



DOUBLE PLUS GOOD

CONVERGENCE 2015 INTEGRATED SCHEDULE

Cinema Rex, Connie's Quantum Sandbox, Gaming, Harmonic CONvergence, MainStage, Programming (Garden Court, Panels, Readings, Signings, and some Performances), and Theatre Nippon.

Thursday July 2	
11:00am - 5:00pm	<p>PFS: Plunder & Peril: Rum Punch DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>At Lilywhite's famous Rum Punch festival, Captain Varossa Lanteri hires the PCs to help her find the secret treasure hoard of the Legendary Pirate Jemma Redclaw. Is she telling the truth, or are you going to be six more folk on a dead man's quest? <i>Jeffrey Reed (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams: Game Demos DoubleTree 2207 Table D</p> <p>Come join Diamond Dust Dreams representatives for demos of their newest games: Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools, Kitsune: the Spirit Chase, and Newsflash: Bad Decisions! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Diablo III DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The latest installment in the genre defining dungeon-crawler. An action role-playing video game that you can play solo, or with a group.</p>
Noon - 4:00pm	<p>Terror of the Void DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Stranded in the depths of space, you must survive the horrors of exploring a derelict ship, all the while solving the mystery of how and why you are here. Try out a brand new RPG (Adventure Deck System: Luminosity), currently on Kickstarter! <i>David Cheek (mod)</i></p>
Noon - 4:00pm	<p>Dead Reign DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Introduction and character creation for Friday's Dead Reign: Haven game - please plan to attend BOTH this session and the game event on Friday.</p>

	<i>Joel Gruetzmacher (mod)</i>
Noon - 1:00pm	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
Noon - 4:00pm	Steve Jackson Games: Open Demos DoubleTree 2207 Table B Come check out Munchkin, Chez Geek (and any of the other SJG titles) in a relaxed, demo environment! Andy Mullin, one of SJG's own Men in Black, will be here to demo and teach new games from Steve Jackson Games <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i>
12:30pm - 7:00pm	PFS: Silverhex Chronicles DoubleTree 2203 Silverhex Chronicles includes six, 1-hour adventures that take the PCs to locations across Golarion in a hunt for their next adventure. GMs may run these adventures in any order for a unique participant experience each session. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	PFS: Trial by Machine DoubleTree 2203 Table B More than a millennium after the "machine mage" Karamoss's failed siege of Absalom, during a routine drill for Society Initiates, the once-dormant dungeon springs to life. It will take all your resourcefulness and skill to make it out alive <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
12:30pm - 2:00pm	LAN Gaming: League of Legends DoubleTree 2208 The largest MOBA on the market, with multiple game modes. Come with a team, or play an ARAM match.
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Reinventing Shakespeare DoubleTree Atrium 2 Why do Shakespeare's works make such strong foundations for reinvention in speculative fiction? Is it the ghosts and supernatural elements, or the strong characterization and conflict? And are some works better suited to adaption than others?

	<i>Anne Lyle, Jamie Wyman, John Heimbuch, Ruth Berman, craig cormick</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Robot Liability Issues DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>With robotics advancing at a steady pace, how will liability shift when the worst happens? Will it impede technological progress while we sort out who sues whom? If you're liable for your Roomba, will you'll be liable for your robot maid Rosie's rampage?</p> <p><i>Dani Price, James Renken, Raychelle Burks, Tyler Tork, michelle cadieux</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Thriving on the Spectrum DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>We'll discuss personal stories of living with Autism Spectrum Disorder at various degrees and talk about the local resources to help you.</p> <p><i>Jennifer Baye, Lex Lemaire, Marie Porter</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Sounds of Dystopia DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>A discussion of the sound design and music that contributes to the soundscape of a great dystopian scene.</p> <p><i>Jerry Stearns, Scott Keever</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>When the Bullied Becomes the Bully DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>What happens when people who were bullied turn into bullies themselves? For example the video game subculture used to be looked down upon but In the wake of the Gamergate controversy some people are now perpetrators.</p> <p><i>Laura Terwilliger, Meredith Gillies, Ozgur Sahin, Ryan Alexander, Stephanie Zvan (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Propaganda for Fun and Profit DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>You can't effectively run your "perfect society" without good control of information. Learn about the different types of propaganda, and see how to use it in your own fiction or even spot it in real life.</p> <p><i>Celia Yost, Christoforo Pasquarette, Jamie Bernstein, Jamie Riedesel</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>New Writers HOWTO DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>You want to write a book, but need to know how to get started and how to publish? No question is out of bounds! Writing can be fun and sad at the same time, as it not easy to get started.</p> <p><i>Doug Hulick, Neve Maslakovic, Robert Kroese</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Crafting For a New Day DoubleTree Plaza 2 A new day for Connie's Quantum Sandbox! Connie's Quantum Sandbox has a new home in Plaza 2, right next door from our old space in Plaza 3! Join us for a Crafting Party to break in our new space! All Crafts, All Ages, All fun! <i>Angie Anderson, Carla Mantel, Carol Strand, Dierdre Schultz, Sue Bloyer, Tristine Miller</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Welcome to Camp NaNoWriMo DoubleTree Plaza 3 Camp NaNoWriMo--the bubbly April and July sisters of November's National Novel Writing Month. An information session for anyone interested in getting started with the fierce (but fun!) goal of 50,000 words in 30 (...31!) days! <i>Becca Patterson, E. P. Beaumont, Eli Effinger-Weintraub, Samma Johnson (mod), Tania Richter</i></p>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Roadkill Rally DoubleTree 2202 Table A Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch out! Death Race fans, this one's for you! Race across the country in your weaponized roadster, lighting up your opponents and scoring points as you go! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<p>Nuns on the Run DoubleTree 2202 Table B Life in an abbey is never dull. Novices sneak out of their rooms at night looking to get their secret wish granted, while the abbesses catch them to send them back. Novices tiptoe when an abbess is close since abbesses will follow the tiniest noise. <i>Chas Swedberg (mod)</i></p>
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2:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>PFS: Emerald Spire: The Tower Ruins DoubleTree 2203 Table C</p> <p>The surface structure of the Emerald Spire consists of the ruins of an old Azlanti tower. A band of bloodthirsty goblins under the leadership of the bugbear chieftain Grulk lurks inside. They must be defeated to progress further into the Spire. <i>David Burton (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Kitsune Tournament: Round 1 DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>First qualifier round for the Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools Tournament. Additional qualifier rounds to be held Friday and Saturday, with a possible Semi-Final on Saturday and Finals on Sunday. Entry is free. <i>Scott Johnson (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Defense of the Ancients (DOTA) II DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The much acclaimed sequel to the classic MOBA (Multiplayer Online Battle Arena) with updated everything released by Valve.</p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Princess Tutu DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Four Horsemen DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Come discuss television shows, movies, or books that have used the Four Horsemen of the apocalypse as inspiration. On Supernatural they featured in a plot line, while Sleepy Hollow is also using them as their "big bads." <i>Alexandra Howes, Jennifer Lundstrom, Kiah Nelson, Lily Winter</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Children's Books Year in Review DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Let's discuss the best books that came out for children in the past year. <i>Dawn Frederick, Jason Glaser, Kathryn Sullivan, Michael Levy</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Can You Ever Leave a Universe Behind? DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>In modern times, can you ever really end a series? Does "I'm done" only mean "done for now"? <i>Anne Lyle, Kelly McCullough, Lee Harris, Patrick Tomlinson, Wesley Chu</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>The Smurfette Principle in Marketing DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>There's only one token female in the Avengers - and she's not even on any of the t-shirts. How does the Smurfette Principle play out in marketing for movies, TV shows, and books?</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Bear, Meredith Gillies, Michael R. Underwood, Miss Shannan Paul, Trisha Lynn</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>DC Comics TV Shows DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Flash, Constantine, Arrow - why does DC do TV shows so much better than Marvel? And why can't their movies be this good?</p> <p><i>Dave Margosian, Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem, Kevin Eldridge, Kevin Horner, Shawn Van Briesen</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Science Tropes that Just Won't Die DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>What would happen if we unlocked more than 10% of our brain? Nothing: we already use all of it. Sci-fi writers love this trope, despite its inaccuracy. Discuss where this and other tropes came from and why they refuse to die.</p> <p><i>Marty Farley, Renate Fiora, Scott Pearson, Stephanie Zvan, Tyler Tork</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Blinking Red DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>How does the current political and popular media climate mirror or lead to a future like the one portrayed in Logan's Run? This panel will discuss the culture of youth worship, rapid turnover, and the apparent war against facts, education, and history.</p> <p><i>Bill Stiteler, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Uren</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Assassins Guild Boffing DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</p> <p>Join the Assassins Guild for boffer weapon training and practice in preparation for Saturday's big event, The Assassins Guild Grand Boffing Tournament. To participate you must be 18 yrs or older, 14 yrs old with parental consent.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Surviving CON with Young Children DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Join us for a discussion on the idea of bringing young children to a convention, including tips and strategies from parents who have survived the experience.</p> <p><i>Anj Olsen, Beth Kinderman, Jenni Klumpp, Monica Flavin, kat evans</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Bones DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Discover what an owl had for dinner! Dissect an owl pellet to solve the mystery and reveal clues about the owl's diet and predator/prey relationships. What types of bones will you find in your pellet?</p> <p><i>Mary Myers, PZ Myers, Skatje Myers</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Writing and Publishing Award-Winning Spec Poetry DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Workshop looking at recent award-winning poems from SFPA's Dwarf Star and Rhysling contests and other venues such as the Wisconsin People and Ideas Contest, where speculative language poetry won awards last year. Time allowed to write and share.</p> <p><i>Sandra Lindow</i></p>
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3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Castles of Burgundy DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>An exciting tabletop game in which players use dice rolls to collect and place shipping, farming, city building or scientific research playing pieces. Strategies evolve throughout the game as the pieces and the board change.</p>
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3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
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3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Dixit DoubleTree 2205</p> <p>An exercise in imagination and interpretation, Dixit is a one-of-a-kind board game. The goal is to give a clue as to which card is yours so at least one person guesses it, but if the clue's too obvious or too obscure, your opponents take the points!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Marvel's Legendary Heroes DoubleTree 2207 Table A Legendary Heroes is a Marvel Superheroes Deck Building Game. This first of its' kind game, has the game fight back against the players. Players can recruit their heroes to defeat the villains and their schemes. <i>Derek Hanisch (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike: Source DoubleTree 2208 THE classic team-based objective-oriented first-person shooter game by Valve. Round based team gameplay.</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>CONvergence 101 DoubleTree Atrium 2 For first timers or veterans who are pretty sure they don't know everything, this panel will try to teach you everything you need to know! <i>Brian Etchieson, Charmaine Parnell (mod), Dorothy Neikirk Norton, Jen Manna, Tabitha Anderson</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Snowpiercer Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 3 This critically acclaimed dystopia overcame its initial limited release in the US last year through word-of-mouth and reviews. Let's talk about the world, characters, and themes of class and environment as well as what about this film is so compelling. <i>Adam Lueck, Daniel Stiglich, David Schwartz, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Writing Established Universes DoubleTree Atrium 4 What are the challenges to writing a new story or an old story in a new medium, such as a screenplay based on a comic or the latest in a popular series? Where do you stay true and where can you change or add something new? <i>Charlotte Fullerton, Jamie Wyman, Jason Glaser, Sarah Prentice, Scott Pearson</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Surviving Minnesota Nice DoubleTree Atrium 6 If you're not raised with it, how do you learn to deal with it? How does it affect the geek community? <i>Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Ben San Del, Daren Johnson, Holley Van Susteren, Trisha Lynn</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>E-books and the Marketplace DoubleTree Atrium 7 How has electronic distribution changed the way professional writers work? What about fanzines being replaced by websites? <i>David Stegora, Lee Harris, Michael R. Underwood, Rory Ni Coileain, Tyler Tork</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Language of Dystopia DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Writers have assumed that when dystopia arrives, it will come with a new coded language, such as Newspeak of 1984 or Blade Runner's Cityspeak. What's the attraction to making this a part of dystopia world-building? Where might it go in the future? <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Gabriela Santiago, Mitchell Faas</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>When Did Harry Potter Become a Dystopia? DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>The storylines and the world in which they play out become increasingly darker with each book. At what point does the Harry Potter universe become dystopian? Or does it become so at all? <i>Cetius d'Raven, Joan Sullivan, Kethry Burke-Scovill, Naomi Kritzer, kat evans</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Steampunk in the Details DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p> <p>Join Steam Century in a venue showcasing the technical skills that we don't have the time or space to appreciate in the hallways! Show off your favorite steampunk gear and speak about the details of your costume. Vote for you favorites!</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>The Krofft Disaster DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Guest of Honor Gordon Smuder shares a presentation about the ill-fated Sid & Marty Krofft theme park from 1976. He has pictures! <i>Gordon Smuder</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Zombify Your Plushie DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>The Zombie Apocalypse is upon us!! However, they are so cute that no one really minds. Julie Bowman will show you how to turn a cute and adorable Plush Creature into an even cuter and more adorable Plush Zombie. <i>Julie Bowman</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>GPS Writing Contest Winners DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Past winners of the annual GPS Writing Contests read from their winning work. This year's winners are announced.</p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p>Flame of Recca DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>

4:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>My Dinner with Ellie DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>A meteor explodes in the upper atmosphere. As dawn races across the globe the hungry dead arise and attack the living. 6 survivors hole up in an isolated mansion and try to survive and find a way to reverse the apocalypse before it's too late. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
4:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Munchkin Tourney: Player Meeting DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Player meeting for the MUNCHKIN tournament - please make every effort to attend this brief player meeting, as rules and expectations for the tournament will be covered, and you'll have a chance to ask questions of the tournament staff. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>PFS: Silver Mount Collection DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>The Blakros family receives a shipment of artifacts from Numeria, but fears attack from the ever-vigilant Technic League. When they request the help of Pathfinders to guard the collection, the PCs find the Technic League to be the least of their worries. <i>Chris Mortika (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Broken Character World Championship IV (Part 1) DoubleTree 2205 Table A</p> <p>You are more beast than man. You were created or captured by a powerful spellcaster and are being held deep beneath his castle as gladiators for fighting in his arena or to be sold to others. It's time to fight for your freedom. (Part 1 of 2) <i>Ryan Anderson (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>MTG: Standard DoubleTree 2206 Table A Standard Constructed Tournament. Bring your standard-legal Magic: the Gathering deck and get matched up against other players for a few hours of Magic fun to kick off the Convention! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>MTG: Chaos Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table B Bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. Packs may be purchased at any Dealer's Room merchant selling Magic: the Gathering product. Players will not be admitted without packs. <i>Dan Blees (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Marvel's Legendary Villains DoubleTree 2207 Table A Legendary Villains is a Marvel Superheroes Deck Building Game, and a follow-on to the Legendary Heroes game. Recruit a villainous army to take over the Universe for fun and profit... just because you can. Let the do-gooders try to stop you! <i>Derek Hanisch (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>LAN Gaming: Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208 Come up for some fun in our LAN gaming space? All are welcome, but we only have so many computers, so please play well with others and share!</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Have Fun--and Stay Safe! DoubleTree Atrium 2 CONvergence is a community event and feels like one big family. But that doesn't mean not watching out for yourself, your friends, and your stuff. Come and learn some tips and tricks for having an awesome weekend, while keeping safety first! <i>Jen Manna, Lara Messer (mod), Lauren Sindt</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade and Art of the Dress 101 DoubleTree Atrium 3 Come talk about what happens during the Masquerade and the Art of the Dress Fashion Show with the department staff. Ask questions. Plan your entry. Find out the details of how the whole process works: judging, tech rehearsals, and shows. <i>Deborah Mullen, Gregory de Danann</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Geeks vs. Sports? DoubleTree Atrium 4 Why the adversarial relationship between geeks and sports? After all the mocking geeks have endured, why is okay to mock someone else's interests? Why are some sports--like derby--okay but other not? A panel for fans, geeks, athletes, and geeky athletes. <i>Brian Salisbury, Dave Kingsley, Ozgur Sahin, Sherry L.M. Merriam, MA, LPC, michael merriam</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Avengers: Age of Ultron DoubleTree Atrium 6 Come talk about the Avengers: Age of Ultron movie. What did you love about the movie? What do you wish they would've done differently? Spoilers abound! <i>Anne Lyle, Christopher Jones, Kevin Westrom, Lyda Morehouse, Neil Anderson</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Panelist 101 DoubleTree Atrium 7 So you want to be a panelist or are one this year and don't know what to expect or what's expected of you? Here's a primer for you. <i>Ben Ellis, Craig A. Finseth, Dave Romm, Kevin Horner</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Dystopian Societies in Heinlein's Worlds DoubleTree Bloomington One of science fiction's grand masters, Heinlein included many different types of societies in his many books. Most of his works were very positive and forward-looking, but a few presented the other side of the coin. Were any of them true dystopias? <i>Dani Price, Elise Matthesen, Toni Weisskopf</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Orphan Black Fan Panel DoubleTree Edina I'm one, a few, no family too, who am I? Welcome to Clone Club! We will discuss the story lines, best and worst parts of the show and how the fans in clone club have kept the show alive! <i>Dave Margosian, Grace Ulak, Jen Paulus, Kiah Nelson, Monica Flavin</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>N00b Gala: A Chance to Meet and Geek DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Technology Won't Destroy Us DoubleTree Plaza 1 Paranoid predictions about the technological downfall of mankind abound in media, but technology has also made human lives immeasurably better. We'll talk about more realistic portrayals of tech, science, and human improvement. <i>Dan Berliner, Heina Dadabhoy, Jason Thibeault, PZ Myers, Renate Fiora</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Art-Go-Round DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Collaborate with artists to create masterpieces. Even if you can only create a stick figure, you can join the fun with professional artists in seeing the art come to life.</p> <p><i>John Garner</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:59pm	<p>Matrix Tag DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Players choose the roles of Agent Smith, Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, or play an Agent or Zionist. Any number of people can play, joining in and leaving at any time. A special game will be run by invitation on Friday-- seek out The Architect for details.</p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
5:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Numenara: Fallen City DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>As your team exited the Nanolight after celebrating your latest find, there was a small quake. That was six hours ago. The morning sun is now rising as you and your team crest the last hill and look down into the valley to see...</p> <p><i>Jeb Worrall (mod)</i></p>
5:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Numenara: Renegade's Run DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Locked in the brig of a pirate ship, you count the hours, as you have done every day within recent memory. Suddenly, cannonballs split the hull around you, exposing your cell to the light of day. The life boat below you will get you to the island...</p> <p><i>Jeremy Thigpen (mod)</i></p>
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6:00pm - 7:30pm	<p>Munchkin Tourney: Round 1 DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Steve Jackson Games' MUNCHKIN card game, played tournament-style; this is round 1 of 4. Please be on time, as tournament rules and such will be covered prior to play commencing.</p> <p><i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>

6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
6:00pm - 6:45pm	<p>Big Fun Radio Funtime DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p><i>Dawn Krosnowski, Gordon Smuder, Salsa Sterling, Tim Wick, Windy Bowsby</i></p>
6:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
6:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie - Kurt Russell Pizza Party DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>PFS: We Be Goblins! DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>The Licktoad goblins of Brinestump Marsh have stumbled upon a great treasure: fireworks! Come play as a goblin of the Licktoad tribe, dared to retrieve the great treasure from the derelict ship that holds it!!</p> <p><i>Jeffrey Reed (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 11:30pm	<p>PFS: Emerald Spire: The Cellars DoubleTree 2203 Table C</p> <p>The foundations of the tower are a confusing maze of vermin-infested chambers and clever pit traps. A dangerous undead spellcaster known as Gorloth, the Bone Priest, ambushes adventurers who blunder into the pits and spiderwebs. Will you escape?</p> <p><i>David Burton (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>

7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Simplicity DoubleTree 2207 Table C Returning for its third year, Simplicity is a bridge system from dice-based RPG games to a storytelling game where the participants control the outcomes in the game through interaction rather than dice rolls. Rules taught, imagination required! <i>Kenneth Justiniano (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Team Fortress II DoubleTree 2208 The much acclaimed class-based team FPS with many different game modes, including capture the flag, payload, control point, king of the hill, and Mann vs Machine modes.</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Y: The Last Man DoubleTree Atrium 2 This Eisner Award-winning dystopian comic chronicles the adventures of the last male human following a global catastrophe. While its run ended in 2008, it's still a very popular book. Come learn why. <i>Garrick Dietze, Jeremy Stomberg, Kyle Dekker, Sean Casey, Walli Sullivan</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Geek Etiquette DoubleTree Atrium 3 How to treat your fellow geeks at CVG and in everyday life: We will discuss responding to cosplay, fandom bashing, and general social issues that arise when conversing in a unique community such as ours. Hufflepuffs unite! <i>Anthony Padilla, Dave Romm, Jen Manna, Sean Sullivan, kat evans</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Cosplay for Beginners DoubleTree Atrium 4 The elaborate costuming of many cosplayers can be overwhelming for beginners. How do you get started cosplaying? <i>Deb Brazil, Erin Schneider, Jess Dunow, Lori Fischer, Melissa Sowers</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Guardians of the Galaxy DoubleTree Atrium 6 Come talk about the Guardians of the Galaxy movie. How did it compare to the comic? Which did you like better? What are your hopes for the sequel? <i>Alexandra Howes, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Kevin Westrom, Lyda Morehouse, Michael Lee</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Video Gaming Year in Review DoubleTree Atrium 7 What were the best games of 2014? What were your favorites? Come and hear everyone's favorites! <i>Adam Lueck, Ryan Placzkowski, William Dewey</i></p>

7:00pm - 9:30pm	MainStage Overflow DoubleTree Bloomington
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sci-Fail Returns DoubleTree Edina We'll review the most egregious examples of Hollywood mangling science over the past year. Watch experts pass from denial, to rage, to sobbing as they are reminded that the budget for each film exceeds the global research budget of their field. <i>Christopher Hunter, Jason Thibeault, Raychelle Burks, Rebecca Watson, Ryan Consell (mod)</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Opening Ceremony DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Alee Ellingsberg, Bryan Thao Worra, Chad Frey, Charlotte Fullerton, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Gordon Smuder, Jennifer Ouellette, Lee Harris, Nicole Dubuc, Toni Weisskopf</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Enthusiastic Consent! How to Get Some at Conventions DoubleTree Plaza 1 Does he like you? Does she LIKE you? Does this like include nudity? HOW CAN YOU TELL?? Our panels will guide you through the fun and pitfalls of flirting and hooking up at conventions. Rated Teen+! <i>Ben Blanchard, Kris George, Marty Farley, Mona Montague, Sigrid Ellis</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Massive Mindmap of Dystopia DoubleTree Plaza 2 Mindmaps are a way of drawing out concepts in non-linear fashion with doodles. Come add to our gigantic piece of paper that will branch out from the center word "dystopia". Join Reesha for this collaborative project.
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Friends of Bill W DoubleTree Plaza 3
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Hakkenden: Eight Dogs of the East DoubleTree Atrium 1
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Damian Sheridan Storytelling Crowne Plaza U TBD <i>Damian Sheridan</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Left 4 Dead 2 DoubleTree 2208 The award winning zombie co-op action horror FPS takes you and your friends through the cities, swamps and cemeteries of the Deep South, from Savannah to New Orleans across five expansive campaigns.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>That Elf Seems Awfully Queer to Me: Homosexuality in High Fantasy DoubleTree Atrium 2 How has the portrayal of homosexuality changed over time? In early fantasy GLBTQ characters were missing or portrayed negatively, but not anymore. Were there some seminal works that caused this change, or is it simply a reflection of current society? <i>David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Kendra Akin</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Vonnegut Dystopias DoubleTree Atrium 3 From Player Piano (Utopia 14) and "Harrison Bergeron" to Cat's Cradle and The Sirens of Titan, Kurt Vonnegut created memorable dystopian worlds. Let's discuss our favorites and what Vonnegut was saying about society. <i>Danielle Indovino Cawley, David Schwartz, Tim Lieder</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>How Good Science Can Make a Movie Better DoubleTree Atrium 4 At what point is suspension of disbelief not a good enough reason to mess up the science? What movies have good examples of getting the science right, and how does this make the movie better? <i>Emily Finke, Jennifer Ouellette, Raychelle Burks, Renate Fiora, Sean Sullivan</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Agent Carter Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 6 Let's talk about the first season of Agent Carter and our hopes for next season! <i>Anna Besmann, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Jeremy Stomberg, Lynne M Thomas, Morgan Niemeyer</i></p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Using Folklore as Inspiration DoubleTree Atrium 7 Explore how writers and artists use folklore as inspiration in urban fantasy. <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Adam Stemple, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Melissa Olson, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Star Wars as Dystopia DoubleTree Edina The Galactic Empire, ruled by Emperor Palpatine, is one of the great dictatorships of Hollywood. How will this dystopia play into the new movie? <i>Ben Ellis, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Michael Carus, Zach Nyhus</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Evil Overlord Smackdown DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Alee Ellingsberg, Christopher Jones, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Lee Harris, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Tim Uren, Tim Wick</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Why Are There No Sexy Mummies? DoubleTree Plaza 1 Vampires and werewolves often have sexual connotations. Why don't other monsters get the love? <i>Charlie Paulsen, Dana Baird, Kirsten Wade, Patty Templeton, Tyler Tork</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:30pm	<p>My Little Pony: Friendship Is Irrelevant DoubleTree Plaza 2 Everypony is aflutter with excitement with the arrival of a large dark cube hovering in the bright skies of Equestria. After all, Friendship is... Irrelevant. Join Sandbox in modifying Pony figurines into the scariest oppressors in the universe. <i>Jim Shields</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Trailer Park DoubleTree Plaza 4 See what the future holds as Rex dishes out trailers for hot upcoming releases, as well as some independent shorts and other fun stuff.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Art Show Meetup DoubleTree Plaza 6 Join us for a meet and greet at the Art Show. Tour the Art Show as we put faces to the art. Stick around afterwards for some refreshments and conversation. All are welcome. <i>Christine Mitzuk, Holley Van Susteren</i></p>
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9:30pm - Midnight	MTG: Cube Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table A The Cube is the best cards in Magic, stuffed together, to create incredibly fun experiences. How you create or mold those experiences is up to you. <i>Dan Blees (mod)</i>
9:30pm - Midnight	MTG: Quantum Leap DoubleTree 2206 Table B Quantum Leap is a casual Legacy format that uses primarily Planechase and Vanguard cards? Bring your Legacy-legal deck and come play! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i>
9:30pm - 11:30pm	Ergo Proxy DoubleTree Atrium 1
10:00pm - Midnight	The Monday Night Comedy Club on a Thursday Crowne Plaza U
10:00pm - 1:00am	Cards Against Humanity DoubleTree 2201 Card's Against Humanity is BACK, BABY! Last year's event was such a hit (and offended so many people) we just had to bring it back. 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
10:00pm - 1:30am	Fiasco! DoubleTree 2202 Table D Fiasco is an awesome game of people with strong desires and poor impulse control! HINT: If you love Quentin Tarantino movies, this may be the game for you! Experience not required - wit and imagination a must! 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Lauren Sindt (mod)</i>
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10:00pm - 11:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Five Nights at Freddy's DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>All three of the cult hit indie horror games - not for the faint of heart! Ribbons awarded for surviving! 18+ only with Adult CONvergence badge.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>CONvergence Against Humanity DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Help us create a CONvergence version of Cards Against Humanity. <i>Alexis Ahrens, Daniel Stiglich, Grace Ulak, Hal Bichel (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Orwell: Politics and Dystopia DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>A discussion of George Orwell's life, work, and politics: Animal Farm, 1984, Homage to Catalonia, Down and Out in Paris and London, and the essays. <i>Pat Harrigan</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Xanadu Cinema Pleasure Dome Live Podcast DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>The ladies of the XCPD podcast will be recording live, geeking out about geeky movies with a special guest. Sobriety not required. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Lana Rosario, Melissa Kaercher, Windy Bowsby</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Monster Madness DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Who will be victorious in a post-apocalyptic tournament for monster domination? We'll pit zombies vs. vampires, aliens vs. mutants, and more in head-to-head debates. The audience will choose the winner of each round and ultimately the victor. <i>Brianne Bilyeu, Emily Finke, Jennifer Ouellette, Raychelle Burks (mod), Rebecca Watson</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Leave the Hinterlands: A Dragon Age Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Now that Dragon Age: Inquisition has released, come discuss this latest addition to the franchise, as well as all that's come before. <i>Alee Ellingsberg, Beth Kinderman, Jaime O'Brien, Mary Bertelson, Michael Shappe</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Handling True Darkness in Dystopias DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>How did Susan Collins get away with having children murder each other in the Hunger Games? Let's discuss how writers successfully cross the line in dystopias. <i>Adam Stemple, Christoforo Pasquarette, David Annandale, Deb Brazil, Kirsten Wade</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Will the Real Hero Please Stand Up? DoubleTree Edina Why are there so many anti-heroes and why do we want to use them as role models? <i>Dana Baird, Doug Hulick, Jonathan Palmer, Lathan Murrell, Sarah Prentice</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Post-Apocalyptic Parenting DoubleTree Plaza 1 How would parenting change in a post-apocalyptic world? Would children have any freedom to be kids? Would children who are not able-bodied or with developmental delays be a part of society? How would we care for numerous parentless children? <i>Bradford Walker, Emmy Jackson, Erich Bacher, Kethry Burke-Scovill, Steph Montgomery</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Dhalgren's Wounded City: Bellona DoubleTree Plaza 3 Covering the world of Bellona that is both adored and reviled by science fiction fans. A discussion of Samuel Delany's Nebula-nominated, circular, dystopian novel about the strange, wounded American city <i>Bob Alberti, Dave Romm, Michael Kingsley, Tim Lieder</i></p>
10:00pm - Midnight	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
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10:30pm - Midnight	<p>The Rocky Horror Picture Show with Transvestite Soup! DoubleTree Main Stage Join Minnesota's own live Rocky Horror shadow cast, Transvestite Soup, for thrills, chills, sexy cross-dressing aliens, and do the Time Warp again! Bring your best Rocky Horror callbacks! (Sorry, no throwing props during this performance.)</p>
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11:00pm - 1:00am	<p>Sandbox After Dark: How Are We Gonna Get Through This?? DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>In an easy to imagine future, we face constant Fandom Conventions. We wander endless hotels with nary a shower in sight, continually crafting accessories and costumes. Be prepared. Make your own Convention Crafting Survival bag and Mini Survival kit. <i>Angie Anderson</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Late Night Music Circle Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O</p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
11:30pm - 1:00am	<p>LAN Gaming: Adult Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Open LAN gaming for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Nescaflowne DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Rules of Rollerball DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>The first rule of Rollerball is: never, ever mention the 2002 Rollerball remake. But the 1975 Rollerball movie combines lacrosse, roller derby, and motorcycle racing in a pretty, shiny dystopia. What are the rules, penalties, and physics of Rollerball? <i>Derek Mahr, John Shea, Kendra Akin, Michael Kingsley</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>What's Keeping Nintendo Alive? DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>The competition has eaten Nintendo alive. What's keeping it going? Handheld games and Pokemon? <i>Michael Black, Nessa Fritsche, Ross Conklin, Walli Sullivan</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>All Things Outlander DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>The first season of the Starz series is done. Claire and Jamie's story is also told in eight novels, plus three novels featuring Lord John, numerous short stories, and even a graphic novel. Come discuss all things Outlander. <i>Anne Fry, Beth Kinderman, Marty Farley</i></p>

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-Long Blog DoubleTree Atrium 6 Joss Whedon's "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" is a delightfully hilarious exploration of love and evil featuring Nathan Fillion, Neil Patrick Harris and Felicia Day.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>So You Want to Be a Video Game Broadcaster? DoubleTree Atrium 7 Come learn the inner workings of what it takes to be a video game broadcaster. Today, TV is overrated. Many people are turning to the Internet for entertainment. Get your questions answered on everything from equipment to dealing with trolls. <i>Briana "Tactical Pinup" Falb-Joslin, Jack "Jacklifeat" White, Josh "Koopatroopa787" Peters</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Pathfinder ex Machina: Dystopian Citizens DoubleTree Bloomington A panel of experienced adventurers put their heads together to determine the best suited race, core/base class and abilities for all your favorite - and least favorite - characters from Dystopian Fiction. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Hal Bichel (mod), Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Philip Henry</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Erotic SF Readings: The Drinking Game! DoubleTree Edina Join our expert panel of readers as they explore only the best in SFF erotic fan fiction. Dramatic readings assisted by a healthy dose of humor and alcohol, along with completely scientific diagrams. <i>Katie MacInnes, Kristina Winn, Molly Hair, Scott Raleigh, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>RWBY Panel: You Blake It You Buy It! DoubleTree Plaza 1 Bring on the SCHNEEanigans cause the Yang's all here! We'll talk about RWBY and all of its glory and just nerd out over Rooster Teeth in general. <i>Matt Meyer, Neptune Vasilias, Tyler Johnston</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Destiny Fan Panel DoubleTree Plaza 3 Why do over 3 million gamers sign in to Bungie's shared-world shooter every day? We discuss all things Destiny; from our favorite classes and loadouts to what we hope to see improved in the game. <i>Adam Lueck, Lex Lemaire, William Dewey</i></p>

Friday July 3

Midnight - 5:00am	Mark 2's March DoubleTree Main Stage
Midnight - 2:00am	Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!
12:30am - 2:30am	Texhnolyze DoubleTree Atrium 1
2:00am - 4:15am	Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!
7:00am - 8:30am	The Fantastic Adventures of Unico DoubleTree Atrium 1
8:30am - 10:30am	Devilman DoubleTree Atrium 1
9:30am - 12:30pm	Krosmasters Arena DoubleTree 2202 Table D PVP-oriented miniatures game that uses several different methods (points, draft, or manual) to determine win. Standard tournament rules apply; copy of rules may be available at Front Desk on 22. <i>Paul Rickert (mod)</i>
9:30am - 8:00pm	PFS: Night of Frozen Shadows DoubleTree 2203 Table C For decades a sinister band of assassins has watched and waited, hiding among the rugged people of Kalsgard, capital of the fierce Lands of the Linnorm Kings Can the heroes defend themselves and their friends from the supernatural killers' blades?
9:30am - 10:30am	Science of Nightmares DoubleTree Atrium 2 Why do we have them? How content from the day gets recycled into the dream, etc. What about dystopian dreams? <i>Kristin Ellis, Mary McKinley, Renate Fiora, Sherry L.M. Merriam, MA, LPC</i>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Beyond the Code of Conduct DoubleTree Atrium 3 Come discuss ways to improve and enhance convention culture to make cons more accessible to all audiences. We'll also discuss how the culture has changed over time with things like the "Costumes are not Consent" campaign. <i>Anthony Padilla, Jackie Moore, Jen Manna, Kris George, Lee Blauersouth</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Best Dystopian Books & Films That You Haven't Heard About DoubleTree Atrium 4 From classics to brand new, there's a ton of good dystopias out there. Let's make a list of our favorites. <i>Erika Ensign, Hagbard Celine, Matt Gamble, Shaun Duke</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Game of Thrones Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 6 Let's talk about the latest in wars, weddings, and more in the world of Westeros. How did the latest season compare to the books? What can we expect from the next season? <i>Daren Johnson, Kirsten Wade, Michael Carus, Neil Anderson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Cosplay How-To: Materials and Tools DoubleTree Atrium 7 Learn about a variety of materials available for making costumes and props. Hear where to obtain the raw building blocks to bring your ideas and favorite characters to life. We'll also talk how to manipulate, cut, combine, and shape just about anything. <i>Lori Fischer, Marie Porter, Marty Farley, Melissa Sowers, Ryan Consell</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Apocalypses - Bridge to Dystopia? DoubleTree Bloomington Many dystopias have their root in an apocalypse. Why is this such a common trope? What are your favorites? Where's the line between post-apocalyptic and dystopian? <i>Eric Staggs, Kethry Burke-Scovill, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Venus, We Hardly Knew Ye DoubleTree Edina Until space probes came along, science fiction largely assumed Venus to be a lush, tropical jungle entirely suited for human habitation. Why did people originally think that? How and when did our knowledge of Venus take a sharp turn towards accuracy? <i>Jay Gallentine</i></p>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p>ASL 101 DoubleTree Plaza 1 Come learn about ASL. Bring your questions. <i>Becca Justiniano</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Kids, Science, Craft and, Play DoubleTree Plaza 2 Hey Kids! Wake up your parents and drag them down to Connie's Quantum Sandbox for some morningtime fun with the Sandbox Staff and GOH Chad Frey! We will have coffee to keep the parents occupied while you play and learn. <i>Angie Anderson, Carla Mantel, Chad Frey, Dierdre Schultz</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Symbolism and Mythology in Genre Fiction DoubleTree Plaza 3 Harry Dresden has met Odin and Hades. Percy Jackson is the son of Poseidon. What is it about ancient mythology that makes it such interesting fodder for new stories? <i>Adam Stemple, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Dana Baird, Gabriela Santiago, Paul Weimer</i></p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Kung Fu Fighting DoubleTree 2202 Table A The geeks of the East and the West must unite and fight, to see whose Kung Fu is better! Come play Kung Fu Fighting the game of cinematic martial arts mayhem. Six will do battle! One will prevail! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - 12:30pm	<p>The Last Day in Desert Bluffs DoubleTree 2202 Table B You are the impressionable young interns at the local desert bluffs radio station, the premiere source of code words, secret messages and pie recipes for miles around! It starts as a normal day, but something evil this way comes. Something UNPATRIOTIC! <i>Katie Dahl (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
10:30am - Noon	<p>Nuns on the Run DoubleTree 2202 Table C Life in an abbey is never dull. Novices sneak out of their rooms at night looking to get their secret wish granted, while the abbesses catch them to send them back. Novices tiptoe when an abbess is close since abbesses will follow the tiniest noise. <i>Chas Swedberg (mod)</i></p>

10:30am - 11:40am	Short Peace DoubleTree Atrium 1
11:00am - Noon	So You Want to Start a Podcast? Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Learn about hardware, software, self-promotion, and how to stand out in an increasingly crowded podcast market. <i>Clayton Faits, Jeff Adams, Jeffrey Gardner, Michael Damian Thomas, Shaun Duke</i>
11:00am - Noon	Reading - Joseph Scrimshaw DoubleTree 2201 Joseph Scrimshaw will read his comedy out loud! <i>Joseph Scrimshaw</i>
11:00am - 5:00pm	PFS: Plunder & Peril: Dangerous Waters DoubleTree 2203 Table A Captain Lanteri hires you on as crew to help her assemble the magic key that will open the door to Redclaw's treasure... and the ancient cyclops stronghold in which it's hidden! <i>Jeffrey Reed (mod)</i>
11:00am - Noon	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
11:00am - 3:30pm	MTG: Chaos Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table A Bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. Packs may be purchased at any Dealer's Room merchant selling Magic: the Gathering product. Players will not be admitted without packs. <i>Dan Blee (mod)</i>
11:00am - 3:30pm	MTG: Legacy Constructed DoubleTree 2206 Table B Bring your Legacy (legal, of course) deck up to 22nd floor and get in some of that Good Ol' Time Magic! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i>
11:00am - 12:30pm	LAN Gaming: Diablo III DoubleTree 2208 The latest installment in the genre defining dungeon-crawler. An action role-playing video game that you can play solo, or with a group.

11:00am - Noon	<p>Getting into Tabletop Gaming DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>The new version of Dungeons and Dragons is geared to be more approachable, and other games are gaining popularity. How can people who want to get into tabletop gaming find groups and games? <i>Beth Kinderman, Bill Bodden, Brian Casey, Ian Price, Michael Carus</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Nobody Will Pay You If You Don't Ask DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>How do you market yourself as an artist? How much should you be charging? How do you avoid feeling guilty about charging for your art? <i>Beth Voigt, Bob Alberti, Melinda Layden, Mona Montague, Tania Richter</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Communication in Society DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>How do we exercise our right to freedom of speech while maintaining a respectful dialog? Communication in our ever-digital world can be a tricky thing to navigate, given how easy it is to misinterpret what someone means. <i>Erika Ensign, Hal Bichel, Heina Dadabhoy, Wesley Chu, craig cormick</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Genre Feminism DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Genre still suffers from a lack of diversity. We are bombarded with stories told through the straight white cis-male gaze. Let's have a discussion about intersectionality and the ways to combat sexism (and the other -isms) to make genre a safer place. <i>Cynnthia Michaels, Kethry Burke-Scovill, Laura Zats, Sean Eberle, Trisha Lynn</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Are There Any Original Ideas Anymore? DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Is Guardians of the Galaxy new or old? What about Pacific Rim or Edge of Tomorrow? Are there any truly original ideas anymore? <i>John Shea, Mark McPherson, Romeo Azar, Sarah Prentice, Tyler Tork</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Signing - Michael Merriam DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Michael Merriam will be available for autographs. <i>michael merriam</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>How We Change the Stories We Tell About Disability DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Join us for a discussion of hidden disabilities in the media - for example, Iron Man has PTSD - and how it changes our perceptions of ability in the real world. <i>Emilie Peck, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Kiah Nelson, Sherry L.M. Merriam, MA, LPC, Vetnita Anderson</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Using Science in Your Everyday Life DoubleTree Edina Science is all around us, from our computers to the lights in this building. Let's discuss the practical applications of science and how each of us uses it every day. <i>Dan Berliner, Jennifer Ouellette, Raychelle Burks, Renate Fiora, Steven Theiss</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:00am</p>	<p>Revolution in 2015 Puzzle Hunt DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest Your spy is dead, and all your team has to go on is a set of cryptic puzzles left behind. Each leads to a different part of the hotel and a piece of the final puzzle. Will you be the first to find the key? Friday at noon in the Garden Court. Free to play! <i>David Allison</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Giant Chess DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast See what it's like to play with three foot wood. Appropriate for all ages, and any number of players per team is permitted. We'll coach on all levels of skill, so come wrestle some pieces against your friends.</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>YogaQuest Presents Buffy the Vampire Slayer: The Wish DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest YogaQuest is back for its fourth year! Join JustiniYogini and the YoGeeks as they try to clean up the mess that Cordelia made in this narrated yogic adventure! No previous yoga experience, special clothing, or mats necessary. Come as you are! <i>Justine Mastin</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>How Are Anthologies Made? DoubleTree Plaza 1 Have you ever wondered how these collections come to be? Let our panel walk you through the process, from origination to publication. <i>Catherine Lundoff, Lynne M Thomas, Roy C. Booth, Tim Lieder, Toni Weisskopf</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Iron Pen DoubleTree Plaza 2 Stretch your creative muscles by writing a 100-word story based on a surprise prompt item. Entries will be judged during the weekend and the winners announced at the end of the convention. <i>Heather Bufkin</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>Storytelling in Comics vs. TV DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>How does the storytelling differ between TV and comics? What differences are necessary and why? What techniques can cross over successfully?</p> <p><i>Christopher Jones, Michael R. Underwood, Sean Casey, Shawn Van Briesen, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
11:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
11:40am - 12:30pm	<p>Hal DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
Noon - 1:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p>Concept DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>Work with a teammate to create clues to a word by placing hint pieces on the many symbols on the mat. Three levels of difficulty require creative thought both by the clue-giving team and the guessers!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
12:30pm - 1:00pm	<p>Ugly Cry Improv Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Beautiful people doing ugly things. Ugly people doing beautiful things. You be the judge.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Reading - Emmy Jackson/Patty Templeton DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Emmy Jackson and Patty Templeton will read from their works.</p> <p><i>Emmy Jackson, Patty Templeton</i></p>

12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Dead Reign: Haven DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>Zombie apocalypse RPG of survival, rescue, and revenge!! If you plan to attend this game, please ALSO sign up for Thursday's Character Creation session and intro to Dead Reign. <i>Joel Gruetzmacher (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>PFS: We Be Goblins, Too! DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>The Licktoads, once the great and fierce goblin tribe in Brinestump Marsh, were defeated by human adventurers! Can the four heroes of the now-dead Licktoad tribe save the Birdcrunchers and, in so doing, become their new leaders? <i>Hilary Moon Murphy (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: League of Legends DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The largest MOBA on the market, with multiple game modes. Come with a team, or play an ARAM match.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Chi's Sweet Home DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Custom Gaming PCs DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>An overview and tutorial for building your own custom gaming PC. Everything from picking components to modding your case. We will discuss the merits and value of overclocking, water cooling, lighting, and similar topics. <i>Kenneth Justiniano, Michael Black, Nessa Fritsche, Ross Conklin, Sean Sullivan</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Raising Geeks DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Many of us were raised on geek properties and are now starting families of our own. How does growing up geek affect how you parent? Are you promoting the geeky to your children or letting them find it themselves? <i>Amada Marquez, Anj Olsen, Kyle Dekker, Miss Shannan Paul, Steven Theiss</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Developing Character for Puppetry DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Puppet performance isn't just about moving your hand while you talk. You need to know how to create a character. Expert puppeteers will take about how you transform some felt and foam into a unique character. <i>Andrew Dyrud, Gordon Smuder</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Marvel Movie Round-Up DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Since this time last year, we've seen talking raccoons, killer robots, the Scarlet Witch, and announcements for the films up through 2019! Join us for an hour of pure geekery on Marvel's latest offerings and speculation about their future. <i>Christopher Jones, Dan Wallace, Emily Finke, John Seavey, Romeo Azar</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Ben 10: A Media Omniverse DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Cartoon Network's popular series has been adapted to comic books, novels, movies, and video games. How do the characters and storytelling need to change to suit each medium? How are they the same across all media? <i>Charlotte Fullerton</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Scott Pearson DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Scott Pearson will be available to sign his work <i>Scott Pearson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How I Would Destroy the World with Science DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Destruction by science is a common theme in dystopian fiction. Now it's our turn. Join our panel of evil scientists as they describe how they would destroy the world with science. <i>Ben Blanchard, Jennifer Ouellette, Raychelle Burks, craig cormick</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Long and Short of Storytelling DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Join publishers and writers of fiction to discuss the differences between novels, novellas, and short stories, from germinating to print. <i>Elizabeth Bear, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Melissa Olson, Michael Damian Thomas, Wesley Chu</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>DNA Necklace DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>How do you extract DNA out of living things? What does DNA look like? Find out and make a special necklace using strawberry DNA! <i>Mary Myers, PZ Myers, Skatje Myers</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	Brick-a-Brac DoubleTree Plaza 3 LEGO has done some fascinating things with licensed characters from DC and Marvel Universes, Lord of the Rings, Pirates of the Caribbean, Lucasfilm properties, among others. What are some of your favorites and how did you first discover the love of LEGO? <i>Michael Zecca</i>
1:00pm - 1:30pm	With the Fur Improv Crowne Plaza U Welcome to the small town of Millville, where everyone knows each other, anything can happen, and no-one is safe.
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Munchkin Tourney: Round 2 DoubleTree 2202 Table C Steve Jackson Games' MUNCHKIN card game, played tournament-style; this is round 2 of 4. Please be on time, as tournament rules and such will be covered prior to play commencing. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Munchkin Tourney: Round 2 DoubleTree 2202 Table D Steve Jackson Games' MUNCHKIN card game, played tournament-style; this is round 2 of 4. Please be on time, as tournament rules and such will be covered prior to play commencing. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
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1:30pm - 3:30pm	From the New World DoubleTree Atrium 1
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Master Artist Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O <i>Chad Frey, Daniel Mohr</i>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Double Blind Improv Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>The comedians know they're about to perform in a series of short-form improv games, and that's it. When a game is announced, our host draws names out of a hat to decide who is going to be in that game. Presented by Fearless Comedy Productions</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Reading - Melissa Olson DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Melissa Olson will read from her work <i>Melissa Olson</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>High Noon Saloon DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>Reach for the sky, varmint! What better way to celebrate America's birthday than a good old-fashioned Wild-west gunfight? High Noon Saloon is the fast-paced card game of quick draws and hot lead! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Dominion Adventures DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>This latest expansion to the acclaimed Dominion card game series adds new Duration cards and introduces two new types of cards: RESERVE and EVENT. Knowledge of the base Dominion Card Game a must! <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Zombicide! DoubleTree 2207 Table B</p> <p>You're a survivor. Find weapons, kill zombies. The more zombies you kill, the more skilled you get; the more skilled you get, the more zombies appear. The only way out is zombicide! <i>Adam Troup (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Terror of the Void DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Stranded in the depths of space, you must survive the horrors of exploring a derelict ship, all the while solving the mystery of how and why you are here. Try out a brand new RPG (Adventure Deck System: Luminosity), currently on Kickstarter! <i>David Cheek (mod)</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Natural Selection II DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>A multi-player, team oriented game combining first-person shooter and real-time strategy rules. Set in a science fiction universe in which a human team fights an alien team for control of resources and territory in large and elaborate indoor facilities.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Gamers in the Business World DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Believe it or not, being a gamer gives you advantages in your day job. Long-time tabletop gamers discuss how the skills they've honed playing games like Dungeons & Dragons, Pathfinder, Shadowrun, and more can come in handy in the business world.</p> <p><i>Hal Bichel (mod), Hertzey Hertz, Laura Thurston, Mitchell Faas, Pedro Rodriguez</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Art after the Apocalypse DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>A review of the role of artists in apocalyptic fiction and a speculative journey into the value and nature of art at the dusk of humankind.</p> <p><i>Beth Voigt, Celia Yost, Charles Price, Emily Finke, Ryan Consell</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Dialogue Box DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Playwrights and script writers discuss their approaches to writing entertaining and effective dialogue, and how they use dialogue to craft stories and mold characters.</p> <p><i>Ben San Del, Charlotte Fullerton, Jack Reher, Jerry Stearns, Rachael Acks</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Powerpoint Karaoke DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>It's back! Four panelists will give a presentation to the audience, but they've never seen the slides before and they don't make any sense!</p> <p><i>Barb Abney, Bill Stiteler (mod), C. Robert Cargill, Joseph Scrimshaw, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler, Tim Uren, Tim Wick</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Grimm Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Nick got his Grimm back, Wu was brought into the fold, Julia went full Hexenbiest, and Monroe faced a Wesen purity cult--a lot happened in Season 4. Discuss your favorite aspects.</p> <p><i>Alice Leber Cook, Ann Laabs, Anne Lyle, Cetius d'Raven, Kris George</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Signing - Jennifer Ouellette DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Jennifer Ouellette will available to sign her works.</p> <p><i>Jennifer Ouellette</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Signing - Adam Whitlatch DoubleTree Autograph Table B Adam Whitatch will be available to sign his work. <i>Adam Whitlatch</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Dealing with Difficult People in Publishing DoubleTree Bloomington Every profession has its share of difficult people. What personalities and behaviors are the most challenging to work with in publishing and how do you handle it? What can we do to avoid becoming those difficult people as writers, artists, editors? <i>Elizabeth Bear, Lee Harris, Michael Damian Thomas, Wesley Chu, craig cormick</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>One on One with Bryan Thao Worra DoubleTree Edina <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Sandra Lindow (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Costume Wars - Guerrilla DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Come watch two-person teams compete in a head-to-head one-hour themed guerrilla challenge. The teams are each given the theme and a surprise grab bag and will have one hour to make the costume then show it off to win the title Guerrilla Costume Warrior. <i>Deborah Mullen</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>A Life in the Industry DoubleTree Plaza 1 Nicole Dubuc talks about her career as an on-screen actress, voice over actress, writer and now a producer and show runner. <i>Nicole Dubuc</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Puppet Surprise DoubleTree Plaza 2 Our Mandatory Puppet Activity. CONvergence just wouldn't be the same without it. Kimberly Baerg of Joy Filled Puppets will lead this activity, assisted by her husband Brad and 2015 GOH Gordon Smuder. <i>Brad Baerg, Gordon Smuder, Kimberly Baerg</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Evolving Superhero Character Design DoubleTree Plaza 3 Ms. Marvel, Batgirl, and more. We're seeing more and more cosplay-friendly, practical-minded costumes. Superhero costumes are no longer just spandex, they're something a hero could actually fight crime wearing. <i>Christopher Jones, Dana Baird, Jon Durmin, Shawn Van Briesen, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Best of 2014 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>Filmmakers from around Minnesota and the upper Midwest submitted short films of various geeky genres and styles. Come see some of Rex's favorites. <i>Troy LaFaye</i></p>
2:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
2:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Survive the Sundering DoubleTree 2205 Table A</p> <p>Seers have predicted destruction of Nexis, and a mass exodus is in the making. A wealthy merchant is looking to hire your party to take his family safety - the coin is a bonus; you'd do it just to know the location of a safe spot to ride out the cataclysm <i>Jenna Touchette (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Inn Fighting DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>With a roll of the dice, you determine whether to hurl a tankard of ale at the out-of-tune bard or smash a chair over the drunken barbarian's head. Treachery and chaos abound! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
3:00pm - 5:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>The Faithful Sidekicks Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>The Faithful Sidekicks are a Geek Comedy Rock Duo who play fun original songs about nerdy goodness like gaming, computers, coffee and cats. Funny songs about Star Wars, Star Trek, Stargate - pretty much anything with a 'Star' in the name.</p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Reading - Abra Staffin-Wiebe DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Abra Staffin-Wiebe will be performing an excerpt from her post-apocalyptic novel, A Circus of Brass and Bone. First-come, first-serve for delicious donut refreshments</p> <p><i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:30pm	<p>Kitsune Tournament: Round 2 DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Second qualifier round for the Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools Tournament. Additional qualifier rounds to be held Friday and Saturday, with a possible Semi-Final on Saturday and Finals on Sunday. Entry is free.</p> <p><i>Scott Johnson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
3:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>MTG: Modern Constructed DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>If you picked up Modern Masters 2 in May, this is a great chance to get some use from those cards! Bring your Modern Constructed (legal, of course) deck and get your game on! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games.</p> <p><i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>MTG: Commander DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Commander ban list in effect (check with Wizards of the Coast website or your local judge onsite to confirm legal cards). Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. 2 pods of 4 players each.</p> <p><i>Dan Blee (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike: Source DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>THE classic team-based objective-oriented first-person shooter game by Valve. Round based team gameplay.</p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Log Horizon DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Laopocalypse Now: A Southeast Asia Perspective DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>While East Asia has regularly figured in doomsday scenarios, Southeast Asian perspectives have rarely been shown. When they have, it's often been from a subordinate perspective. But what are some approaches to consider? And what should we avoid?</p> <p><i>Bob Alberti, Bryan Thao Worra</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Beyond Marvel and DC DoubleTree Atrium 3 Join our panel for an expansive journey through the comic book universes that AREN'T Marvel and DC, as well as lively discussion on why the "third-party" characters and titles aren't getting more attention from the public. <i>Bryon Stump, Leora Effinger-Weintraub, Meredith Gillies, Sigrid Ellis, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Diversity in Casting DoubleTree Atrium 4 Come discuss race, handicap, gender, diversity, and more in film and TV casting. Is it acceptable when an actor portrays a character with a different physical characteristic? When is it OK to divert from the source? <i>Cynnthia Michaels, Derek "Duck" Washington, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Jonathan Palmer, Wesley Chu</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Judging a Book by Its Cover DoubleTree Atrium 6 Two competing teams of "literary experts" discuss the plots of books, based only upon the cover art they are given. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Evolution of the Publishing Industry DoubleTree Atrium 7 From print to e-books to online publishing, how have these changes affected the industry? How have writers, graphic artists, editors, and others involved in book publishing adapted, and what remains the same no matter what format a book takes? <i>Dawn Frederick, Laura Zats, Martha Wells, Toni Weisskopf, michael merriam</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Tim Lieder DoubleTree Autograph Table A Tim Lieder will be available to sign his works <i>Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>My Little Pony: Writing Is Magic DoubleTree Bloomington Join Charlotte Fullerton to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes of Equestria. What are the challenges to writing an episode of the show everypony of all ages seems to enjoy? <i>Charlotte Fullerton</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Ask a Scientist DoubleTree Edina Working scientists take time away from their undersea labs and volcano lairs to answer your science questions! <i>Gwen "Bug Girl" Pearson, PZ Myers, Rachael Acks, Raychelle Burks, Steven Theiss</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Costume Wars - 11th Hour DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Bring your entry for judging (teams up to two allowed). Judging will be based on best use of the prescribed list of items published a week before on Facebook. The best representation of the theme using the list wins the title 11th Hour Costume Warrior. <i>Deborah Mullen</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Art of the Dress Orientation DoubleTree MainStage Green Room If you have registered for the Art of the Dress Show, come line up and get last-minute tips for the show. Mandatory for Art of the Dress participants. <i>Gregory de Danann</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cheesiest Post-Apocalyptic Films DoubleTree Plaza 1 Everyone knows what life is like in a post-apocalyptic future: Mismatched props, small casts, and the goofiest tyrants you can imagine! Join us for an hour of talking about the cheapest, silliest, and worst (in all senses of the word) cinematic futures. <i>Danielle Indovino Cawley, Emmy Jackson, John Seavey, Matt Gamble</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Post-Apocalyptic Sounds DoubleTree Plaza 2 Society might have collapsed, but people will always find a way to make music. Build and design your own instruments from trash and household items while you learn about the physics that makes them work, then play in our ragtag ensemble. <i>Erich Bacher, Jamie Bernstein</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Building Worlds for Fiction DoubleTree Plaza 3 Building a comprehensive world, whether it is for a novel, comic, or serial can be a huge challenge. Join the creators of the audiodrama series Our Fair City and others as they discuss tools, strategies and both successes and failures in worldbuilding. <i>Alyc Helms, Jim McDoniel, Melinda Layden, Robin Simmons, Tyler Tork</i></p>

4:00pm - 5:00pm	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
4:00pm - 4:55pm	Cirque du Divergent- a Dystopian Celebration of Performance Artists! DoubleTree Main Stage
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5:00pm - 6:00pm	Texts from Cephalopods: An Audio Comedy Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O "The Octopus is the drunk texter of the Cephalopod family." So begins the story about what happened after Octopus made off with a diver's camera while it was still recording. A live reading of the podfic based on the fanfic based on the YouTube video. <i>Alexandra Howes, Bess Stuenoxend, Jo Thrace, Lunate Eight</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Tanya Brody Crowne Plaza U <i>Tanya Brody</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Reading - Phillip Andrew Bennett Low DoubleTree 2201 phillip andrew bennett low will read from his debut political humor collection, 'Indecision Now! A Libertarian Rage' <i>phillip low</i>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Marvel's Legendary Heroes DoubleTree 2202 Table A Legendary Heroes is a Marvel Superheroes Deck Building Game. Players can recruit their heroes to defeat the villains and their schemes. Play cooperatively or competitively. <i>Derek Hanisch (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 9:30pm	PFS: Risen from the Sands DoubleTree 2203 Table A The tomb of Pharaoh of Sphinxes attracts glory seekers from across many nations, each fighting to be the first to claim its wonders. But the storied pharaoh doesn't rest quietly, and his tomb was designed to slaughter any who would dare trespass! <i>Chris Mortika (mod)</i>

5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>PFS: Library of the Lion DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>Taldor's Kitharodian Academy's tomes hold a heavily "revised" history, so when a secretive ally approaches the Society with information on a hidden archive holding the unaltered histories, the Pathfinders plan a daring infiltration to retrieve the truth.</p> <p><i>Jeffrey Reed (mod)</i></p>
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5:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Team Fortress II Tournament DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The acclaimed class-based team FPS with many different game modes, including capture the flag, payload, control point, king of the hill, and Mann vs Machine modes. Prize ribbons will be awarded to the winners!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Ask a Submariner DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Ever wonder what it's like to live 24/7 on a submarine? Some say it's as close to space travel as we can get on Earth. Come ask a group of real-life submariners about their experiences living and working on real-life submarines! All ages welcome!</p> <p><i>Andrew McKay, Christopher Baye, Daniel Stiglich, Hal Bichel (mod), Michael Sherman</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Squirrel Girl DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>One of the more comical characters in the Marvel canon, her superpower is to control squirrels, and yet she's defeated major villains. What makes her the most popular hero ever to have been a Great Lakes Avenger?</p> <p><i>Derek Mahr, Jenni Klumpp, Renate Fiora, Roy T Cook (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Science vs. Religion in Dystopia DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Authors like Philip Pullman, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R Tolkien have often pitted religion against science, blatantly or through symbolism. How do these authors tilt their respective playing fields? How do their dystopian portrayals of the "other side" compare?</p> <p><i>Cassandra Phoenix, Emily Finke, Heina Dadabhoy, Jairus Durnett, PZ Myers</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Legend of Korra DoubleTree Atrium 6 Panelists discuss the hit series "The Legend of Korra," which had its finale in 2014. Topics may include LoK's influence on traditional TV airing vs. online debuts, mature themes on a kids' network, and other lasting impressions. <i>Kathryn Sullivan, Nick Stoner, Nicole Dubuc, Samma Johnson, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Mad Max Retrospective DoubleTree Atrium 7 Few can think of dystopia without thinking of the Mad Max series, and now 30 years after the last Mad Max movie, Beyond Thunderdome, the fourth in the series has been created, Mad Max: Fury Road. Let's look back on the original films. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Emmy Jackson, Joel Arnold, Kyle Dekker, Melissa Kaercher</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Who REALLY Caused the Apocalypse? DoubleTree Bloomington The apocalypse has happened, but what caused it? Was it Monsanto? The Devil? Vaccines? John F Kennedy? All of these things? Our panel of experts gets to the bottom of all the conspiracies that destroyed the Earth. <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Comics to Big Screen DoubleTree Edina How are comics adapted to the big screen? What goes into it? Why do some work and some not? <i>Bryon Stump, Chad Frey, Christopher Jones, Dan Wallace, Lee Harris</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Engineering Foods of the Future DoubleTree Plaza 1 As population is outstripping food supply, what does feeding people in the future look like? Will food be grown, manufactured, or even available? Watch experts argue about this as well as their favorite flavor of Soylent. <i>Ben Blanchard, Daniella Martin, Kavin Senapathy, Maggie Koerth-Baker, Raychelle Burks</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Maggot Art DoubleTree Plaza 2 Create your own works of art with the help of live maggots! Maggots get an unfair rap. Learn how fascinating they really are while working with them to create unique paintings. <i>Gwen "Bug Girl" Pearson</i></p>

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5:30pm - 7:30pm	Death Note DoubleTree Atrium 1
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6:00pm - 7:00pm	Masquerade Orientation I DoubleTree MainStage Green Room If you have registered for the Masquerade, come and get last-minute information about the tech rehearsals, judging, and the show. Masquerade participants must attend one of the orientation sessions.
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Munchkin Tourney: Round 3 DoubleTree 2202 Table B Steve Jackson Games' MUNCHKIN card game, played tournament-style; this is round 3 of 4. Please be on time, as tournament rules and such will be covered prior to play commencing. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i>
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7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Rockstar Storytellers Crowne Plaza U The Rockstar Storytellers are a badass collective of bestselling performers from a variety of disciplines, including spoken word, stand-up, slam poetry, improv, sketch comedy, playwriting. It's like "A Prairie Home Companion" with drinking and swearing. <i>Amy Salloway, Ben San Del, Courtney McLean, Laura Bidgood, Rob Callahan, Phillip Low</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:30pm	<p>Genocide Raid DoubleTree 2201 Go to Genocide. Rescue The Founder. Kill ANYTHING that gets in your way. Any questions? Grab your gear, save the founder and show the murderous goons of MTac why your team motto is "When in doubt, blow some s**t up!" 18+ ONLY w/ID and ADULT CON BADGE. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
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7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Simplicity DoubleTree 2207 Table C Returning for its third year, Simplicity is a bridge system from dice-based RPG games to a storytelling game where the participants control the outcomes in the game through interaction rather than dice rolls. Rules taught, imagination required! <i>Kenneth Justiniano (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>The Wizard of Oz Made Me Gay DoubleTree Atrium 2 The latest in our "Made Me Gay" series looks at the works of L. Frank Baum and his successor authors and how GLBTQ sensibilities and subtexts have appeared in the world of Oz and are now more out in the open with the works of authors like Gregory Maguire. <i>David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Jason Tucker, Joe Agee</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Favorite Twilight Zone Episodes DoubleTree Atrium 3 Rod Sterling's masterpiece encompasses many different themes across all the episodes. How do you pick a favorite from all of them? <i>Alexandra Howes, Charlene Holm, Christopher Jones, Danielle Indovino Cawley, Joel Arnold</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Star Trek's Cautionary Tales of Dystopian Futures DoubleTree Atrium 4 The crews of the Enterprises encountered many examples of what might happen if a whole society was dedicated to following one human failing--mobsters, Romans, etc. Was this an effective way to examine human social systems? <i>Caitlin Knight, Cetius d'Raven, Charlie Paulsen, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Eric Staggs</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Food and Fear DoubleTree Atrium 6 Emotions run high and disinformation runs amok around the topic of food. Are GMOs safe? What are the breeding methods used in farming? How do we interpret food labels? Who can we trust? This panel will explore the truth and myths surrounding what we eat. <i>Ben Blanchard, Jon Durmin, Kavin Senapathy, Kristin Ellis, Maggie Koerth-Baker</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Handmaid's Tale DoubleTree Atrium 7 Atwood's 1985 dystopian novel about a US overthrown by a totalitarian Christian theocracy still rings eerily true amid the events of this decade. We'll discuss how religion and politics have mirrored the book and what we can do to avoid its bleak future. <i>Amanda Marcotte, Brianna Bilyeu, Heina Dadabhoy, Rebecca Watson (mod), Steph Montgomery</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>"Modern" Mental Illnesses DoubleTree Bloomington Where do "new" mental disorders come from? How are they discovered, and are they caused by modern society or just reconceptualizations of conditions that have existed for ages? Topics include eating disorders, sex addiction, video game addiction, and ASD. <i>Kris Coulter, Lee Blauersouth, Miri Mogilevsky, Olivia James, Sherry L.M. Merriam, MA, LPC</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Bad-anon: Bad Guys Anonymous DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest We know how difficult it is to run an evil organization - sometimes it can become a little overwhelming. Come and meet other villains and feel appreciated together.</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Joseph Scrimshaw's Attack of the Comedy DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Joseph Scrimshaw</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Junkfood Cinema Live! DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Returning to CONvergence is Junkfood Cinema Live! JFC is a weekly cult and exploitation filmcast hosted by CONvergence veterans Brian Salisbury and C. Robert Cargill that takes a fully unironic look at some overlooked, underrated, and forgotten flicks. <i>Brian Salisbury, C. Robert Cargill</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Chainmaille 101 DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>A basic European 4 in 1 chainmaille lesson for those who have always been curious. We will use links that can be worked without tools, so ages 11+ should be able to enjoy themselves. <i>Carla Mantel</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W DoubleTree Plaza 3</p>
7:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
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8:00pm - 12:30am	<p>MTG: Chaos Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. Packs may be purchased at any Dealer's Room merchant selling Magic: the Gathering product. Players will not be admitted without packs. <i>Dan Blees (mod)</i></p>

8:00pm - 12:30am	<p>MTG: Archenemy DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Bring your Legacy-format legal deck and come beat Matt (our CCG Subhead) at one of his all-time favorite formats! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Fuzzy Machete Crowne Plaza U</p>
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8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Bang! DoubleTree 2207 Table B</p> <p>Which gunmen are Deputies, ready to sacrifice themselves for the Sheriff? And which are the merciless Outlaws, looking to gun him down? Come find out! <i>Derek Hanisch (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Left 4 Dead 2 DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The award winning zombie co-op action horror FPS takes you and your friends through the cities, swamps and cemeteries of the Deep South, from Savannah to New Orleans across five expansive campaigns.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Give Me That Old-Timey Sci-Fi DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>More and more publishers are republishing classic, vintage sci-fi. Will this bring in a new audience or appeal mostly to existing fans of the classics? What is driving this trend? <i>Dani Price, Dave Margosian, KEN KON KOL, Michael Kingsley, Ozgur Sahin</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Slash Panel DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Come talk, discuss, and squee about slash fiction! Talk about the recent developments in fandom, adore the recent fanfic and fanart, and share recommendations! And what's the difference between slash and "shipping" your favorite characters? <i>Bess Stuvencend, Fes Works, Lyda Morehouse</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Other Than Muppets DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>A discussion of all the great puppet work coming from people and places without the name "Henson." <i>Gordon Smuder</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Welcome to Night Vale Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 7 Earth is a hallucination, podcasts are dreams. Let's talk about the popular podcast "Welcome to Night Vale." What's new in the past year? <i>Anna Besmann, Beth Kinderman, Charlene Holm, Kevin Horner, Peregrin Winkle</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Mockingjay - Movies vs. the Book DoubleTree Bloomington Come discuss the ways in which The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Parts 1 & 2 movies compare to Suzanne Collins's Mockingjay. What did the movie do better than the book? What details from the book were lacking in the movies? <i>Deb Brazil, Jenni Klumpp, Joan Sullivan, Kethry Burke-Scovill</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Skepchick Debate: Worst Pseudoscience of All Time, Round 2 DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Amy Roth, Benny Vimes, Jamie Bernstein, Kavin Senapathy, Melanie Mallon, Olivia James, Raychelle Burks, Rebecca Watson (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Giant Lizard Theater: 10 Years Later DoubleTree Plaza 1 10 years ago, MN writers held a poetry reading at CONvergence inspired by myths, legends, and SFF involving dragons, dinosaurs, and kaiju. Guest-of-Honor Bryan Thao Worra and other poets will perform, and you're invited to perform, too! <i>Bryan Thao Worra</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Glitterfying Your Make-Up (And Body!) DoubleTree Plaza 2 Add sparkle to your look through this glitter make-up 101 tutorial! Focusing on lips and eyes, this class will also teach about different glitter adhesives that allow you to put long-lasting glitter shapes and images on your skin <i>Mona Montague</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Electronics for Props and Costuming DoubleTree Plaza 3 Low-cost electronic components such as LEDs, electroluminescent wire, conductive fabric, and animation with Arduinos can add eye-catching effects to your creations! Come share ideas and see what the new electronic art tools can make possible for you! <i>Brian McEvoy, Christopher Baye, Destiny Ziebol, Doug Thorpe, Todd Murray</i></p>

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9:30pm - 11:30pm	Psycho-Pass DoubleTree Atrium 1
10:00pm - 11:00pm	The Dirty Curls Crowne Plaza U
10:00pm - 1:00am	Fiasco! DoubleTree 2202 Table A Fiasco is an awesome game of people with strong desires and poor impulse control! HINT: If you love Quentin Tarantino movies, this may be the game for you! Experience not required, but wit and snark are a must! 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Lauren Sindt (mod)</i>
10:00pm - Midnight	Quest for Woman DoubleTree 2202 Table B Man need get woman. Down hill bad woman. Up hill good woman. Man get No woman? Man want know? Man play OG! (Woman want know? Woman play OG too!) 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Katie Dahl (mod)</i>
10:00pm - Midnight	Cards Against Humanity DoubleTree 2202 Table C Card's Against Humanity is BACK, BABY! Last year's event was such a hit (and offended so many people) we just had to bring it back. 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i>
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10:00pm - 11:30pm	LAN Gaming: Five Nights at Freddy's 2 DoubleTree 2208 All three of the cult hit indie horror games - not for the faint of heart! Ribbons awarded for surviving! 18+ only with Adult CONvergence badge.
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Speaking in Tongues: Constructed Languages in Fantasy and Reality DoubleTree Atrium 2 From Elvish, Klingon, and Dothraki to Esperanto and Lojban, the languages we invent serve multiple purposes in fantasy and in reality. Why do we invent them? What do they have in common? What purposes do they serve in communities and fictional universes? <i>Ruth Berman, Tex Thompson</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Random Crossovers DoubleTree Atrium 3 Rule PON3: If it exists, there's a My Little Pony version of it. Let's talk about the best, the worst, the most hilarious, and the most disturbing crossovers. <i>Elise Matthesen, Melinda Layden, Nicole "Nuala" LaBat</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Sauced with Seuss DoubleTree Atrium 4 Will we drink it in a can? We will drink it if we can. Will we drink it in a bottle? Yes we will, as any sot'll. We will need no strong inducement, To drink these drinks for your amusement. <i>Carrie Rainey, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher, Pat Harrigan (mod), Tim Uren</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Video Game Music DoubleTree Atrium 7 From events like Video Games Live to the plethora of YouTube videos covering the Super Mario Bros. theme, video game music is popular! Come discuss how composition in video games and how it compares to writing for a traditional album. <i>Ansley Grams, Fes Works, Lex Lemaire, William Dewey</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	MainStage Overflow DoubleTree Bloomington

10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Space Unicorn Dance Party DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Join the Space Unicorns of Uncanny Magazine as Lynne M. Thomas & Michael Damian Thomas (editors-in-chief and publishers of Uncanny Magazine) celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. <i>Lynne M Thomas, Michael Damian Thomas, Michi Trota</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Vilification Tennis DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p><i>Tim Wick</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Writing Media Tie-Ins DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>From Star Trek to Halo, books and audio dramas based on hit television shows, video games, and summer blockbusters are big business. But what goes into writing a media tie-in? What obstacles do authors face? And is it worth their time and talent? <i>Adam Whitlatch, Charlotte Fullerton, David Annandale, Monica Valentinelli, Patrick Tomlinson</i></p>
10:00pm - 1:30am	<p>Sandbox After Dark: Art is Skin Deep DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>You're beautiful. You know it. We all know it. Just imagine how beautiful you'd be with neon tiger stripes! Sandbox After Dark presents: Body Painting! You paint, we paint, it's fun for everybody. 18+ Bring ID. <i>Angie Anderson, Jim Shields, John Garner</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Flying for fun, profit(?), self-improvement, or geeky delight DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Pilots and flying are staples of the Sci-Fi genre. A panel of Aviators, Sim builders and Model Pilots answer questions and discuss all things aviation; including aviation hobbies, related professional opportunities and tips for writing about aviation. <i>Chris Thompson, Christopher Baye</i></p>
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11:30pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.
11:30pm - 12:30am	Falcon Arrow Crowne Plaza U Due to a scheduling conflict, Falcon Arrow will not be able to join us at CONvergence 2015
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11:30pm - 1:00am	LAN Gaming: Adult Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208 Open LAN gaming for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge.
11:30pm - 12:30am	Fanboy Bebop DoubleTree Atrium 1
11:30pm - 12:30am	Geeky First Date Movies DoubleTree Atrium 2 What movie would you choose for first date with another geek? What are the do's and don'ts to consider? <i>Caitlin Knight, Jason Glaser, Matt Gamble, Nick Glover, kat evans</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Does Terry Gilliam Count as Dystopian? DoubleTree Atrium 3 How do you feel about Terry Gilliam? Does he deserve a place in the great of dystopian fiction? From Brazil, to Zero Theorem, and everything in between. What does his point of view add to the mix? <i>Garrick Dietze, Jon Durmin, Niles Schwartz</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Constantine Fan Panel DoubleTree Atrium 4 Let's talk about NBC's Constantine. Is it faithful to the comic? Does Matt Ryan embody John? Does it work with a broadcast channels Standards and Practice rules? Most importantly, is it worth your time? <i>Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem, Lauren Wells, Meredith Gillies, Neil Anderson, Stephan Stomberg</i>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Killer B's Improv Movie Show DoubleTree Atrium 6 Our team of expert improvisers will create brand new dialogue, commentary, and musical score to movie clips culled from the strangest B-movies... and they will do it without ever having seen the films before! <i>Aric McKeown, Chad Dutton, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Molly Glover, Scott Keever, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Mythbusters - Bringing Science to Pop Culture DoubleTree Atrium 7 "The difference between science and screwing around is just keeping track of your data." <i>Bryon Stump, Dan Berliner, KEN KON KOL, Renate Fiora, Thomas Mahle</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Pun-El DoubleTree Bloomington The annual tribute to the great Kryptonian comedian (SFX: record scratch). Come participate in the annual opportunity to throw around the WORST of wordplay, without fear of flying fruit! <i>Bob Alberti, Brian LaBounty, Brian Salisbury, Ed Eastman, Margaret Eastman</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 5:30am</p>	<p>Mainstage Dance Party DoubleTree Main Stage</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>American Horror Story Fan Panel DoubleTree Plaza 1 Which storyline is your favorite: Murder House, Asylum, Coven, or Freak Show? Who are your favorite recurring actors? What's next for season 5? <i>Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Kris George, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Super Academy Rises: How to Create and Release a Superhero Webseries DoubleTree Plaza 3 Join the team of Super Academy for an interactive panel about creating your own webseries. From concept to Kickstarter to production and post-production, they will guide you through their journey. CVG exclusive clips and video will be premiered as well. <i>Ben Lifson, Jacob Gulliver, Kyle Dekker</i></p>

Saturday July 4

Midnight - 3:30am	<p>Simplicity DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>Simplicity is a bridge system from dice-based RPG games to a storytelling game where the participants control the outcomes in the game through interaction rather than dice rolls. 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Kenneth Justiniano (mod)</i></p>
Midnight - 2:00am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
12:30am - 2:30am	<p>The Future Diary DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
2:00am - 3:45am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
7:00am - 8:30am	<p>Horus, Prince of the Sun DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
8:30am - 10:00am	<p>Cutie Honey DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
9:00am - 10:00am	<p>Masquerade Orientation II DoubleTree MainStage Green Room</p> <p>If you have registered for the Masquerade, come and get last-minute information about the tech rehearsals, judging, and the show. Masquerade participants must attend one of the orientation sessions.</p>
9:30am - 1:00pm	<p>Krosmasters Arena DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>PVP-oriented miniatures game that uses several different methods (points, draft, or manual) to determine win. Standard tournament rules apply; copy of rules may be available at Front Desk on 22. <i>Paul Rickert (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 3:30pm	<p>PFS: Plunder & Peril: Black Coral Cove DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>On the island of Warvil's Folly, the PCs must venture deep into the abandoned outpost of Ghoral-Rey as they chase to claim Jemma Redclaw's treasure.</p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Building a Company, Building a Community DoubleTree Atrium 2 A how-to guide for creating an arts company from the ground up. Learn how to resourcefully organize your company, attract top talent, and build a distribution network for your artistic product. <i>Betsey Palmer, Jeffrey Gardner, John Heimbuch, Mitchell Faas</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Getting Students Into Science DoubleTree Atrium 3 As our society gets more technological, being scientifically literate becomes increasingly critical. Come discuss ways we can attract more non-scientists to be familiar with the subject matter. How can we keep young children's interest as they grow? <i>Dan Berliner, Matthew Lowry, PZ Myers, Renate Fiora, Steven Theiss</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Disability in Fandom DoubleTree Atrium 4 A discussion on disabilities in nerd culture; characters, creators, and fans! <i>Dirk Ykema, Josie Browning, Mandy Tempel, Peregrin Winkle</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Saturday Morning Cartoon Fever DoubleTree Atrium 6 In 2014, the last animation block on network television left the air. The old format of Saturday morning cartoons is officially dead. Come and discuss the long history of cartoons that shaped many of our childhoods. <i>Anna Waltz, Doug Hulick, Jennifer Cross, Kevin Eldridge, Mark McPherson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Costuming on a Budget DoubleTree Atrium 7 Costuming can be an expensive hobby (or career), but it doesn't have to be. We will discuss where to get inexpensive (or free!) materials, tips and tricks for doing it yourself, and the joys of barter and trade. <i>Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Erin Schneider, Jess Dunow, Laura Oliver, Melissa Sowers</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Do We Need "Princes" Anymore? DoubleTree Bloomington "I would love for my son to grow up like this man: ____." Who are great role models from SFF that help instill equality? <i>Anthony Padilla, Erich Bacher, Vetrnita Anderson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Inclusivity in Fandom DoubleTree Edina Are we representative of the diverse community at large? How can we have a more inclusive community? <i>Cynnthia Michaels, Devin Harnois, E. P. Beaumont, Hal Bichel, Jen Manna</i></p>

9:30am - Noon	<p>15th Annual IKV WarHammer Invitational Bat'leth Tournament DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p> <p>Worthy warriors are invited to join the Klingons Saturday morning 9:30 poolside as they fight for a cure against diabetes. Certifications are at 9:30 with the tourney beginning at 10:00. Entry fee is \$10 and all proceeds go to the American Diabetes Assoc. <i>George Richard</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Meteorite Appreciation Panel DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>A thought provoking and intellectual discussion with the audience about the joys of meteorite collecting, and the unique contribution that meteorites have played in our understanding of the universe. Rare and interesting specimens will be on display. <i>John Shea</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Bug Houses DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Many insects are beneficial to our environment. In this All Ages activity, you will make a multi-family insect house to take home to help the beneficial insects in your garden. <i>Dierdre Schultz, Sue Bloyer</i></p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Grave Robbers from Outer Space DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>A fast-paced, humorous look at B-rated science-fiction movies. Players create bad horror and sci-fi films using cards that represent characters, props, locations, creatures and special effects. The strongest characters in play when the credits roll win!! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Kitsune Tournament: Round 3 DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Third qualifier round for the Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools Tournament. Additional qualifier rounds to be held Friday and Saturday, with a possible Semi-Final on Saturday and Finals on Sunday. Entry is free. <i>Scott Johnson (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - 11:30am	<p>Gargantia on the Verdurous Planet DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
10:00am - 11:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>

10:30am - Noon	<p>Nuns on the Run DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>Life in an abbey is never dull. Novices sneak out of their rooms at night looking to get their secret wish granted, while the abbesses catch them to send them back. Novices tiptoe when an abbess is close since abbesses will follow the tiniest noise.</p> <p><i>Chas Swedberg (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>The Skiffy and Fanty Show Live: Space Travel and Its Discontents Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O</p> <p>Contact's (1997) positive tale of space exploration remains remarkable for its optimism. But how does it compare to Gravity's (2013) pessimistic view? What do these films tell us about man's place among the stars? The S&F crew will tackle this and more!</p> <p><i>David Annandale, Julia Rios, Mike Underwood (mod), Paul Weimer, Rachael Acks, Shaun Duke</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Ionosphere Casting Shadows Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Todd Madson's music has been compared to the ambient music of Brian Eno and Robert Fripp, as well as the work of mid period Pink Floyd saying that the live experience is "trippy and spacey", as well as "relaxing and meditative".</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Reading - Martha Wells DoubleTree 2201</p> <p><i>Martha Wells</i></p>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>PFS: Fires of Karamoss DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>A Pathfinder expedition has uncovered hitherto unknown levels in the Red Redoubt, a millennium-old siege fortress created by the machine-mage Karamoss. Can the PCs salvage the fortress's treasure while preventing a catastrophe that could crush Absalom?</p> <p><i>Keith Apperson (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>MTG: Legacy Constructed DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Bring your Legacy (legal, of course) deck up to 22nd floor and get in some of that Good Ol' Time Magic! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games.</p> <p><i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>

11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>MTG: Commander DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Commander ban list in effect (check with Wizards of the Coast website or your local judge onsite to confirm legal cards). Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. 2 pods of 4 players each. <i>Dan Blee (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Diablo III DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The latest installment in the genre defining dungeon-crawler. An action role-playing video game that you can play solo, or with a group.</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Getting Over Artist's Block DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>What do you do to get past artist's block? Let's share our tips and techniques as well as our insight into the most common triggers. <i>Amy Roth, E. P. Beaumont, Patty Templeton</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Board Games with Your Kids DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Board game companies say certain ages are appropriate, but we know our kids better. When do you introduce your kids to, say, Carcassonne? Which board game age ranges are more fluid than others? <i>KEN KON KOL, Kenneth Justiniano</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Adding Humor to Your Writing DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>There are many types of humor, but writing in something that is actually funny can be difficult, be it literature, television, movies, theater, or audio plays. What are some techniques to help write humor that reaches the audience successfully? <i>Catherine Lundoff, Melissa Olson, Patrick Tomlinson, Wesley Chu, phillip low</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Worst of Doctor Who DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>From the group that brought you the definitive views on the Worst of James Bond and Harry Potter, it's a knock-down, drag-out discussion on the very worst elements of Doctor Who. From Adric to Zygons, they'll leave no metal dog unturned. <i>Barb Abney, Bill Stiteler, Jeremy Stomberg, Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Glover, Sharon Stiteler (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Fully Believable: An Improv Storytelling Panel Show DoubleTree Atrium 7 In Fully Believable, four comedians tell stories of strange events from their past that they just made up! Sit back and listen as our panelists regale you with completely untrue tales, and find out how funny, and how believable, those stories really are! <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Laurie Richardson, Lee Harris, Paul Cornell, Salsa Sterling (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Signing - Christopher Jones DoubleTree Autograph Table B Comic Book artist Christopher Jones will be available for signings and sketches. <i>Christopher Jones</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Do We Need "Princesses" Anymore? DoubleTree Bloomington Can a princess (historically, not a great job description) even be a contemporary role model? <i>Anna Waltz, Anthony Padilla, Emma Bull, Kate Norlander, Vetrina Anderson</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Writing While Female DoubleTree Edina An exploration of the specific challenges that women face in today's writing environment. <i>Emilie Peck, Michi Trota, Miri Mogilevsky, Nicole Dubuc, Stephanie Zvan</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Vermin DoubleTree Plaza 1 Come find out what all the buzz is about! MST3K fans will love this new web series. Exclusive badge ribbon and prize drawings for all in attendance! <i>Derek "Duck" Washington, Eric Thompson, Gordon Smuder, Jennifer Menken, Tim Wick, Trace Beaulieu</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Science Paper Art Hour DoubleTree Plaza 2 Join Mad Art Lab and Bug Girl to learn about everything from insects to physics while making art--insect hat, butterfly bracelet, scientist paper dolls, and a paper rocket that flies! <i>Beth Voigt, Gwen "Bug Girl" Pearson, Ryan Consell</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Meet GPS DoubleTree Plaza 3 Learn about the latest workings of the Geek Partnership Society. News and updates about our clubs, events and work in the Geek community.</p>

11:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
11:30am - 1:30pm	<p>Casshern Sins DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
11:30am - 1:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
Noon - 1:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
Noon - 4:00pm	<p>Kids ID DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</p> <p>Kids ID allows parents the opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials for their child, free of charge. The kit contains a fingerprint card, a physical description, a video, computer disk, or DVD of the child, a dental imprint, and a DNA sample.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Doctor Who Season Eight Round-Up Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O</p> <p>Finally, a full new season with a brand-new Doctor! What did you think of Capaldi? Did Clara move past the "impossible girl"? Did the new season live up to expectations? Join us for an hour of discussing the latest adventures of our favorite Time Lord.</p> <p><i>Erika Ensign, John Seavey, Kathryn Sullivan, Michael Shappe, Renate Fiora</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>O.FSHO Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Heavily inspired by sci-fi and classic gaming soundtracks, O.FSHO is an electronic improvisation project that blends retro and futuristic sounds into something distinct and danceable.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Reading - Adam Whitatch DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Adam Whitlatch will be reading from his own work.</p> <p><i>Adam Whitlatch</i></p>

12:30pm - 7:00pm	<p>PFS: Silverhex Chronicles DoubleTree 2203</p> <p>Silverhex Chronicles includes six, 1-hour adventures that take the PCs to locations across Golarion in a hunt for their next adventure. GMs may run these adventures in any order for a unique participant experience each session.</p> <p><i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>PFS: Emerald Spire: Splinterden DoubleTree 2203 Table C</p> <p>A ruthless band of outlaws discovered the Spire's strange properties months ago and decided to build a secret refuge in the dungeons of the Emerald Spire. Your party must deal with this threat to advance further in the Spire.</p> <p><i>Jason Rosauer (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
12:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Steam Century Mystery DoubleTree 2207</p> <p>NEW Steam Century mystery: multifaceted game combining elements of live-action role playing and crime dramas. Follow a trail of clues around the convention and interact with costumed characters. Must start by 3:00, answers are due 5:00, finale at 5:45.</p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: League of Legends DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The largest MOBA on the market, with multiple game modes. Come with a team, or play an ARAM match.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How to Throw a Party (Room) DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>If you've ever thought of hosting a party room, you need not 'reinvent' the wheel. Come talk to the intrepid people who have actually spent their time and money to host a party room, and have figured out all the do's/don'ts for you!</p> <p><i>JayColette Herald-Gordon, John Garner, Lee Blauersouth, Michelle Clark, Rae Lundquist</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Panel 237 DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Think you know what your favorite film is about? Wrong! Our experts will gather together to explain, much like the documentary "Room 237" did, what the creators REALLY intended you to learn, and how to crack the code!</p> <p><i>Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Legends of Laos DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>With over 160 different cultures in Laos, there are many different beliefs that can be difficult to untangle. We'll look at many entities from traditional mythology, including giant carnivorous warrior-sorceresses and lusty super-simian bio-weapons. <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Roy C. Booth</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Science of the Marvel Universe DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Ever asked "How long until I get my own Iron Man suit?" or "Where does the extra mass come from when the Hulk grows?" Join a panel of experts as they answer these and other pressing scientific questions raised by the Marvel Universe. <i>Christopher Hunter, Gwen "Bug Girl" Pearson, Jennifer Ouellette, Jim Kakalios, Ryan Consell (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How Animation Works DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Nicole Dubuc takes you through the experience of creating an animated series from conception to completion. <i>Nicole Dubuc</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Martha Wells DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p><i>Martha Wells</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Gordon Smuder DoubleTree Autograph Table B</p> <p>Guest of Honor Gordon Smuder will be available for signing. <i>Gordon Smuder</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Psychological Survival for Writers DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Writers experience both successes and failures in their careers. How can a writer deal with these experiences effectively? <i>Adam Stemple, Eleanor Arnason, Joan Marie Verba, Kelly McCullough, Wesley Chu</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Black Mirror: Our Reflections in Social Media DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Does social media make us monsters or reveal the monsters we already are? Black Mirror explores how we use tech to serve our social and emotional needs, often to horrific ends. How close are we to what we see in the show's near and distant futures? <i>Brianne Bilyeu, Dani Price, Heina Dadabhoy, Jamie Bernstein, Lathan Murrell</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>CON Fighter - Live Fighting Game DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Brian Watson-Jones & friend discover a bootlegged copy of some weird fighting game that spares no genre! Come watch Six Elements Theatre produce amazing fights with real weapons using some of your favorite Convention characters! SixElementsCompany.org <i>Ashir Coillberg, Brian Watson-Jones, Caitlin Coillberg, Darwin Hull, David Traylor, Ethan Jensen, Hunter Teasley, Jacob Gulliver, Johanna Gorman-Baer, Pearson Probst, Philip Henry, Skot Rieffer, Ted Femrite, Tess Kean</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cricket DoubleTree Outdoors Paul Cornell teaches cricket to Americans. This year he'll be teaching it outside - with real bats, balls and wickets! Fore! Or whatever you say in cricket... Location: along N side of W 78th St, West of DoubleTree. Approximate GPS: 44.861354, -93.354443 <i>Paul Cornell</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>'90s Cartoons Retrospective DoubleTree Plaza 1 Join Charlotte Fullerton to talk about all your favorite Fox and WB cartoons from the 1990s: Bobby's World, Eek the Cat, The Tick, X-Men, Animaniacs, Pinky & The Brain, and more. What happened behind the scenes on these networks and shows? <i>Charlotte Fullerton</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Berry Easy DNA Lab DoubleTree Plaza 2 You probably know about DNA, but have you ever seen it? Using household stuff, you'll be able to extract and observe DNA from strawberries in minutes! <i>Raychelle Burks</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Young Adult Book Recommendations DoubleTree Plaza 3 Bring your favorite YA book and our panel of YA experts will recommend other books you might like. <i>Dawn Frederick, Samma Johnson, Sean Casey</i></p>
<p>1:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>

1:30pm - 2:30pm	Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Bubblegum Crisis DoubleTree Atrium 1
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Movie Riff DoubleTree Plaza 4 Fresh off their successful 'commentary' of Xanadu last year, Bill Stiteler, Jeremy Stomberg, and Duck Washington will make fun of a film that just happens to be relevant to this year's theme. <i>Bill Stiteler, Derek "Duck" Washington, Jeremy Stomberg</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Get Off My World! Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O A live recording of the Doctor Who podcast "Get Off My World!" featuring passionate opinion, idiosyncratic expression, general nerdery and an opportunity for audience-suggested topics. <i>Ariel Leaf, Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Pat Harrigan (mod)</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Scott Keever Crowne Plaza U <i>Scott Keever</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reading - Lee Harris/Nicole Dubuc DoubleTree 2201 Two of our Guests of Honor will read from their works. <i>Lee Harris, Nicole Dubuc</i>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Roadkill Rally DoubleTree 2202 Table A Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch out! Death Race fans, this one's for you! Race across the country in your weaponized roadster, lighting up your opponents and scoring points as you go! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	Eclipse Phase DoubleTree 2202 Table B Eclipse Phase is a sci-fi horror game of trans-human conspiracy. Upload your mind, sleeve into a body, turn on your Mesh inserts and arm yourself against the existential threats that plague what's left of humanity. Some prior RPG experience helpful. <i>William Schar (mod)</i>

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2:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Terror of the Void DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Stranded in the depths of space, you must survive the horrors of exploring a derelict ship, all the while solving the mystery of how and why you are here. Try out a brand new RPG (Adventure Deck System: Luminosity), currently on Kickstarter! <i>David Cheek (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Defense of the Ancients (DOTA) II DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>The much acclaimed sequel to the classic MOBA (Multiplayer Online Battle Arena) with updated everything released by Valve.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Manhattan DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>The WGN series tells a historical dystopian story in Manh(a)ttan, about the people and events involved in the Manhattan Project. How well did the show blend science, history, and story? <i>Amy Roth, Jennifer Ouellette, Melanie Mallon</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Indie Games as Art DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Come discuss the artistic side of indie games, including games as metaphors, meta games about gaming, mechanics as metaphor, and more. <i>Adam Lueck, Dani Price, Ian Price, Ross Conklin, Walli Sullivan</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Raptor Center DoubleTree Atrium 4</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Hopes and Dreams for the New Star Wars Cinematic Universe DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>The third trilogy begins later this year with Episode VII: The Force Awakens. Do we still hold out hope? <i>Dan Wallace, Jon Durmin, Michael Lee, Romeo Azar, Zach Nyhus</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Creating a Dystopian Society in Your Writing DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>How do you create a dystopian society that is believable and forwards your character development and plot? How do you add a twist to your society that makes it original without losing realism in the world of your story? <i>Carrie Patel, Christoforo Pasqualette, Eric Staggs, Naomi Kritzer, Wesley Chu</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	Signing - Emmy Jackson DoubleTree Autograph Table A Emmy Jackson will be available to sign their works. <i>Emmy Jackson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Signing - Patty Templeton DoubleTree Autograph Table B Patty Templeton will be available to sign their works. <i>Patty Templeton</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Chad Frey's Works DoubleTree Bloomington Come hear about the creative process behind such films as Transformers, Blade, X-Men: The Last Stand, and more from award-winning set designer and art director Chad Frey. <i>Chad Frey</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Colonizing Space DoubleTree Edina We can't find a monolith until we have a colony on the moon. What steps do we need to take to colonize another planet or celestial body? <i>Daniel Stiglich, Lana Rosario, Matthew Lowry, Toni Weisskopf, Craig Cormick</i>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Group Signing DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Any and all authors at the convention (especially Invited Participants) will be available to sign their work. <i>Alyc Helms</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Cartoons and Puppets: Separated at Birth? DoubleTree Plaza 1 Gordon Smuder will share a presentation about the commonalities between television puppet design and cartoon character design. <i>Gordon Smuder</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Dystopia...Datopia DoubleTree Plaza 2 ...the utter topia. Create your own perfect world! It will just be very small. Styrofoam Ornaments, Acrylic paint, glue <i>Angie Anderson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Podcasts You Should be Listening To DoubleTree Plaza 3 What are some of the best podcasts out there that everyone should know about? <i>Ben Ellis, David Rheinstrom, Fes Works, Julia Rios, Sigrid Ellis</i>

2:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>The Mighty Morphin' Improv Rangers Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>7 improvisors with attitude have been summoned by Zordon to fight against the evil Rita Repulsa, and her vicious monsters who plan to conquer the Earth.</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Reading - Michael Merriam DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Michael Merriam will read from his own work. <i>michael merriam</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Kill Doctor Lucky DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>You hate Doctor Lucky. You want him dead. Unfortunately, so does everyone else. Come try to assist the unlucky doctor to his eternal reward in a game run by one of our Guests of Honor, the amazing Gordon Smuder of The Puppet Forge! <i>Gordon Smuder (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>PFS: Master of the Fallen Fortress DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>The ruined siege castles outside Absalom have long beckoned adventurers. Now an earthquake has cracked open one of these fabled ruins, and its lost mysteries and fantastic treasures lie exposed for the first time in centuries. What else lies inside? <i>Dan McNitt (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>

3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Red Dragon Inn DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>The adventuring is done for the day, and the adventurers have returned to The Red Dragon Inn to make merry: drink, brawl, and gamble! Last adventurer standing with gold in their pockets (and NOT sleeping in the barn) wins!! <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>MTG: Modern Constructed DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>If you picked up Modern Masters 2 in May, this is a great chance to get some use from those cards! Bring your Modern Constructed (legal, of course) deck and get your game on! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Dan Blee (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>MTG: Quantum Leap DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Quantum Leap is a casual Legacy format that uses primarily Planechase and Vanguard cards. Bring your Legacy-legal deck and come play! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike: Source DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>THE classic team-based objective-oriented first-person shooter game by Valve. Round based team gameplay.</p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Accel World DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Writing of Georgette Heyer DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Let's discuss the famous regency romance author and her works. How has her writing informed SF/F writers both in terms of style and craft? <i>Eleanor Arnason, Emma Bull, Ruth Berman, Toni Weiskopf, Trisha Lynn</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Losing to Win: The Fast and the Furious Series DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>After the original Fast and Furious film was a surprise hit, the first few sequels floundered. Yet somehow the street-racing series recovered and transformed into a string of successful heist films. How did we get here, and where is the series going now? <i>Brian Salisbury, Derek Mahr, Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Young Adult Dystopia in Movies DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>City of Ember, Divergent, The Giver, Maze Runner, the Hunger Games-- dystopian films based on YA novels is on the rise. Let's discuss our favorites, what works and what doesn't, and what new films are in the works. <i>Joan Sullivan, Michael Carus, Sean Casey</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	Art of the Plot Twist DoubleTree Atrium 7 How do you set up a plot twist that makes it good but isn't completely predictable? <i>Carrie Patel, Jack Reher, Lana Rosario, Wesley Chu, patrick marsh</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Signing - phillip andrew bennett low DoubleTree Autograph Table A phillip andrew bennett low will be available to sign his new work, "Indecision Now! A Libertarian Rage" <i>phillip low</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Signing - Nicole Dubuc DoubleTree Autograph Table B Guest of Honor Nicole Dubuc will be available for signing. <i>Nicole Dubuc</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Geeks Without God Live Podcast DoubleTree Bloomington Geeks Without God celebrates their third anniversary by recording LIVE. Come enjoy the intersection of geekery, atheism and comedy. <i>Jennifer Ouellette, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	What's The Worst That Could Happen? DoubleTree Edina How bad could things get? Could we get invaded by three alien races at once? Cure all diseases with a drug that has a side effect of uncontrollable cannibalism? We will come up with the most outlandish possible scenarios on the slippery slope to dystopia. <i>Beth Voigt, Craig A. Finseth, Gwen "Bug Girl" Pearson, Jairus Durnett, Matthew Lowry</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	One on One with Lee Harris DoubleTree Plaza 1 <i>Jody Wurl (mod), Lee Harris</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Bug Blind Taste Test DoubleTree Plaza 2 Many bugs are not only edible but quite delicious. Find out with this blind taste test of various prepared bugs and learn how edible bugs can benefit the environment, our health, and our future. <i>Daniella Martin</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Intellectual Property and Copyright Law DoubleTree Plaza 3 When working in transformative works in fanfic, fan art, etc., one must be aware of how copyright law applies to intellectual property. How does copyright law apply to selling things on Etsy - for instance, a Jayne hat? <i>Bob Alberti, J. Boone Dryden, Laura Terwilliger, Marty Farley, Troy LaFaye</i>

3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
4:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>Zombicide! DoubleTree 2202 Table A You're a survivor. Find weapons, kill zombies. The more zombies you kill, the more skilled you get; the more skilled you get, the more zombies appear. The only way out is zombicide!</p>
4:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Our Fair City Recording Session Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Join the creators of Our Fair City--a post-apocalyptic audiodrama serial set in a world of mad scientists, molepeople and dystopian corporations--to record crowd scenes and dialogue for their seventh season. Shriek in terror! Start a riot! Applaud wildly! <i>Betsey Palmer, David Rheinstrom, Jeffrey Gardner</i></p>
5:00pm - 5:30pm	<p>God Takes a Holiday Crowne Plaza U God Takes a Holiday is a MN based improv group that does "if these walls could talk" scenarios. We might find ourselves as ghosts in a toilet stall, fighting demons in a church, or in an underground poker tournament in the public library...</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Reading - Roy C. Booth DoubleTree 2201 Roy Booth will be reading from his work. <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>

5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>PFS: Returned to the Sky DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>Part of a Numerian relic once thought scattered to the winds has found its way back to the savage land of super-science, and the Society must track down the component if they are to unlock the device's secrets. <i>Jeffrey Reed (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Broken Character World Championship IV (Part 2) DoubleTree 2205 Table A</p> <p>You are more beast than man. You were created or captured by a powerful spellcaster and are being held deep beneath his castle as gladiators for fighting in his arena or to be sold to others. It's time to fight for your freedom. (Part 2 of 2) <i>Ryan Anderson (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Come up for some fun in our LAN gaming space? All are welcome, but we only have so many computers, so please play well with others and share!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>PC or Console: Best of Both Worlds? DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>The perennial debate: Do consoles make gaming easier? Is it better to have the more powerful hardware in a PC? <i>Briana "Tactical Pinup" Falb-Joslin, Dani Price, Michael Black (mod), Ross Conklin, Sean Sullivan</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Best Young Adult Series DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Come discuss some of the best young adult fiction that doesn't involve Harry Potter or vampires. <i>Derek Hanisch, Joan Sullivan, Sean Casey, Tyler Tork</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Ready, Steady, Flash! DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>In this, 4 professional writers are given a theme, or phrase, around which they must each write a piece of flash fiction. Live, in front of the audience. They have 5 MINUTES in which to write it. At the end of each round, the audience votes on the best. <i>C. Robert Cargill, Carrie Patel, Kelly McCullough, Lee Harris, Melissa Olson, Paul Cornell</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Star Trek Intolerance DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Star Trek is widely praised for its seemingly progressive depiction of equality and acceptance. But is that praise deserved? Join our panel of diehard Trekkies, as they highlight some of the ugly truths about life in the 22nd-24th centuries.</p> <p><i>Donavon Indovino Cawley, Gabriela Santiago, Jennifer Cross, Taylor Cisco, Phillip Low</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Season Two DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Ward's in jail, Coulson's losing it, Skye's got daddy issues, Fitz has brain damage, and Simmons is deep undercover. And that's in Episode 1! Join us for an hour of discussing Season Two of Marvel's spy drama.</p> <p><i>Cetius d'Raven, Daren Johnson, Emily Finke, Josie Browning, Marty Farley</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Signing - Wesley Chu DoubleTree Autograph Table B</p> <p>Guest of Honor Wesley Chu will be available to sign his work.</p> <p><i>Wesley Chu</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Obsessed: Game of Thrones DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Comedian Joseph Scrimshaw's popular podcast about liking things a lot. Join Joseph and guests, Tim Wick and Rebecca Watson, for a fast absurd dissection of Game of Thrones.</p> <p><i>Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Rebecca Watson, Tim Wick</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>The Baen Travelling Road Show (with Prizes!) DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Join Baen Books publisher Toni Weiskopf for a special overview of Baen artwork and covers.</p> <p><i>Toni Weiskopf</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Wedding DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>One on One with Chad Frey DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p><i>Chad Frey, Tanya Brody (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Creature Committees DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Divide into teams, rip off their heads, their arms, legs, wings, and whatever else they have, and re-combine them into something new and fantastic. Under the guidance of Julie Bowman, our creature expert.</p> <p><i>Julie Bowman</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:59pm	<p>Matrix Tag DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Players choose the roles of Agent Smith, Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, or play an Agent or Zionist. Any number of people can play, joining in and leaving at any time. <i>Shannon Green</i></p>
5:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Last Action Movie Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Last Action Movie provides the high energy, action packed, awesomeness you expect from an action movie, mixed with improv.</p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
5:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Serial Experiments Lain DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
5:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
6:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Assassins Guild Tournament DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p> <p>Join us in the Garden Court for a Tournament of Champions! Prove your skill, test your might and Rise to the Top! Ladder style double elimination, space is limited; sign up early! Ages 14 & Up.</p>
6:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>Munchkin Tourney: FINALS DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>Steve Jackson Games' MUNCHKIN card game, played tournament-style; this is the FINAL round. Please be on time, as tournament rules and such will be covered prior to play commencing. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>

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7:00pm - 8:00pm	Adventures in Foley, or: Broken Glass, Cantaloupes, and You Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Sound effects are rarely what they seem. Outstanding sound designers from the world of audio drama and theater share their process for crafting the perfect sound. <i>David Rheinstrom, Ele Matelan, Jeff Adams, Jerry Stearns</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Feng Shui Ninjas Crowne Plaza U
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Bang! DoubleTree 2202 Table D Which gunmen are Deputies, ready to sacrifice themselves for the Sheriff? And which are the merciless Outlaws, looking to gun him down? Come find out! <i>Derek Hanisch (mod)</i>
7:00pm - 11:30pm	PFS: Emerald Spire: Godhome DoubleTree 2203 Table C The fourth level of the Spire is home to a peaceful tribe of troglodytes who worship a mysterious arcane device. Your party must either placate or deactivate the strange machine in order to pass. <i>Jason Rosauer (mod)</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
7:00pm - 8:00pm	teardown: Steam Century Mystery DoubleTree 2207 Teardown for cast members - Steam Century Mystery
7:00pm - 8:30pm	LAN Gaming: Team Fortress II DoubleTree 2208 The much acclaimed class-based team FPS with many different game modes, including capture the flag, payload, control point, king of the hill, and Mann vs Machine modes.

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Dystopia of Philip K. Dick: From Page to Screen DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>We've probably all seen his stories on screen without necessarily knowing it. From Blade Runner to Total Recall and more. This panel will discuss Dick's stories and their film translations.</p> <p><i>Garrick Dietze, J. Boone Dryden, Kyle Dekker, Paul Weimer, Rachel Kronick</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Comedy of the Geeks DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>A serious panel about comedy and geek culture. What makes geeky comedy work? How do you balance pop culture references with the need to appeal to people who may not have seen every Star Trek episode ever?</p> <p><i>Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Hard and Soft Science DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Some sciences are more respected than others. Why?</p> <p><i>Jamie Bernstein, Mary McKinley, Matthew Lowry, Rachael Acks, Stephanie Zvan</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>One on One with Charlotte Fullerton DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p><i>Charlotte Fullerton</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>MainStage Overflow DoubleTree Bloomington</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Mega Panel DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the masquerade, this is the panel for you!</p> <p><i>Derek Mahr, Jeremy Stomberg, Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Masquerade DoubleTree Main Stage</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Storytime with CONvergence Authors DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Join our esteemed authors for children's storytime! Each author will read a favorite picture book to all children and adults attending. Help promote literacy development and enjoy some wonderful books. This event is open to kids of ALL ages.</p> <p><i>C. Robert Cargill, Caroline Symcox, Doug Hulick, Lee Harris, Melissa Olson, Paul Cornell, Scott Pearson</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Origami Griffons DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Join Nicole Dubuc as she shows you how to fold ordinary scrap (like say, left overs from the last seven drafts of a script) into fabulous beasts. Should our chimeras tank, we'll have a lot of fun creating new ones --like headless griffins and dragon-dogs.</p> <p><i>Nicole Dubuc</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W DoubleTree Plaza 3</p>
7:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
7:30pm - 9:40pm	<p>Akira DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
7:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
8:00pm - 12:30am	<p>MTG: Chaos Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. Packs may be purchased at any Dealer's Room merchant selling Magic: the Gathering product. Players will not be admitted without packs.</p> <p><i>Dan Blees (mod)</i></p>
8:00pm - Midnight	<p>MTG: D.E.Q.L.A. DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Double Emperor Quantum Leap Archenemy (D.E.Q.L.A) is a format developed here at CONvergence? If you have a Legacy Constructed deck and have never tried it, come check it out! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games.</p> <p><i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	Beth Kinderman and the Player Characters Crowne Plaza U
8:30pm - 10:00pm	LAN Gaming: Left 4 Dead 2 DoubleTree 2208 The award winning zombie co-op action horror FPS takes you and your friends through the cities, swamps and cemeteries of the Deep South, from Savannah to New Orleans across five expansive campaigns.
8:30pm - 9:30pm	"Urban" Fantasy: Blaxploitation as Dystopia DoubleTree Atrium 2 Crusaders and rebels battling against the seemingly unstoppable rule of dictators. This was the cinema of Blaxploitation: a period of film written, directed, and starring black actors in the 70s. This panel will explore the parallels with science fiction <i>Bill Stiteler (mod), Brandi Brown, Derek "Duck" Washington, Jonathan Palmer, Lathan Murrell</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Twin Peaks DoubleTree Atrium 3 It's still got fans and is being resurrected. Discuss the rumors and reminisce. <i>Ann Laabs, Garrick Dietze, Joel Arnold, Patty Templeton, Trisha Lynn</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Supernatural: 10 Years and Still Rolling! DoubleTree Atrium 6 It's the 10th year for Supernatural! With a 10-Year Anniversary convention coming to Minneapolis in August, come discuss the show's longevity and ability to find new story lines years after Sam and Dean have hit the road. <i>Alexandra Howes, Jen Manna, Jennifer Lundstrom, Nicole "Nuala" LaBat, Roy T Cook</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	CGI and the Artist DoubleTree Atrium 7 How has art direction changed with CGI effects? <i>Chad Frey, Charles Price, Niles Schwartz, Romeo Azar</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Cult of Talent DoubleTree Edina Join Mad Art Lab in a discussion about how the language of genius and talent discourages people from trying new things and undercuts the effort and time involved in developing artistic skill. <i>Amy Roth, Beth Voigt, Celia Yost, Emily Finke, Ryan Consell (mod)</i>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>So You Want to Rule Dystopia DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>From 1984 to the Hunger Games, dystopian worlds are defined by their evil governments. We'll discuss the different flavors of political systems that rule dystopian worlds and advise you on ruling your own dystopia. <i>Heina Dadabhoy, Jamie Bernstein, Jason Thibeault (mod), Jennifer Cross, Steph Montgomery</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:30pm	<p>Sandbox After Dark: Mysteriously Dystopian DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>In a Dystopian World, you might be completely unaware of what your future may hold. This activity is just like that. Please check the online schedule to find clarity.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Sailor Moon Crystal fan panel DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Come discuss the new Sailor Moon series with other fans. How has the distribution channel helped or hurt this incarnation of the franchise? <i>Charlene Holm, Fes Works, Meredith Gillies, Nick Stoner</i></p>
9:00pm - 1:00am	<p>Art Auction DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Come bid on the most sought after art from this year's art show or just watch the fun!</p>
9:30pm - 11:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
9:40pm - 11:30pm	<p>Evangelion 1.11: You Are (Not) Alone DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Bad September Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Bad September is Minnesota's greatest retro-futurist rock band, performing a mix of crowd favorites and brand new songs!</p>
10:00pm - Midnight	<p>Cards Against Humanity DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>Card's Against Humanity is BACK, BABY! Last year's event was such a hit (and offended so many people) we just had to bring it back. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Simplicity DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Simplicity is a bridge from dice-based RPG games to a storytelling game where the participants control the outcomes in the game through interaction rather than dice rolls. Rules taught, imagination required! 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge. <i>Kenneth Justiniano (mod)</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Five Nights at Freddy's 3 DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>All three of the cult hit indie horror games - not for the faint of heart! Ribbons awarded for surviving! 18+ only with Adult CONvergence badge.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Ask a Submariner: Foul-Mouthed Sailor Edition (Mature Content) DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Learn about day-to-day life on a submarine from those who have lived it. And boy do they have stories to tell. All questions will be answered with varying degrees of dignity. This panel will likely contain foul language & topics inappropriate for children <i>Andrew McKay, Christopher Baye, Daniel Stiglich, Hal Bichel (mod), Michael Sherman</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Dinosaurs in Popular Media DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>A discussion of dinosaurs as they appear in popular media. What are they doing well? What still needs work? Feather deniers need not apply. <i>Anna Besmann, David Annandale, Jessica Russell</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Gattaca: It's Only a Matter of Time DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>A celebration of this beautiful dystopian film and a discussion of the science of genetic engineering. Come discuss the future of human genetic design and manipulation. What is the current state of the science? Where should we be focusing its use? <i>Jenny McDermott, John Shea, Lauren Wells, Mona Montague, Ross Conklin</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Secrets of Professional Puppet Building DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Guest of Honor Gordon Smuder will talk about how to produce professional quality puppets for fun and profit. Mostly for fun. <i>Gordon Smuder</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Drinking with Geeks DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Geeks discuss and imbibe alcohol. <i>Barb Abney, Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Melissa Kaercher, Sharon Stiteler</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>This is a British radio gameshow. Basically an excuse for 4 panelists and the host to play childish games for an hour. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Lee Harris, Paul Cornell, Scott Lynch, Windy Bowsby</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Bodily Autonomy and Reproductive Rights in a Dystopian Future DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>In a dystopian future, will procreation be a choice or a duty? Will having too many children be a crime? When do the rights of the many override women's rights? We'll discuss the political, social and environmental implications.</p> <p><i>Amanda Marcotte, Brianne Bilyeu, Nicole Forcine, Rebecca Watson (mod), Steph Montgomery</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Sexuality in the World of Tekumel DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>This year marks the 40th anniversary of "Empire of the Petal Throne" role-playing game. Professor Barker's groundbreaking work actually dealt with the topic of sexuality and this panel will discuss the ways in which the world of Tekumel addresses it.</p> <p><i>Bob Alberti, Donald Kaiser, Lady Ankaa</i></p>
10:30pm - 6:30am	<p>Mainstage Dance Party DoubleTree Main Stage</p>
11:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Fabulous Fascinator Fun DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Design your own fabulous hair fascinator and learn the simple process to build a fascinator, as well as tips and tricks for more complicated pieces! Opiumm Hayze, Pepper Sunshine, Holliedazzle</p> <p><i>Mona Montague</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Late Night Music Circle Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O</p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>The Dregs Crowne Plaza U</p> <p>Back at CONvergence where we belong! The Dregs mix comedy, geekiness, and even music to provide an unforgettable performance. Come for the music, stay for the laughter!</p>
11:30pm - 1:00am	<p>LAN Gaming: Adult Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Open LAN gaming for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Evangelion Reddeath DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Shapeshifters in Folklore, Fantasy, and Science Fiction DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>From selkies to Mystique, encantados to Odo, humans have been fascinated by tales of shapeshifters. What draws us to, and repels us from, the idea of a creature than can take on any form?</p> <p><i>Jason Glaser, Tex Thompson</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Indie Movies are so Amazing...Sometimes DoubleTree Atrium 3 Great (and maybe some not-so-great) indie movies you should know about. <i>Matt Gamble, Stephan Stomberg, Walli Sullivan</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Walking Dead: TV vs. Comics DoubleTree Atrium 6 The Walking Dead has been popular in both its comic and TV forms. Which do you prefer? Come talk about why. <i>Anj Olsen, Dave Kingsley, Dave Margosian, Neil Anderson, Sarah Prentice</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>So Bad It's Good: Cult Classics DoubleTree Atrium 7 From the Rocky Horror Picture Show to Troll 2 to Plan 9, some movies' appeal can be hard to define. Discuss why you like your favorite critically panned movies. <i>Alex Wolf, Brian Salisbury, David Annandale, Hagbard Celine, Mark McPherson</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Fairy Tales Retold DoubleTree Bloomington A discussion on fractured fairy tales like the TV show Grimm and the movie Maleficent. <i>Adam Stemple, Alice Leber Cook, Athenais Snaza, Cetius d'Raven, Samma Johnson</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>What's Your Shade? DoubleTree Edina Does your idea of being kinky involve a blindfold? Or maybe a whip and chains? Or something else entirely? Discuss BDSM myths and preconceptions with members of the local BDSM community and explore adding more spice to your bedroom. <i>Bill of Rights, Erin Flygirl345, James, Katie Sueker, Lonewraith, Ruby</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Sounds and Scores of Science Fiction DoubleTree Plaza 1 Audio plays a huge role in the creation of a successful science fiction film. Panelists will discuss the impact of audio, score and sound effects in film and what they consider to be some of the high points and low points in the soundtrack of film history <i>Derek "Duck" Washington, Niles Schwartz, Scott Keever</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Stageblood! The Art of Onstage Horror DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>How do you truly scare an audience with a live performance? This is a panel to discuss the challenges involved in staging tales of horror and suspense on stage, as well as what advantages theater has over other media. Join us, if you dare!</p> <p><i>Daniel Peltzman, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 1:30am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>

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12:30am - 4:00am	<p>Simplicity DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>Simplicity is a bridge system from dice-based RPG games to a storytelling game where the participants control the outcomes in the game through interaction rather than dice rolls. 18+ ONLY w/ID & Adult CONvergence badge.</p> <p><i>Kenneth Justiniano (mod)</i></p>
12:30am - 2:30am	<p>Fist of the North Star DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
1:30am - 4:00am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!</p>
7:00am - 8:30am	<p>Matchless Raijin-Oh DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
8:30am - 10:30am	<p>Magic Knight Rayearth DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
9:30am - 2:00pm	<p>PFS: We Be Goblins Free! DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>It turns out leading a tribe of goblins isn't much fun, and the newest Birdcruncher chieftains are bored. In order to cure their doldrums, the chieftains have issued a new demand; find them some adventure, or else!</p> <p><i>Hilary Moon Murphy (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Diversity in Dystopian Creators DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>We have a diversity of dystopian characters, but still little diversity of creators. Beyond Octavia Butler, where is the next generation of POC/PWD/GLBTQ creators and how can we as fans promote them?</p> <p><i>Emily Finke, Jennifer Cross</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Dystopian Video Games DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Wasteland, Bioshock, Fallout, and more. What makes them fun and interesting?</p> <p><i>Dani Price, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Jason Thibeault, Michael Black, Michael Carus</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>One on One with Jennifer Ouellette DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p><i>Jennifer Ouellette</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Mainstreaming of Geekdom DoubleTree Atrium 6 Geek properties, like Dr. Who and Marvel, are sold at Hot Topic. How do you feel about our genres becoming popular with the masses? <i>Doug Hulick, Meredith Gillies, Michi Trota, Miss Shannan Paul, Renate Fiora</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Becoming a Game Designer DoubleTree Atrium 7 The world of games is changing. It is a young medium fraught with perils that prevent success. Come learn from the successes and failures of professional and aspiring game designers to figure out what your first steps should be and meet others like you! <i>Bill Bodden, Carrie Patel, Ian Price, Jerry Belich, Shanti Pothapragada</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Seeking Out Spoilers DoubleTree Bloomington Do you prefer to find out everything about the new movie, episode, or book ahead of time, or avoid spoilers at all costs and be surprised when you see or read it? <i>Derek Mahr, Elise Matthesen, Hagbard Celine, Joan Marie Verba, Matt Gamble</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Dystopia in Humor/Humor in Dystopia DoubleTree Edina Always look on the bright side of life. From the movie Brazil to the RPG Paranoia, dystopian elements and societies have provided a space for absurd and dark humor. Discuss how satirical extrapolation of current trends can be fodder for your writing. <i>Christoforo Pasquarette, Jerry Stearns, Jim McDoniel, Neve Maslakovic, Robert Kroese</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Cosplaying for Your Body DoubleTree Plaza 1 It's never wrong to play what you want. How do you make it work for you? <i>Amada Marquez, Josie Browning, Laura Oliver, Melissa Sowers, kat evans</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Crayon's Corner DoubleTree Plaza 2 KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. <i>Caryn Lengeek</i></p>

10:00am - Noon	<p>Grave Robbers from Outer Space DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>A fast-paced, humorous look at B-rated science-fiction movies. Players create bad horror and sci-fi films using cards that represent characters, props, locations, creatures and special effects. The strongest characters in play when the credits roll win!!</p> <p><i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Kitsune Tournament: FINALS DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Final round for the Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools Tournament.</p> <p><i>Scott Johnson (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
10:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Sunday Without God DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Reading - Wesley Chu DoubleTree 2201</p> <p>Wesley Chu will read from his work.</p> <p><i>Wesley Chu</i></p>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>PFS: Jester's Fraud DoubleTree 2203 Table C</p> <p>Life in Taldor is fraught with peril; instead of evaluating some dusty books about Qadira's Grand Campaign, things deteriorate quickly and your party ends up retrieving one of the most dangerous artifacts in the Empire.</p> <p><i>Jason Rosauer (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>MTG: Chaos Draft DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. Packs may be purchased at any Dealer's Room merchant selling Magic: the Gathering product. Players will not be admitted without packs.</p> <p><i>Dan Blees (mod)</i></p>

11:00am - 3:30pm	<p>MTG: D.E.Q.L.A. DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Double Emperor Quantum Leap Archenemy (D.E.Q.L.A) is a format developed here at CONvergence? If you have a Legacy Constructed deck and have never tried it, come check it out! Pack prizes supplied by Level Up Games. <i>Matt McMillan (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 5:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Open LAN Gaming DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Come up for some fun in our LAN gaming space? All are welcome, but we only have so many computers, so please play well with others and share!</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Best Recent YA Fantasy and Science Fiction DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>What are some of the best examples of YA fantasy and science fiction from the last two or three years? <i>Dawn Frederick, Julia Rios, Lyda Morehouse, Michael Levy, Sean Casey</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Intro to Anime DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Intrigued by anime, but don't know where to start? This is the panel for you. Come learn the lingo, the classics for a strong anime foundation, and how to avoid accidentally showing your children hentai. <i>Brian Casey, J.C. Horvath, Jessi Silver, Nick Stoner</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>GPS Charity Auction DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>All silent auction items that went to voice auction will be sold at this charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society.</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Physics of Everyday Life DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>In this talk, using his trademark references to popular culture, Prof. Jim Kakalios will explain the basic physics that underlies our daily life--from laptops to smart phones to cutting-edge medical devices. <i>Jim Kakalios</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>One on One with Gordon Smuder DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p><i>Gordon Smuder, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Signing - Charlotte Fullerton DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Charlotte Fullerton will be available to sign her works. <i>Charlotte Fullerton</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>Behind the Scenes DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Learn all about the work that takes place before the actors show up on set and throughout filming. <i>Andy Wilkins, Chad Frey, Charles Price, Romeo Azar, Troy LaFaye</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Whedon and Dystopias DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Angel, Firefly, and especially Dollhouse had strong elements of a dystopia. Come discuss Whedon's worldbuilding in relation to this year's theme. <i>Anne Lyle, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Daren Johnson, Monica Valentinelli, Olivia James</i></p>
11:00am - 1:30pm	<p>Giant Chess Day 2 DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</p> <p>See what it's like to play with three foot wood. Appropriate for all ages, and any number of players per team is permitted. We'll coach on all levels of skill, so come wrestle some pieces against your friends.</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>One on One with Toni Weisskopf DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p><i>Toni Weisskopf</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Steampunk Craft Hour DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>The Red Ribbon Society hosts another hour of steampunk-themed crafts. Create a mechanical collage, color your own vintage paper dolls, assemble beads, or build a helium airship! <i>Kevin Borchers</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Mark Time Awards Retrospective DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>A look back at the Mark Time Awards, their relationship to Minnesota Conventions, and where the future of audio drama awards might take us. <i>Jerry Stearns</i></p>
11:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>

<p>Noon - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break of the Dead DoubleTree 2202 Table A Mondays suck and this one sucks more than most. The power in your office has died. You're stuck in an elevator. You're pretty sure that guy with the clanking bag and weapons-grade BO was escorted out by security last Friday... and things get worse. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>Noon - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Steve Jackson Games: Open Demos DoubleTree 2202 Table B Come check out Munchkin, Chez Geek (and any of the other SJG titles) in a relaxed, demo environment! Andy Mullin, one of SJG's own Men in Black, will be here to demo and teach new games from Steve Jackson Games <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>
<p>Noon - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
<p>Noon - 2:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing! (This showing is captioned.)</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Angry Robot Invasion DoubleTree 2201 Craig cormick and Anne Lyle will read from their work. <i>Anne Lyle, craig cormick</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Terror of the Void DoubleTree 2202 Table C Stranded in the depths of space, you must survive the horrors of exploring a derelict ship, all the while solving the mystery of how and why you are here. Try out a brand new RPG (Adventure Deck System: Luminosity), currently on Kickstarter! <i>David Cheek (mod)</i></p>

12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Munchkin Mashup DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Steve Jackson Games' popular MUNCHKIN card game, with several of the expansion packs mixed in. This event includes cards from Munchkin Holiday, Super Munchkin, Munchkin Adventure Time, Munchkin Pathfinder Deluxe, and Munchkin Deluxe.</p> <p><i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>PFS: Decline of Glory DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>When the son of a famous Pathfinder gains control of his father's holdings in Taldor, the Pathfinder Society decides to build a new lodge there as a base to explore the many ruins of that crumbling empire. Politics... undead... this is NOT good.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Pictomania DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>A five-round game in which you are drawing and guessing at the same time, this wild party game rewards skill in either or both, and features clever scoring, but beware of guessing poorly; you don't want to end up as the black sheep!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>GM 101 DoubleTree 2207 Table A</p> <p>Specifically geared toward Pathfinder Society, this is for those with interest sitting behind the GM screen, but little to no experience as a GM. All material covered assumes you've played D&D and/or Pathfinder. This will be a workshop, not a lecture.</p> <p><i>Dan McNitt (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day DoubleTree Atrium 1</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>GLBTQ Representation in Dystopian Worlds DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>GLBTQ characters have often been marginalized, at best, and persecuted or worse, in genre fiction, TV and movies, especially in dystopian societies. We'll discuss GLBTQ representation in dystopian literature and media and whether it has changed over time.</p> <p><i>David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Joe Agee, John Till</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Cooperative Gaming DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Artemis, Space Team, Payday 2, League of Legends: Let's talk about our favorite cooperative games and what we'd like to see next. <i>Ian Price, Michael Black, Ross Conklin, Sean Sullivan, Shanti Pothapragada</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Masquerade Results DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Come for a recap of the results from Saturday's Masquerade. Talk with the winners. See the entries up close and learn a little more about the costumes. This is less a panel and more show and tell from the winning costumers. <i>Deborah Mullen, Gregory de Danann</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Art: Impossible DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>The artists return to the Thunderdome with new challenges to test their brain and their artistic integrity. Join us to find out how artists can achieve the IMPOSSIBLE! <i>Chad Frey, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Louis Frank, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Human Augmentation DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>We may not be able to fly or record our lives with memory implants, but existing developments are exciting, from 3D printed hands to mind-controlled exoskeletons and neuroprosthetics. We'll discuss the latest advances and what's possible for the future. <i>Brian McEvoy, Christopher Hunter, Kristin Ellis, PZ Myers, Tim Shank</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Roy C. Booth DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Roy Booth will be available to sign his work. <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Jay Gallentine DoubleTree Autograph Table B</p> <p>Jay Gallentine will be available to sign his work. <i>Jay Gallentine</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Planning for the Apocalypse: It's Not Just for Doomsday Preppers DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Planning for the apocalypse can help families prepare for non-zombie-related emergencies (natural disasters, riots, martial law). We'll discuss zombie survival tips, safety/emergency planning, and fun ways to teach your kids what to do in an emergency. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Benny Vimes, Matthew Lowry, Sara McAtee, Steph Montgomery</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>David Weber's Works DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>We'll discuss the works of this prolific author and what makes his series so successful. How does he keep each new book in a series fresh and appealing to diehard fans without losing new readers? <i>Kevin Horner, Toni Weisskopf, Trisha Lynn</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Diversity in Marvel and Beyond DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>What are the implications of changing established characters such as Thor and Captain America? What does it mean on a personal level for fans? Is there a distinction between sincere efforts to bring diversity and exploiting changes to increase sales? <i>Jonathan Palmer, Michi Trota, Roy T Cook, Sarah Barsness, Sarah Prentice (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Introduction to Chasing and Repousse DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Cosplayers fake it all the time, but the actual techniques of raising patterns into sheet metal go back thousands of years, and the basics can be learned in an afternoon. Learn how to swing a hammer without hurting yourself, and then make a lot of noise. <i>Ryan Consell</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Poetry Round Robin DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Poetry sharing event. <i>Sandra Lindow</i></p>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>
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2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Bridge 1: HMS Artemis DoubleTree 2204 Table A</p> <p>Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!</p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Rise of Tabletop Gaming DoubleTree Atrium 2 What's behind the increasing popularity of tabletop games and will it last? What are your favorite among recent releases? Which classics are still going strong? <i>Bill Bodden, Brian Casey, Kyle Dekker, Peter Lane, Rachel Kronick</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Cryptofauna 101 DoubleTree Atrium 3 Ever wondered how a dragon can breathe fire? Or how a mockingjay can imitate ANY sound? How about why vampires live on blood? Join our panelists as we apply principles of anatomy and physiology to explain the workings of creatures from sci-fi and fantasy. <i>Camille McAloney, Jon Durmin</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>One on One with Nicole Dubuc DoubleTree Atrium 4 <i>Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Nicole Dubuc</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Nagas and Nightmares: Southeast Asia in Role-Playing Games DoubleTree Atrium 7 Southeast Asia has a rich, vibrant range of myths and legends that are well-suited for role-playing games, but few have gotten it right. Looking at previous efforts, we'll discuss what game designers should consider as they develop adventures set there. <i>Bob Alberti, Bryan Thao Worra, Roy C. Booth</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Disappearing Social Justice in Dystopia DoubleTree Bloomington Dystopian creators can imagine fascism, mind control, and child warfare, but questions of race, gender, sexuality, and ability are few and far between. We'll discuss good examples of social justice in dystopias as well as how creators can do better. <i>Bradford Walker, Jen Manna, Steph Montgomery</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Writing DoubleTree Edina There are easy ways to write and there are mind-bogglingly difficult ways to write. Wouldn't it be nice if someone told you which is which? <i>C. Robert Cargill, Elizabeth Bear, Martha Wells, Scott Lynch, Wesley Chu</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Turn Left for Tea: A Doctor Who Tea Party DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest The Victorian Lady Doctors invite you to join us for Tea. Come dressed as your favorite Doctor, Companion, Villain, or Dedicated Fan. Various tea and dainties will be on offer. Photography encouraged. Tomfoolery highly encouraged.</p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	Harisen Daiko Drum Group DoubleTree Main Stage
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Dystopian Planet DoubleTree Plaza 1 How many ways can we make the world unlivable? Without clean water, air, and land, people suffer and societies can collapse. Climate change poses enormous threats. We'll examine fictional accounts and the real threats we face from environmental harm. <i>Benny Vimes, Emily Finke, Jamie Bernstein, Maggie Koerth-Baker, Stephanie Zvan (mod)</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Beady Dragons DoubleTree Plaza 2 Make a tiny wire-beaded dragon! He can guard your coin purse hoard. Requires significant fine motor skills, so make sure you have an adult helper for each tiny person who wants to make their own. <i>Carla Mantel</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	SF Writing Groups: The 2015 Scene DoubleTree Plaza 3 This annual (since 1986) get-together of the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance helps science fiction/fantasy writing groups link with writers who are looking for a critique group. <i>Eric M. Heideman (mod), Hilary Moon Murphy, michael merriam</i>
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Bridge 2: HMS Valkyrie DoubleTree 2204 Table B Cooperative starship bridge simulator. 2 full battle bridges for 2015; crews depart hourly on the hour and half-hour! In order to serve the largest section of our community, signups are at-con only, and 1 play per person per bridge per day, please!
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<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Jay Gallentine DoubleTree 2201 Jay Gallentine will read from his work. <i>Jay Gallentine</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Birds of Prey in Fact, Folklore, Fiction, and Film DoubleTree Atrium 2 Our 13th annual bio-horror panel on the scary side of nature. (Past entries have included apes, pathogens, and cetaceans.) This time we look at birds of prey, including eagles, hawks, and falcons. <i>Eric M. Heideman, Melissa Kaercher, Ruth Berman, Sharon Stiteler</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>A Guide to Geeks and Death DoubleTree Atrium 3 So far as we know, no one's found the key to immortality, so you're going to die someday. Sorry. Discuss options for disposition, geeky funerals, geek-specific preplanning, and other deathly matters. <i>Eli Effinger-Weintraub, Jen Manna, Jennifer Baye, Stephanie Zvan</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Guilt-free Health and Fitness Encouragement Panel DoubleTree Atrium 4 You can be a geek and healthy at the same time. What are good ways to merge your geeky and healthy lifestyles? With video games jumping on the fitness bandwagon, and geek-themed yoga classes, opportunities abound to get your geek and fitness on. <i>Amada Marquez, Anna Todd, Justine Mastin, Peregrin Winkle</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Build-A-World with Guests! DoubleTree Atrium 6 Welcome one and all to the Build-a-World game show, with your host Monica Valentinelli! In this panel, two teams of writers will compete against one another to create a brand new world in under an hour. You, the audience, will help judge! <i>Catherine Lundoff, Elizabeth Bear, Martha Wells, Monica Valentinelli (mod), Paul Cornell</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Genetic Engineering: From Fiction to Fact DoubleTree Atrium 7 Dystopian books, movies and video games are filled with genetic engineering nightmares, from Oryx and Crake to Gattaca and Bioshock. We'll discuss how much of this fiction is becoming fact (and the implications) in the growing field of synthetic biology. <i>Kris Coulter, Kristin Ellis, PZ Myers, Ross Conklin, craig cormick</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Christopher Jones DoubleTree Autograph Table A Comic Book artist Christopher Jones will be available for signings and sketches. <i>Christopher Jones</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>User's Guide to Therapy DoubleTree Bloomington Finding a good therapist who practices effective therapy can be a struggle. We'll give you the overview of which therapies are empirically validated, how to find a therapist, and how to work with your therapist to build a strong relationship. <i>Laura Terwilliger, Lee Blauersouth, Miri Mogilevsky, Olivia James, Sherry L.M. Merriam, MA, LPC</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Northstar Rollergirls Trivia or Dare DoubleTree Edina The North Star Roller Girls are more than just bruises on a pair of skates; they're also some of the nerdiest, geekiest - and yeah, toughest - girls around. Team up with the derby girls to test your knowledge and/or their strength! <i>Amanda Nerud, Becky Stockton, Danielle Indovino Cawley, Katie MacInnes, Kristina Winn, Peg Joiner, Windy Bowsby</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	One on One with Wesley Chu DoubleTree Plaza 1 <i>C. Robert Cargill (mod), Wesley Chu</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Calligraphy Experience DoubleTree Plaza 2 Learn some basic calligraphy skills with the help of members of the Barony of Nordskogen. We will demonstrate a few basic calligraphy styles and help you learn the proper strokes. Bring your pens and nibs if you have your own. <i>Kay Mead</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Creating Dystopian Worlds for Game Masters DoubleTree Plaza 3 What are some of the best ways to create various kinds of dystopian worlds for RPGs? We'll discuss examples of what works and what doesn't and why. <i>Bradford Walker, Daniel Stiglich, Eric Staggs, Michael Carus, Ryan Consell</i>
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Revolutionary Girl Utena DoubleTree Atrium 1
4:00pm - 4:45pm	Our Fair City "The Archibald Funnypants Variety Show" DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Clayton Fairs</i>
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Cinema Rex Movie DoubleTree Plaza 4 See the full Cinema Rex schedule, including information about this film, in the printed Programming Guide, Grid, or stop in at Cinema Rex to see what's playing!
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Closing Ceremony DoubleTree Main Stage <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Chad Frey, Charlotte Fullerton, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Gordon Smuder, Lee Harris, Nicole Dubuc, Toni Weisskopf</i>