a Programming Ops staffer.

Also, watch for an email later this month about panels that we'd love to schedule but are in danger of being cancelled because of a lack of panelist support.

## PARTIES

Once again, CONvergence will feature a host of fabulous parties, overflowing our two floors of poolside cabana rooms.

If you are interested in throwing a room party, space is **STILL AVAILABLE**. Please contact Parties Head Robert Schug, at [parties@convergence-con.org](mailto:parties@convergence-con.org). If you think that we have already received your party request and information, please confirm at the same email address. Many of you have responded to our inquiries and we want to make sure we can address your requests as soon as possible.

## CVG-TV EXPANSION

CVG-TV is the **CONvergence TV channel** featured on the Sheraton's in-house TV system over the convention weekend, and we will expand and improve our **80-hour broadcast** weekend this year. You can watch nearly every MainStage event through the entire weekend, all without leaving the comfort of your own hotel television. But wait, there's more!

We are producing new short films like **"Ask Dr. Doom!"** and **"The Save A Villain Foundation, with Khan Noonien Singh,"** as well as a host of other PSAs and various informational clips and flicks. We're also collecting great episodes from **Transylvania-TV** and other local filmmakers in order to supplement the fantastic footage from previous years of the **CONvergence Special Archives** series and **CONvergence Video Yearbooks**, many of which are available as fine DVDs!

We will provide up-to-the-minute Programming reports, schedules and updates on what's happening in the hotel and what's coming up next on **CVG-TV**. And before nearly every event in the MainStage Ballroom, we'll bring you live interviews and commentary, direct from the **CVG-TV Studio!**

## ARTISTS ALLEY

Year Two for Artists Alley will be bigger and better! This is the place to come to meet some of your favorite artists, get **original art** made while you wait, have your tarot read and talk about the different kinds of art. **CONvergence Artists Alley** is similar to that familiar staple of comic book conventions, but we take it a step farther by broadening the definition of art: This can include balloon twisting, pipe cleaner animals and beading, as well as drawing and painting.

We're in a more visible spot this year (still in CONvergence Central across from MainStage, but now on the opposite side of the Merchandise Tables), so be sure to stop by and chat with your favorite artists! For more information or to participate, contact: [ArtistsAlley@convergence-con.org](mailto:ArtistsAlley@convergence-con.org).

## VOLTAIRE COMES TO CONVERGENCE MAINSTAGE!

MainStage is where the convention officially begins and ends with **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**, but also hosts all kinds of fascinating and sinister entertainment in-between. Our fiendish repertoire for the year includes not only favorites from the past, but exciting new shows and surprises to get your frown turned wholly into its appropriate evil sneer.

Here's a warning of what we've got in store for you:

After the **Opening Ceremony of Thursday Night**, we're happy to bring you the **Vaude-Villains Cabaret and Variety Show**, featuring black light skeleton body balancing, songs about our favorite cartoon anti-heroes, dances from our favorite femme fatales, a belly-dance act meant to entrance and hypnotize the audience (so they can program you to do their bidding) and so much more.



After the Vaude-Villains are vanquished from the stage, we're very pleased to introduce the boss villain for the evening, **Voltaire!** Combining beautiful old-world melodies with viciously sarcastic lyrics, Wagnerian bravado with Brechtian allure, Voltaire has crafted songs of love, loss, revenge and dismemberment sure to bring a smile to even the darkest of souls. In addition to live performances and the "Brains" song from *The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy*, Voltaire has been responsible for the animation of various Hieronymous Bosch-inspired station IDs for MTV. Read more, hear music clips and see animation at [www.voltaire.net](http://www.voltaire.net).

Late night Thursday we'll continue the sinister theme and bring our best dark and spooky **DJs** out to dish out industrial, dark-wave and all-around eeeevil music until the bats go home.

For **Friday Night**, we're still determining just how much mayhem we can bring to the stage without causing a small implosion in the localized mischief continuum. Rest assured, there will be antics, and we're happy to let you in on the little secret that **Vilification Tennis** will be returning to MainStage. Though not for everyone, their late-night show always packs the house and is sure to make even the stoutest of ears cringe. After our stage programming, we'll reset the room and get you ready to **boogie** with retro-inspired and classic dance music until the wee hours.

**Saturday**, of course, is the night of CONvergence's central event of tantalizing trickery, the world-notorious **Masquerade**. Whilst an event not to be missed in-person, we're happy to announce that Masquerade will again be simulcast on **CVG-TV** for those unable to find seats in the ballroom. Additionally, we've got a halftime show planned that is not to be missed.

Once Masquerade is done, we'll once again get ready to give you a chance to get your dance on. The **Saturday Dance** always begins with an hour of strobe-free science fiction inspired dance music, and afterwards we hope to party with you all night!

## GUESTS OF HONOR

The following Guests of Honor are scheduled to appear at CONvergence 2010. Watch our website for the latest additions and updates. You can find full-length bios and color photos of our Guests of Honor at the direct links listed, or all at <http://www.convergence-con.org/guests/guests.php>.



### JEREMY BULLOCH

Jeremy is undoubtedly best known as the actor who played Boba Fett in *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. In addition to being under the helmet of everybody's favorite bounty hunter, Jeremy has appeared in three James Bond films (as Q's assistant Smithers in two of them), two Doctor Who stories ("The Space Museum" and "The Time Warrior.") <http://www.jeremybulloch.com/>

### L.A. BANKS

Leslie is probably best known for her **Vampire Huntress Legend** series, which has grown to twelve books. Her other series include *The Crimson Moon* novels, the **Dark Avengers** eBook series, and the **Soul Food** series (Romance). Leslie Banks has won several literary awards, including the **2008 Essence Literary Awards Storyteller of the Year**. [www.lesliesdailebanks.com/](http://www.lesliesdailebanks.com/)



### PAUL CORNELL

Hugo-nominated Paul Cornell has written **Doctor Who** for TV and the printed page, and is the creator of spin-off companion **Bernice Summerfield**. Paul has written for other popular British TV dramas including **Robin Hood**, **Primeval**, **Casualty**, **Holby City** and **Coronation Street**. He has also written comics including **Captain Britain and MI-13**, **Black Widow: Deadly Origin** and **Action Comics**. <http://www.paulcornell.com/>

### CHUCK McCANN

Chuck has appeared in films, on television, on the stage, and has provided a host of familiar voices for commercials and animation. Chuck co-created **Far Out Space Nuts** which he starred in with Bob Denver, and starred in the "Hi guy!" series of commercials for Right Guard. His extensive voice-over work includes **Cool McCool**, **The Thing** from the *The Fantastic Four*, voices for **The Powerpuff Girls**, and **Sonny the Cuckoo Bird** ("I'm Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs!"). <http://www.chuckmccann.net/>



### BRIDGET LANDRY

(Returning Guest)

Bridget is a deputy uplink systems engineer who works for **NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory**, and has worked on the joint US-French oceanographic Earth orbiter **Topex**, the **Hubble Space Telescope**, and the **Cassini Mission to Saturn**. Bridget is also a **Master Level costumer**, with a special place in her heart for *Star Trek*.

### WALLY WINGERT

(Returning Guest)

Wally is a voice actor and producer who's most recent roles include Garfield's owner **Jon Arbuckle** on *The Garfield Show*, **The Riddler** in *Batman: Arkham Asylum*, **Ant-man** on *The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes*, and he continues to contribute voices to **Family Guy**. He's also been **Almighty Tallest Red** on *Invader Zim* and **Renji Abarai** on *Bleach*. <http://www.wallyontheweb.com/>



# CONVERGENCE GAMING

We don't only cater to hard-core gamers. We want to provide anyone who's ever played an RPG, computer game, card game or strategy game at least once a place to play some games, relax and have fun.

Putting board and strategy games down in **ConSuite** certainly worked in the past, but we also want you to spend time with us in our main space on the **22nd Floor** in the small conference rooms, too. The rooms tend to be quiet, and have comfy chairs.

Every year, we need **volunteers** to hang upstairs and check badges as folk come in to join in the fun. All it requires is a couple hours of your time. Want to volunteer ahead-of-time and ensure yourself a decent time slot? Contact Dave Rust at [phantos@visi.com](mailto:phantos@visi.com) and let him know!

But that's not the only way to earn Volunteer hours. You can also become a **referee!** Hours that you put into preparing for a game before the convention count towards your total number of volunteer hours (up to a maximum of ten hours)! And, of course, the time you spend actually running the game also counts as volunteer hours.

If you want to run an RPG, computer game, card game, board or strategy game, or even a LARP, just contact one of **Gaming's Sub-Heads** (see below)! Let them know when you'd like to schedule it, how many hours it'll take (we tend to schedule things in 1-1/2 hour blocks; most RPGs, therefore, tend to be 4-1/2 hours long), and how many players you'd like to accommodate.

We also need **loaner computers**. For example, if you have a computer that can play *Quake 3*, we would love to be able to use it for our LAN Gaming Room. (Mac, Linux, or Windows computers are just fine). The minimum specs we're looking for are machines with a 500MHz processor, 256MB RAM, and a 3D graphics card. Please contact us for more details (or with offers) at [phantos@visi.com](mailto:phantos@visi.com).

The **Game Library** will return, so be sure to contact us to donate anything to the convention's collection. Each year we get dozens of new submissions, so help us keep this CONvergence tradition alive by donating your used games to a community that is truly grateful! We are also in need of more up-to-date games, so if you need to make additional space in your home, we'll be happy to give some of those extra games space in our home!

## GAMING SUB-HEADS CONTACT INFO:

Board and Strategy Games: **Don Hackett** [dkh@hackett.nu](mailto:dkh@hackett.nu)

RPGs and LARPs: **Shannon Fairbanks** [elsheyin@gmail.com](mailto:elsheyin@gmail.com)

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**Christopher Neumiller** [chrisl.neumiller@gmail.com](mailto:chrisl.neumiller@gmail.com)

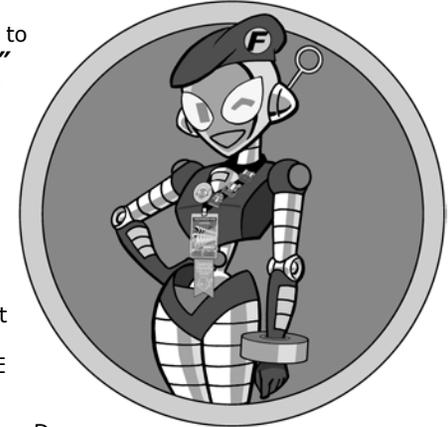
For Floor Hosting and Badging on 22nd floor:

**David J Rust** [phantos@visi.com](mailto:phantos@visi.com)  
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**Edward Eastman** [edward.eastman@gmail.com](mailto:edward.eastman@gmail.com)

# VOLUNTEERS

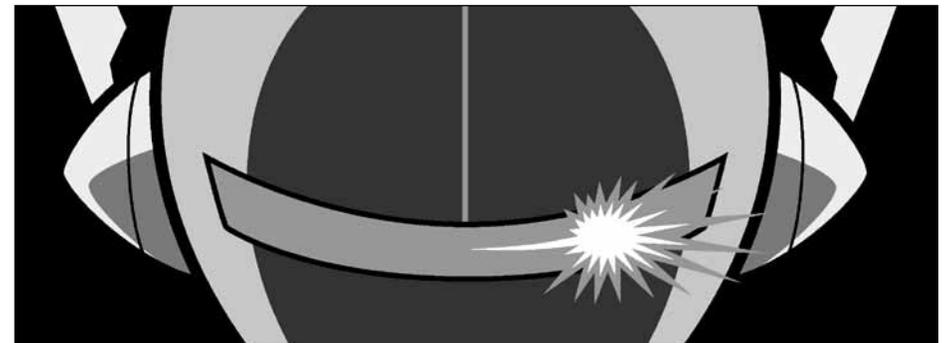
The Volunteers Department is responsible for organizing the **at-con volunteer effort** (like badgers and elevator monitors) as well as working with other departments to help them meet their staffing needs.

- New this year, we have a tier of volunteers to hold the con together we call "**The Force.**" Being a Force Member means you agree to commit in advance of the convention to **eighteen hours** of at-con volunteering including one badging shift. In addition to being devoted to serving the CONvergence community these individuals will work across departments learning more of the "behind-the-scenes" structure of the convention, and will earn a **Force Badge** to demonstrate to others their commitment with pride. The Force welcomes the Light Side and the Dark Side equally, so **ANYONE CAN JOIN** in advance of the convention!



- Retuning with gusto, the **VolDen** (Volunteers Den - located next door to ConSuite) is a place where convention volunteers can relax, play games, and otherwise socialize during most of the hours of the con. All you need to enjoy this perk is one hour of volunteering. Bring your **Volunteer Card** or show your **Volunteer Button** to gain entry! The Volunteers Department is excited to have **David Peck** as 2010 Sub-Head in charge of VolDen this year. We hope to see you there.
- Badging sign-up will be available **ON LINE**. Check the website for more details: <http://www.convergence-con.org/extras/volunteers/volunteers.php>
- Under the leadership of **Jay "Rusty" Curry** as 2010 Sub-Head, the team organizing the **Volunteers Party** (held at the Sheraton a few weeks AFTER the convention) is looking for energized/self-motivated people to help with layout and content (e-mail us directly to help at [volunteers@convergence-con.org](mailto:volunteers@convergence-con.org)). Remember donating just one hour at the convention gives you full access to the party! Come see the convention highlights, talk with other volunteers and stay for the door raffle.

Additional answers to common questions can be found at <http://www.convergence-con.org/faqs/FAQvolunteers.php>.



# HELP WANTED

## MOVING CREW

CONvergence needs a little help moving in and out of the Sheraton. On **Tuesday June 29** from 10:00am to Noon we need help moving things from our storage space in St. Paul to the hotel. We will meet at the Sheraton and carpool to the storage location.

We also need people **Wednesday June 30** from 9:00am to 3:00pm to help unload our storage pods and get items to the right place.

On **Monday July 5** we need people from 9:00am until 5:00pm to help load the storage pods back up and move some items back to our storage location in St. Paul.

We ask people be able to lift **50 pounds** safely and will be offering incentives to those who help out on Monday after the convention.

## CONNIE'S QUANTUM SANDBOX

CONvergence's Art and Science activity room is looking for some assistance. We're going to have plenty of projects and activities in **Connie's Quantum Sandbox** this year, and we're looking for people to help **run projects!** You can link to a list of our ideas here: <http://www.convergence-con.org/news/20100323h.php>.

We're also looking for two additional **Sub-Heads** (we have a few, but we're looking for a couple more). These people would work closely with the three **Co-Heads** developing the room and the project concepts, as well as staffing the room during the con itself.

If you're interested in a Sub-Head position or in volunteering, please email Matthew D. Bannerman at [docbone1115@gmail.com](mailto:docbone1115@gmail.com).

## MASQUERADE

Masquerade is seeking a **Production Assistant** to add to our growing department! The position can be physically demanding at times. Candidates should be detail oriented, have access to your own vehicle and valid Driver's License, and theater experience is a plus. Please contact us with resume details and questions if interested at [masquerade@convergence-con.org](mailto:masquerade@convergence-con.org).

## REGISTRATION

Do you want to get the opportunity to see every person that comes to CONvergence? The **Registration Department** is looking for candidates for the **Co-Head** position for 2011. Please contact us at [membership@convergence-con.org](mailto:membership@convergence-con.org).

## VIDEO CREW / CVG-TV

The Video Crew is looking for a new **Co-Head**. We need a motivated people-person to become our primary **Headhunter and Project Manager**. Primary duties are

recruiting and assigning video staff to projects, managing purchases/expenses, and working with our Merchandise team on marketing & sales of the finished product. NO video/film skills needed - while it would be a nice bonus, we can teach you what you need to know in order to find the right people. Some additional Video-related needs:

- People interested in doing Video Editing. Extra helpful if you have your own software.
- People interested in working at the convention on our in-house TV station CVG-TV (Programming, Interviewing, Scheduling).
- People interested in creative filmmaking projects (Public Service Announcements, Commercials, etc.). We've got the broad ideas—you bring the camera and the creativity!

For all the Video-related needs, contact Tony Karna at [video@convergence-con.org](mailto:video@convergence-con.org).

## ALSO...

- The ASL (American Sign Language) Department is seeking additional ASL interpreters to volunteer their services over the convention weekend. Please contact [becca@mreauow.com](mailto:becca@ mreauow.com).
- People interested in being a **Programming Department Sub-Head**, with an eye towards being a **Co-Head** in 2011. For more information on that that entails, contact [programming@convergence-con.org](mailto:programming@convergence-con.org).
- People interested in working on **CONvergence Publications**: Writing, layout and design, art and graphics. Contact Christopher Jones at [publications@convergence-con.org](mailto:publications@convergence-con.org).

# ADVERTISING

Advertising in our **Souvenir Program Book** is affordable for anyone from businesses to fan groups. Please note, we have both **PRO** rates and **FAN** rates. PRO rates apply to any for-profit business or money-making venture. FAN rates apply to fan groups and individuals who are not advertising for business purposes. If you aren't sure which category you fit into, **contact us**.

Ad Size	Width	Height	Pro Rate	Fan Rate
"Business Card"	3.5"	2"	\$40	\$20
Quarter Page	3.5"	4.75"	\$90	\$45
Half Page	7.5"	4.75"	\$150	\$75
Full Page	7.5"	10"	\$250	\$125
Inside Back Cover	7.5"	10"	\$300	\$300 (first come, first served)
Back Cover	8.5"	11"	\$350	\$350 (first come, first served)

For further information or to reserve ad space, contact [advertising@convergence-con.org](mailto:advertising@convergence-con.org). Your artwork and payment must be received by May 15, 2010 for your ad to be included in the **2010 Souvenir Book**.





Photos of MISFITS events by Peter Verrant

CONvergence has been spun off from **The Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction & Fantasy** (aka **MISFITS**) and is now under the 501(c)3 non-profit entity **Convergence Events, Inc.** CONvergence profits continue to be donated to MISFITS as a featured partner organization, under a partnership agreement. MISFITS in turn is changing its name to the **Geek Partnership Society** or **GPS** (effective May 1), and continues to host its traditional clubs, programs and events and is developing new ones.

The Geek Partnership Society is a non-profit organization with a mission of celebrating imagination, inspiring creativity, and building our community, all through service and education. For more information about GPS, visit the **FAQ** at <http://www.misfit.org/GPS/faq.htm>.

## UPCOMING MISFITS/GPS EVENTS:

### MISFITS/GPS PUBLIC MEETING

Monday May 17, 7:00pm at the Edina Davanni's (5124 Gus Young Lane)

GPS will be hosting their next **public forum** to talk about what they're doing, where they're going, and to find out what you're thinking. Join them and talk!

### MISFITS/GPS PICNIC

Saturday June 5, 11:00am-4:00pm at Cherokee Park, St. Paul

The annual MISFITS/GPS picnic will again be held at Cherokee Park, and will be a potluck style affair, with GPS providing the grill-ables. Hold the date open and look for more details on the web site as the date approaches.

## MISFITS/GPS CHARITY AUCTION AT CONVERGENCE

There will again be an eclectic array of items in at the MISFITS/GPS auctions, in both **Silent Auction** and **Live Auction** components.

Bidding in the Silent Auction will commence Thursday afternoon and continue until Saturday evening. The Live Auction portion will occur Sunday morning. Any item receiving 5 bids in the Silent Auction will go to the Live Auction.

If you have items to donate to the Auction, please contact [fundraising@misfit.org](mailto:fundraising@misfit.org).

Closer to CONvergence, there will items posted on the MISFITS/GPS website; a sneak peek of sorts. You can check it out at [www.misfit.org](http://www.misfit.org) in June.

## MISFITS/GPS CLUBS

MISFITS/GPS clubs continue to meet regularly, including Crafty Geek, Gaming, Geek Physique, Geeks Read, and Read Book / See Movie. You can find more information on ALL these clubs at [www.misfit.org](http://www.misfit.org), and you can look at all the upcoming MISFITS/GPS meeting and event dates at <http://www.misfit.org/calendar.htm>.

# HOTEL UPDATE

## RESERVATIONS

The Sheraton (7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN) is FULL, and we are referring all new requests for rooms to the Sofitel, which is located directly across the street from the convention hotel. Other hotels in the area prepared to offer a convention rate are:

### The Sofitel

5601 West 78th St., Minneapolis, MN (952.835.1900)

### The Crowne Plaza

5401 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN (952.831.8000)

### The Staybridge Suites

5150 American Blvd W., Bloom., MN (952.831.7900)

This hotel includes free hot breakfast and free shuttle to the convention.

**Be sure to request the CONvergence rate.**

The convention **dates** for 2010 are **Thursday July 1, Friday July 2, Saturday July 3, and Sunday July 4.**

## CONFIRMATIONS

As we went to press with **PR2**, the **CONvergence Hotel Team** and the **Sheraton** were processing the last of the **room requests** – updates should be available on the CONvergence website.

If you have not received a reservation confirmation from the **Sheraton**, think you should, and have made sure no confirmation lurks in your spam or junk folders, please contact us at [hotel@convergence-con.org](mailto:hotel@convergence-con.org) and we will look into it for you. Likewise if you were expecting a confirmation from the **Sofitel**, please let us know so we can check on that as well.

## GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION

If you **have** received a confirmation, please be sure to contact the hotel with appropriate methods of **guaranteeing** your room. Please call the Sheraton directly at **(952) 835-7800** to guarantee your room or to add days to your stay. To cancel your reservation, or make other changes, please contact the CONvergence Hotel Team at [hotel@convergence-con.org](mailto:hotel@convergence-con.org).

**To guarantee your room**, you may use a **credit card** or **debit card**. If you use a debit card, please be advised that when you check in, the hotel will preauthorize your room stay, and those funds will not be available to you. Credit card guarantees will not be pre-authorized.

**Why is it important to guarantee your room?** The Sheraton, in accordance with standard hotel practice and CONvergence reserve the right to cancel non-guaranteed reservations. Often, when a reservation has not been guaranteed, the guest does not arrive to take possession of the room. Guaranteeing your reservation helps protect it beyond what CONvergence usually does to keep cancellations from happening and helps keep the room available to you in the event of a late arrival.

Please note that if you guarantee the room via credit or debit card and abandon your reservation without calling to cancel, the hotel will charge the first night's stay.

**If you have any questions about your reservations**, please contact the CONvergence Hotel Team at [hotel@convergence-con.org](mailto:hotel@convergence-con.org).

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# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM



**JULY 1-4 2010**

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BLOOMINGTON, MN**

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**Check the box that will apply on the dates of the convention:**

- Adult Badge (18 & over)  
 13 – 17 Years Old  
 6 – 12 Years Old  
 5 and Under

You **must** specify one of the age levels above.

People wishing adult badges will be asked to show a picture ID showing that they are at least 18 years old at the time they pick up their badge. That means that if you're not 18 now but will be by the time the convention is held, you can still request an adult badge.

By registering for a CONvergence membership, you are giving your consent to be photographed or videotaped by the convention.

**Required** – These fields **MUST** be filled out for us to process your registration.

↑ Full Name

↑ Street Address

↑ City, State, ZIP Code, Country (if not USA)

↑ Phone (Home and/or Work) – at least one is required

**NOT Required** – An e-mail address is **NOT** required but will speed up the process of confirming your registration and providing you with information about the convention. Badge names are also not required.

↑ E-mail address

↑ Badge Name (If different from Full Name)

I am interested in volunteering in the following areas: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Show                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badgers                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Harmonic CONvergence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CoF2E2 Free Coffee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Move in/Move out Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Editing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ConSuite                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations            | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connie's Space Lounge    | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connie's Quantum Sandbox | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming Panelist  |  |

I would like to volunteer wherever I am needed

I would like information about entering the Art Show

You may like to know that I'm a professional in the field of:

Complete this form and send it (with check or money order, US funds only) to:

**CONvergence  
1437 Marshall Ave, Suite 203  
St. Paul, MN 55104**

Make checks or money orders payable to **CONvergence**.

I'd like more information about American Sign Language (ASL) translation service at the convention.

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