



CONVERGENCE INTEGRATED SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

Noon - 5:00pm	Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Artist setup.
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THURSDAY JULY 6

10:00am - 2:00pm	Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Artist setup.
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<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>VR Gaming Signups <i>beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Gaming Room opens for signups ? actual time slots for VR Gaming will start at 12:30pm. <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Oregon Trail Card Game <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A You have died of Chuck Norris. Wait, wrong game. Dysentery! That?s what you died of! Try to make it to the Willamette Valley in this cooperative take on one of the most iconic games ever . You probably won?t make it, but you can try. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Zombicide: Black Plague <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table B Take the zombie apocalypse into a fantastical medieval setting! Necromancers have unleashed a zombie invasion in the age of swords and sorcery, and it's up to your group of stragglng survivors to survive, take back the realm and punish those responsible! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Battle Fields of Gred'Ak'El <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C Explore the world of Myrr; create a living story, build your character personalities, and be somewhere else for a while. Bring your imagination and curiosity to this two-day D&D 5th ed. campaign designed for role-players. More info at www.myrr.world. <i>Benjamin Hawkins (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Ire of the Storm (part 1) <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table A Pridon's Hearth is Sargava's newest colony, pushing the country's borders further south than ever before and attracting treasure-hunters, fortune-seekers, and troubled souls hoping for a fresh start. (Level 1-5) (3-day event) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Bridge Simulator Signups - Artemis / Valkyrie <i>beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Sign up to play (and maybe even play right away) on the Artemis / Valkyrie bridge simulators. Each attendee may sign up for one play per bridge per day, and signups are available each morning for that day only. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Casual Magic: the Gathering <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Magic: the Gathering room open for casual play / playtesting / deckbuilding, etc.</p>
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<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - Open Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 Start your CONvergence right - come up to LAN Gaming and check out the new games on the computers! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:30am - 12:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>Noon - 6:30pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>Noon - 12:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>Noon - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Tenchi Muyo! - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 Tenchi is an average guy with terrible luck, and he's accidentally freed a ravishing space pirate after 700 years of captivity. Now, attractive aliens from across the galaxy are about to make his life more outrageous than he ever imagined. Can he survive the romantic entanglements and unlock the secrets of his mysterious ancestry?</p>

Noon - Midnight	Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest
Noon - 7:00pm	Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest
12:30pm - 9:30pm	Virtual Reality Gaming <i>beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Gaming was an incredibly popular addition to LAN last year. Due to its popularity, VR now has its own room this year - come check it out! <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Redshirts <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A ?I need volunteers for a mission!? ?Is it a suicide mission?? ? Dude, look what we're wearing. Of course, it's a suicide mission!? Select a mission. Select a crew. Kill them off. You really do suck as a captain, don't you? <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you - demos of these two games will alternate on this table TH / SA / SU. If you've already played these two, head to table C for Kitsune: Spirit Chase!

<p>12:30pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Hall of the Flesh Eaters <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table B The Gloomspires have long remained a mystery, but a recent discovery has revealed a brief opportunity to enter and search for the treasure of the pirate Sevenfingers. (Levels 1-5) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Dominion <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2205 Table B Come play Dominion, the breakthrough board game that created the deck-building genre! We'll have all expansions through Empire available with the revised Second Edition base and Intrigue cards. Setup will be adjusted based on player experience. <i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Ian Price (mod), Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - League of Legends Tourney <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 One of the most popular games in the world. Team tournament matches will be held during the morning, with finals on Saturday. Also available for team play during open gaming/late night gaming. PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED** <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Based on Science <i>STEM, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 How does worldbuilding differ in worlds based on hard science (Pern) vs soft science (Star Wars)? <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Anthony Eichenlaub, Joseph Jay-Dixon, Peter Larsen (mod), Sara McAtee</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Invasive Species <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 When, if ever, is it possible to bring a species into a new environment? What are the potential consequences. Let's discuss the outcomes of historical examples. <i>Jen Dixon, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, PZ Myers, Renate Fiora (mod), Vernon McIntosh</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Beyond the Magical Girl <i>Anime, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Is female empowerment in anime real or just a story line? Which titles have female characters that are active heroes and which just have events happen to them? <i>Brian Casey, Briana Lawrence, J.C. Horvath, Meredith Gillies, Michael Grimm (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Creating Inclusive Fan Spaces <i>diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Nerd clubs are great, but membership tends to be monochromatic. How can organizers encourage diversity and make all kinds of geeks feel welcome? <i>AlysshaRose Jordan, Dave Stagner, Hal Bichel, Josie Browning, Shannan Paul (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Black Panther's Origin and History <i>comic, superhero</i> DoubleTree Bloomington T'Challa (Black Panther) was created by Stan Lee & Jack Kirby in 1966 and is considered to be one of the most intelligent characters in the Marvel universe. How does the history of this character and the fictional nation of Wakanda reflect world history? <i>Jonathan Palmer, Lathan Murrell, Sam Stiles (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Weaponry in Cinematic Sci-Fi & Fantasy <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Edina Weapons & warfare have played an iconic and powerful role in sci-fi/fantasy films. Explore the use of weaponry in sci-fi/fantasy in cinema from the Highlander's sword to the Klingon bat'leth. We'll watch fight scenes, view replicas, & demonstrate tech. <i>Amanda Day, Jason Hilton, Lee Fillingsness, Nick Krekeler (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>ChessWerks <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast Play chess with oversized pieces in the Garden Court. <i>Chairman deBoard</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Geeky Careers You've Not Thought About <i>business</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 How does one take a geeky hobby and make it a career? Composers and the like need to start somewhere. <i>Dan Stiglich, Harris O'Malley, Sherry Johnson (mod), Tania Richter</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Craft Smorgasbord <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Come join the Sandbox staff and try a few make and take crafts, such as bookmarks, barrettes, lanyards, and more. <i>Angie Anderson, Sandy Darst</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Geeky Photography <i>DIY, GoH, art</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 What are the best ways to photograph conventions and fandom? Lighting? Background? Posed vs. candid? <i>D.L. Fitzwater (mod), Danielle McKay, Norman Cates, Roger Pavelle</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>End of Empires <i>RPG, myth, writing</i> Sheraton Ames Why do we keep putting the Roman Empire into our stories? <i>Elizabeth Bear, Michael Carus, Mitchell Faas, Niles Schwartz, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Breaking into YouTube <i>DIY, business, video, web</i> Sheraton Whalon How do you start your own YouTube channel? We'll talk about everything from making your own videos and starting a YouTube channel to getting subscriptions and more. <i>Kat Surth, Luxander Pond (mod), Nicholas Boden, Squall Charlson, Steve Sylvestre</i></p>
<p>1:00pm - 1:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
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<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Exploding Kittens <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Mew. BOOM! What?s more fun than Russian Roulette? Russian Roulette with exploding cats! Come play the kickstarter phenomenon of cats, explosions and inappropriate humor! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Splendor <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Playing the part of a Renaissance Merchant, you attempt to buy gem mines, transportation, shops, etc. The more prestige you have, the more prestige you can acquire! <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
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<p>2:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Sword of Air <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2205 Table A A spinoff of Sword of Barakus, starting fresh at Level 1 ? bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model in the D&D 3.5 ed. DMG, *or* play a pre-generated character. All characters must be human or demi-human - no exotics, please! (D&D 3.5 ed) <i>Burl Zorn (mod)</i></p>
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<p>2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>The Boy and the Beast - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Nine-year-old Ren runs away to the mean streets of Shibuya, where he gets lost in a maze of alleyways and finds himself in the strange land of Shibuten, the beast realm. There, he meets Kumatetsu, a fierce warrior who is feared but not especially liked or respected. Each has much they can teach the other, but with their equally stubborn prides nothing is going to be easy.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Geeky Small Businesses <i>business</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Strategies for starting and running a geeky small business. The discussion will include funding strategies, selling online, involvement with local conventions & festivals, developing unique creations, testing the market, and working with fellow artisans.</p> <p><i>Aric Stewart (mod), Dorianne Jarchow, Mitchell Faas, Squirrel "Beth" Jankowski, Tania Richter</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Religion in the Future <i>social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 How will current religions evolve as time progresses? What new variants will arise? What about completely different religions that may come from encounters with aliens? <i>Hertzey Hertz, Lana Rosario (mod), Lathan Murrell, PZ Myers, Samantha Bitner</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Doctor Strange Fan Panel <i>current, movie, superhero</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Marvel now has a superhero whose powers come from magic: let's discuss. <i>Bryon Stump, Christopher Jones, Jacob Gulliver, Joseph Peterson, Michelle Farley (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>LGBT+ People in Utopian Societies <i>book, diversity</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 "Utopia" from the Greek words for "not" and "place." While LGBT+ utopias of today usually refer to isolated places without discrimination from the straight world, where do LGBT+ people fit in utopian societies of the future? <i>Donald Kaiser (mod), Jamie Riedesel, John Till, Kendra Akin, Lee Blauersouth</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>CONvergence for the Socially Anxious <i>diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington CONvergence can be an intimidating experience for even the most seasoned and social geeks. Thousands of people, mostly strangers, often loud. Stimulation overload of all of the senses. How do those who struggle with social anxiety deal with it? <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Ben San Del (mod), George Miller, Grace Ulak, Michael Zecca</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Twin Cities Geek <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1 Geek culture magazine focusing on Minnesota. Sponsor of the Fan-Featured Guest for CONvergence this year. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>CoreCon/Anime Fargo/dCON <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 10 Three conventions in Fargo, ND. CoreCon: Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Anime, Horror convention. Anime Fargo is North Dakota's only anime convention. dCON is Fargo's gaming exclusive convention. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Sony Affiliate for Spider-man Homecoming <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2 Hours approximate.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Brackenwald Studios <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3 An independent scifi, fantasy, superhero artist, video editor, and writer. Hours approximate.</p>

<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>PFLAG <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4 Support organization for friends, families, and communities for LGBT folks. Offer weekly support groups online, monthly programs, and advocacy throughout the Twin Cities and beyond. Hours approximate</p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Gamer's Rhapsody <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 5 Video game convention going on four years celebrating video game art, music, and development and inspiring creative works, fostering a community, and providing unique experiences for the Twin Cities. Hours approximate.</p>
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<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>QueersPlay <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7 Founded in 2014 to help create safer spaces in convention culture for the LGBTQ community. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Geek By Numbers <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8 A group of nerds, actors, models, and performers who have decided to join forces for the greater good! Hours approximate.</p>

<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 9 Minnesota-made media network dedicated to bringing geeky fun to the world through serial projects. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Storytelling Podcasts <i>audio, current, podcast</i> DoubleTree Edina Night Vale. Limetown. The Black Tapes. Tanis. Doorway To The Hidden World. So many podcasts now are exploring audio drama, especially in fantasy and magical realism. What do they have in common? What's different? What other podcasts are out there? <i>Dee Bitner, Jerry Stearns (mod), Molly Glover, Sam Stiles</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Non-Compliant Geek's Guide to Self Care <i>misc, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Geeks are experts at re-imagining the world around us. So, let's question society's body shaming narrative on wellness, commit the radical act of self-acceptance, and reclaim our heroic destiny. Your non-compliant journey starts now. <i>Ani Janzen, Justine Mastin, Kat Gordon, Steven Rehn</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Cosplay Repair Kit <i>Sandbox, activity, costuming, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Make a repair kit to have on hand for whenever you have a cosplay emergency. <i>Tom 'Takeo' Moen</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>How Military Experience Influences Storytelling <i>GoH, RPG, art, writing</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Do soldiers spin the best yarns? Join a panel of storytellers including filmmakers, writers, and game masters for a discussion on the ways in which their training and experiences serving in the military influence their storytelling. <i>Bowie Sessions, Ian Truitner, Kyle Dekker (mod), Paula Merns, Sara McAtee</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Speculative Fiction Against Colonialism <i>book, current, diversity</i> Sheraton Ames Colonialism pervades much of speculative fiction. But post-colonial literary movements rejecting this worldview, including Afrofuturism and Indigenous futurism, are gaining more steam in the genre. We will examine these works and their significance. <i>Gabriela Santiago, Rob Callahan (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Dealing with the Aftermath <i>TV, comic, social</i> Sheraton Whalon Traumatic events happen and repercussions can endure for a long time. How do comics, TV series, etc. deal with the effects? <i>Elizabeth Bear (mod), Kellee Isle, Maggie Schultz, Nicole LaBat</i></p>

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<p>3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade Registration <i>CONvergence, activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central</p>
<p>3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Art of the Dress Registration <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central B Register for Art of the Dress</p>
<p>3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Costume Wars Registration <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central C</p>
<p>3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 1 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Sheriff of Nottingham <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Players are merchants, who see Prince John's visit to Nottingham as an opportunity to make quick profits by selling goods in the bustling city during the Prince's visit? IF you can get them through the Sheriff-controlled gates... (age 16+) <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Fluxx / SushiGo / Roll For It <i>beginner, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Come play (and learn) some quick, affordable, travel-sized games (Sushi-Go, Fluxx, Roll For It). Games will be started as folks arrive; no need to stay for the whole block ? drop in and out as you please. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
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<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - CounterStrike: Global Offensive <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208 Updated version of the classic team-based objective-oriented first-person shooter game by Valve. Round based team gameplay. <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>How to Fail Gracefully <i>social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 Everybody makes mistakes sometimes. Maybe you've worded something poorly or were misinformed on a topic. Maybe you didn't think a decision through and something went the wrong way. It happens. But how we react in these situations is what matters most. <i>Gabriela Santiago, Jennifer Manna, Marguerite Krause (mod), Sara McAtee</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>The Cosmic Perspective <i>STEM, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4 Neil deGrasse Tyson refers to the "cosmic perspective" when it comes to managing anxiety about day-to-day life. Scientists share and discuss the many facts about the universe that make modern earthly problems feel insignificant. <i>Dan Berliner, Luxander Pond (mod), Melanie Galloway, PZ Myers</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>2016 WTF Movie Review <i>GoH, current, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>In the spirit of 12 Angry Men, the panel deliberates over what went wrong with genre films of 2016. Sure we had Deadpool, Star Trek Beyond, and Doctor Strange, but we also had Suicide Squad, Batman v. Superman, and Independence Day: Resurgence. WTF 2016?</p> <p><i>Ian Truitner, Jacob Gulliver, Jonathan Palmer, Niles Schwartz (mod), Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>AI in Science Fiction: From Evil Overlords to Companions <i>GoH, STEM, movie, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>There is a diversity of AI in writing and film, from benevolent to malevolent. How does an AI become good or evil? Are they just programmed that way?</p> <p><i>Eric Zawadzki, Jamie Riedesel (mod), Lathan Murrell, Lyda Morehouse, Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Can Fandom Change the World? <i>DIY, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Have you ever wondered what would happen if we geeks/nerds/fans could combine our energy into one project? If we could change the world even in a little way, for the better? Should we be promoting other conventions, mentoring artists?</p> <p><i>Hal Bichel (mod), Michael Lee, Patrick Marsh, Renate Fiora</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Ready, Steady, Flash! <i>comedy, writing</i> DoubleTree Edina Four pro writers are given a 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 the audience votes on the best. <i>C. Robert Cargill, Joseph Scrimshaw, Lee Harris, Monica Valentinelli, Paul Cornell</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Healthy Relationships in the Geek Community <i>social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 We believe geek relationships are the best ones, but they will fail without some important philosophies. Discuss friendships to romance, the spectrum of possibilities therein, and the importance of concepts like honesty, openness, and acceptance. <i>Briana Lawrence, Dorianne Jarchow, John Heimbuch, Lara Richarson, Michelle Farley (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cardboard Table Top Pinball <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Be a wizard! A pinball wizard! We will make our own pinball machines out of cardboard. <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Quality LARP Props <i>DIY, GoH, costuming, gaming</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 How do you create quality LARPing props without breaking the bank or spending hours on Pinterest? Come get ideas from our panelists. <i>Norman Cates, Robb Lauer (mod), Tyler Reich</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Elise Matthesen <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Elise Matthesen</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Alton Brown Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> Sheraton Whalon If you have to ask, you don't watch the Food Network.... <i>Adam Poetter, D.L. Fitzwater (mod), John Seavey, Nicole LaBat, Stephan Stomberg</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 4:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>4:00pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Mass Effect: Paragon Lost - R Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 James Vega leads an elite squad against a mysterious alien threat known as The Collectors. Stationed at a colony in a remote star system, Vega and his soldiers must protect the civilians from a ruthless invasion trying to capture them for unknown purposes.</p>

<p>4:30pm - 5:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Splendor <i>beginner, board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table A Playing the part of a Renaissance Merchant, you attempt to buy gem mines, transportation, shops, etc. The point of the game is to acquire more prestige than your opponents, including those things that only increase your prestige further! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Para-thulu-zombi-noia! <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table B Trust No One; keep your laser pistol and powder of ibn ghazi ready! Mother computer sends YOU, an elite troubleshooter, on a mission of utmost importance, to help keep at bay the things from beyond space and time. Eat eel-flesh! Guzzle Bubbly Beverage! <i>Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Cat-themed Card Games <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table D Come learn to play Exploding Kittens, Kittens in a Blender, and Here, Kitty Kitty. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - The Twisted Circle <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table A Investigations suggest that ancient magical power is at play in a small country town. Can you uncover the truth while braving the residents' eccentricities? (New & Experienced players welcome. Levels 1-5) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
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<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Deep Cover <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table A You have been hired to investigate why Krant uses the majority of its Helium rather than shipping it off world. Your employer believes that "Apillian Base," an R&D center located in an ocean below the icy surface, lies at the depths of this mystery. <i>Jeremy Thigpen</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>The Vonumnus Pit <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table B The only bit of civilization on Vonumnus is an abandoned ship that set down here years ago? which you feel is a good thing as you step out of your downed escape pod and onto the planet?s surface. <i>Jeb Worrall (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>board, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>board, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you've played the original Kitsune: Foxes and Fools, head to the next table to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Starcraft <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 Blizzard's Classic Starcraft is back and available to play. Bot Stomps and Versus modes encouraged. <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>GPS Writing Contest Winners <i>GPS</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Past winners of the annual GPS Writing Contests read from their winning work. This year's winners are announced. <i>Ann Roubik, Jody Wurl, Stephanie Zuercher</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>It's Been Written Before <i>GoH, TV, book, movie, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Writing is hard. Many works fall back on the tropes and cliches that are common in the field. How do writers break out of those patterns, or at least freshen them up?</p> <p><i>Emma Bull, Jai Nitz, John Seavey, Lois McMaster Bujold, Monica Valentinelli (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Apocalyptic Plagues: Threat or Ghost? <i>STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Are we overdue for the next pandemic? Will we ever face the motaba virus or plagues like it? How have we overcome the plagues of the past.</p> <p><i>Kris Coulter, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, PZ Myers, Tim Lieder (mod), richard hurley</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Movies and the Problem of Evil <i>TV, movie, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>An emboldened Us vs. Them divisive cultural discourse sets the stage for investigating evil in movies and TV, from space operas and superhero sagas to the more banal and everyday. What do these figures represent culturally & psychologically to viewers?</p> <p><i>ERIK BLACKSTAD, Justine Mastin, Melissa Olson, Michelle Farley, Niles Schwartz (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>What IS a Space Opera? <i>GoH, theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Many stories take place in space, but what makes a space opera? In this panel, we'll talk about what criteria add or exclude a story from the genre. <i>Edward Eastman, Garrick Dietze, Jerry Stearns (mod), Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Legends of Tomorrow <i>TV, current, fan, superhero</i> DoubleTree Edina Dr. Who meets DC Comics, it's the show about time-traveling superheroes. Let's discuss the newest comics-based show to come out of the CW. <i>Elliot Besmann, Josie Browning, Kevin Eldridge, Mark Goldberg (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:45pm</p>	<p>Matrix Tag <i>gaming, misc</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast 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>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Cassini: End of an Era <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Cassini has been in orbit around Saturn for 13 years, gathering info about the planet and its environs. The mission ends shortly by plunging into the planet itself, in a fiery end to an amazing mission, presented by a former member of the flight team. <i>Bridget Landry</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Sandbox Mystery <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Stop by and we'll have something fun for you to see and do - maybe it'll be painting, maybe a science project... maybe we'll be playing with dirt! You won't know until you come. So come on by!</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteering at CONvergence <i>CONvergence</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Interested in getting involved at CONvergence, but unsure of how to start or where you'd like to volunteer? Come learn about how it operates, the types of available volunteer opportunities, and what it's like to be a part of the volunteering community. <i>Felix Quinn, Heather Zastera, Hope Christiansen, Justin Ropella, Lauren Sindt</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 2 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Reading - phillip andrew bennett low <i>reading</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames Against legal counsel and common sense, writer and internationally touring storyteller phillip andrew bennett low presents excerpts from his political humor collection, 'Indecision Now! A Libertarian Rage.' The title is not ironic, except for when it is. <i>phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Late to the Party Podcast <i>DIY, comedy, current, podcast</i> Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>A live recording of the popular nerd-splaining podcast Late to the Party, along with a panel discussion on how to create and maintain a podcast on a budget, even if that budget is practically zero.</p> <p><i>Bernadette Jones, Joe Weinberg, Robb Hollyday (mod)</i></p>
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<p>5:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Iria: Zeiram the Animation - R Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Iria is apprenticed to her older brother, a veteran bounty hunter. They head out on a rescue mission to a hijacked spaceship. The hijacker is a seemingly indestructible alien called Zeiram, who broke out of the cargo hold during transit and began to massacre the crew.</p>
<p>5:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Morgan and Maren: SlytherPuff <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>Maren and Morgan: Slytherpuff perform original songs based on their favorite fandoms. Their songs range from party music to heartfelt ballads, based on fandom favorites like Harry Potter, Marvel, Star Trek, and more.</p> <p><i>Maren Aalgard, Morgan Strickland</i></p>

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<p>6:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>MTG - Amonkhet Booster Draft <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Booster draft with Amonkhet (newest current) set. Come test your skill against your opponents? on Nicol Bolas' turf. The Will of the Gods may yet be your undoing! (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games</i></p>
<p>6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Standard Constructed <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Standard Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Standard-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$8 ? event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>

<p>6:00pm - 6:50pm</p>	<p>Big Fun Radio Funtime - Big Fun Radio Funtime <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Big Fun Radio Funtime uses the premise of old time radio shows to play with modern concepts like dragons on airplanes, interstellar bureaucracy, and the naming conventions of dungeon parties. We are happy to return to CONvergence for our third year of audio silliness. Presented by Fearless Comedy Productions. <i>Angela Fox, Charles Hubbell, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Salsa Sterling, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>6:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play! <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>6:30pm - 7:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>6:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 3 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>

7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>Roadkill Rally <i>card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch your @\$es! If you've ever seen either Death Race movie you've got the idea of what Roadkill Rally is about: the size of your gun and the speed of your ride - what's more American than that?</p> <p><i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - Midnight	<p>PFS - Between the Lines <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>What is at first a routine shopping trip spirals out of control as the PCs uncovers the writing's secret past?and secret messages. (Levels 1-5. New and experienced players welcome!)</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
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<p>7:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Overwatch <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Overwatch ended the crisis, and helped maintain peace in the decades that followed... but, after many years, Overwatch's influence waned, and it was disbanded. Conflict is rising across the world again... are you with us? *PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED*</p> <p><i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>GeekFit <i>social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Panel for geeks who like to work out, run, swim, cycle, or anything else. Discuss what works and what doesn't, gyms that are supportive of geek culture, etc. Maybe find a group of fellow geeks to both run marathons and marathon Netflix with?</p> <p><i>Adam Poetter, Elizabeth Bear, Jon Durmin (mod), Lara Richarson, Vernon McIntosh</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Star Wars Rebels Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Let's talk about season 3. <i>Jen Riehm, Keane Amdahl, Michael Carus (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>This Year in Board Games <i>board, classic, current, gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 What board games hit your table this year? What new titles delivered the hype or disappointed? What classics still hold dear to your play group? Whether you're new to table top board gaming or a veteran, join the annual board gaming conversation! <i>Hertzey Hertz, Kyle Dekker (mod), Pat Harrigan, Scott Holm</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Westworld Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Let's gather to discuss Westworld. A Wild West-themed amusement park populated by android hosts. Westworld caters to high-paying guests, who may indulge in whatever they wish within the park, without fear of retaliation. <i>Grace Ulak (mod), Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Michelle Farley, Rick Ellis, Squall Charlson</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Feminist Icons in Comics <i>comic, social</i> DoubleTree Edina Which female characters truly inspire? Should we discount the early history of some (ex. Wonder Woman)? What makes a character feminist? <i>Jennifer Manna (mod), Josie Browning, Kristina Halseth</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony - Opening Ceremony <i>CONvergence, GoH</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage An epic adventure awaits us all and it begins here! We will introduce and welcome our Guests of Honor, recount a tale or two, and celebrate the beginning of another CONvergence. Join your Master of Ceremonies Paul Cornell and - of course- Connie as we strive for an epic tale worthy of song. (Wagner ain't got nothin' on us.) <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Eric Chu, Ian Truitner, Jai Nitz, Kristopher Carter, Lois McMaster Bujold, Naomi Kritzer, Norman Cates, Paul Cornell, Saymoukda Vongsay, Seanan McGuire, Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Gaming as a Gateway Drug <i>gaming, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 How does gaming spur your interest in other topics? Did they get you into studying history, politics, technology or were you really going to pick up the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire for fun anyways? <i>Eric Zawadzki, Kenneth Justiniano, Monica Valentinelli (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Misfits' Toys <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 When you were a child, did you play with your toys like a deranged psychopath? Did you want to? Come create new toy experiences with us. <i>Jim Shields</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Computer FAQ <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Computers. We all know what they are. Or do we? Come ask some experts anything you want to about these inventions. <i>Anthony Eichenlaub (mod), Dave Stagner, James Renken, Jason Dean, Raychel Benson</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Science Education: The Next Generation <i>STEM</i> Sheraton Ames Many states have attempted to improve their science education standards by adopting the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). What are NGSS's strengths and weaknesses? With Minnesota's science standards up for review, will NGSS be the best choice? <i>Dan Berliner, Michelle Kennedy Cadieux, Peter Larsen (mod), Renate Fiora</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>The Fandom Menace <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson Stepping out of the airlock into the void left by the Nick Atoms, The Fandom Menace brings a new twist to classic SF & fantasy themes from Rocky Horror, Buckaroo Banzai, Hitchhiker's Guide, Labyrinth, Flash Gordon, Red Dwarf, John Williams, and more. <i>Nick Rezmerski</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Geeky Spending <i>social</i> Sheraton Whalon How do you justify your geeky spending habits? How do you limit your budget to make sure the rent still gets paid? <i>Greg Orange, Patrick Marsh (mod)</i></p>

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<p>7:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Knights of Sidonia - R Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 After the destruction of the Earth, the remnants of humanity flee across the galaxy aboard giant seed ships. In the year 3394, Nagate Tanikaze surfaces from his lifelong seclusion deep within the seed ship Sidonia in search of food on the upper levels.</p>
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<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>State of Science <i>STEM, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>It's 2017 and science is moving at a roaring pace. Let's talk about the greatest breakthroughs this year, including both corporate and academic hits that my not get as much press. From front page to popular only within that discipline, come get inspired.</p> <p><i>Dan Berliner, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, PZ Myers, Peter Larsen (mod), Vernon McIntosh</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Don't Go There: Taboo Topics and Triggers In Art <i>social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>PC critics and enthusiasts alike debate where the line should be drawn when it comes to potentially offensive topics in film, TV, literature, and live comedy. What is an artist's responsibility to those who are easily triggered? Is any topic off limits?</p> <p><i>Derek "Duck" Washington, Emma Bull, Jennifer Manna, Jonah Rees, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Rick Riordon Worlds of Young Adult Adventure and Mythology <i>book, fan, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>From Percy Jackson to House of Cain, he uses mythology as a backdrop for his Young Adult stories. Talk about what makes this work compelling.</p> <p><i>Echo Martin, George Miller, Kathryn Sullivan (mod), Raederle Sterling, Samma Johnson</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Speculative Fiction as a Guide for Resisting Fascism and Autocracy <i>movie, social, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>From Star Wars to Hunger Games; from V for Vendetta to Handmaid's Tale; from Farenheight 451 to The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, speculative fiction is full of resistance to fascism and autocracy. What can we bring from these works into our everyday lives?</p> <p><i>Bri Donovan, Gabriela Santiago, Jen Riehm, Kristin Tipping, Scott Lynch (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>The Expanse Fan Panel <i>TV, book, current, fan, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Set in a future where humanity has settled our solar system but is unable to leave, life changes for everyone when an alien molecule is found. Covering six books, five short stories, and now a series on the Syfy Channel.</p> <p><i>Eric Zawadzki (mod), Kris Coulter, Maggie Schultz, Rick Ellis</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Smackdown 2017: Robot Rampage <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>The deadliest droids duel to to destroy, as our panel of gadgetry gurus analyze each annihilator to decide which will dominate and which will disintegrate!</p> <p><i>Bridget Landry, Christopher Jones, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Kaercher, Norman Cates, Shannan Paul, Tim Uren, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Squirrel You Know It's True <i>comic, current, fan, superhero</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 The Squirrel Girl fan panel! Let's discuss our favorite super hero. What makes her so compelling? Will she ever get her own movie? <i>Elise Muellerleile, Michael R Underwood, Nicole LaBat, Sarah Barsness (mod), Squirrel "Beth" Jankowski</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Old Man's War Series <i>book, fan, theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 What would it be like to be young again? How far can you modify the human form and still be human? Let's talk about the John Scalzi's series. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Dave Margosian, Jody Wurl (mod), Sarah Molasky, Vetnita Anderson</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Art Show Meet Up <i>activity, art</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Join us for a meet and greet at the Art Show. Take a guided tour through the Art Show as we put faces to the art. Stick around afterwards for some refreshments and conversation. All are welcome. <i>Aric Stewart, Christine Mitzuk</i></p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Aro/Ace Relationships <i>diversity, social</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p>Come talk about topics related to identities that fall on the asexual or aromantic spectrums. Share your experiences and insight or ask questions if you're unsure. Discuss representation and share recommendations. Meet others like you here at Con.</p> <p><i>Charlene Holm, Graham Barr, Rory Ni Coileain, Ryan Alexander, Susan Willson (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Karl Brown <i>Performance, comedy, music</i></p> <p>Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>Scatological songs, Atari and toy piano. Karl Brown has been writing comedy songs over the past decade, performing them at MarsCon, FuMPFeST and other venues. Recordings have been heard on the Dr. Demento Show, The FuMP Sideshow, and Mad Music.</p> <p><i>Karl Brown</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>ASL 101 <i>CONvergence</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>Come learn about ASL. Bring your questions.</p>
9:00pm - 9:55pm	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>

<p>9:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>MTG - Chaos Draft <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Trailer Park <i>movie</i> 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>
<p>9:30pm - 10:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Vision of Escaflowne - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Meet Hitomi, an average Japanese high-school girl who finds herself whisked away to the magical world of Gaea, where tensions are rising between the kingdom of Fanelia and the Zaibach Empire. Could it be that Hitomi has the power to save the day? If you don't know the answer to that, you probably haven't seen much anime.</p>

<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming: Adult Hours <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Adult only hours for Virtual Reality Gaming ? come have some grown-up fun in the VR Room after the kids are put to bed! <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Joking Hazard (18+) <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Do you like to laugh? Do you make other people wince when you tell a joke or story? Joking Hazard is the game for you! You and your sick friends use cards to try and make the most offensive comic strip possible. (ADULT 18+ ONLY, WITH ID) <i>Bob Wagner</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Innuend-oooooh! <i>beginner, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C Have a dirty mind? Like playing inappropriate games? Come playtest a new game - give clues, draw, and act out decidedly inappropriate words to try to get your teammates to guess them. Enter the drawing for the chance to win a free game! <i>Lydia Martin (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Cards Against Humanity (21+) <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Anna Katherine Hagen-Heine Memorial game of CAH. Bring your ID, your memories of Anna, your twisted sense of humor, your innocent face, and your own alcohol, and prepare to have a *wonderful* time. (ADULT 21+ ONLY, WITH ID) (Tables D and E) <i>Joel Gruetzmacher (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 10:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>LAN - Late-Night Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 LAN Gaming goes adult-only (18+) ? come play your favorite LAN games without ?little ears? in the room! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Philosophies of Dune <i>social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 "Dune" is a deep work that grapples with not only sci-fi concepts, but those of philosophy and morality. There's even a book on the subject. Let's talk about eugenics, the dangers of AI, and the Fremen, among other things. <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Eric Rinn, Karl Wolff, Michael Carus</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Fantasy TV <i>TV, current</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Emerald City, The Magicians, Lucifer, Preacher, Outcast, Grimm, 11.22.63, Outlander, the Time After Time remake, and more. What is good and bad in the television landscape right now? <i>Kristina Halseth, Laura Bidgood (mod), Lauren Wells, Melissa Olson, Sam Stiles</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>2017 MSFSFF: Other Worlds Film Festival <i>current, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Back for 2017, MSFSFF present the Out-of-This-World Sci-Fi Short Film Festival featuring the best in genre short films produced by filmmakers from outside around the Pale Blue Dot. VOTE for your favorite films in the Audience Choice Awards! <i>Troy LaFaye</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Xenobiology 101 <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Given the vast diversity of life on Earth, how might life from other worlds (real and imagined) have evolved differently? Why do tauntauns smell so bad? Is Superman an invasive organism? Where do baby tribbles come from? <i>Darren Abbey, Jon Durmin (mod), Vernon McIntosh</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Superheroes Rated R <i>GoH, current, movie, social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington With the release of Watchmen and Deadpool, will Hollywood continue expanding the number of superhero movies with an R rating? What about going even further? <i>Aaron Coker, Eric Chu, Jonathan Palmer, Matt Gamble, Sean Casey (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Cleavage Optional: Gender, Cosplay, and Genderbending Cosplay <i>costuming, diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Edina How is the cosplay experience different for women and men? Why is gender bent cosplay so popular? What fans aren't doing it and what characters aren't being gender bent? What does this mean for trans and non-binary characters and fans? <i>Bess Stuvinoxend, Dana Baird (mod), Elliot Besmann, Grace Ulak, Lara Richarson</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Transvestite Soup Presents: the Rocky Horror Picture Show - Transvestite Soup Presents: the Rocky Horror Picture Show <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Though we've done it before, Rarely Have Participants Savored such a film like this. Raucous Happy People Singing songs about other worlds, a kind of music, and theaters that play two consecutive movies of the science-fiction genre.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Avoiding Tokenism in Comics & Sci Fi Characters <i>comic, diversity</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Creating actual diversity requires a great effort to avoid unintentionally tokenizing your characters. Tokenism, even when unintentional, is what leads adding "diversity" for the sake of diversity. How do we engender true diversity in Sci Fi/Comics? <i>Aaron Frale, Jim Soos, Justin Grays, Kerry Peterson, Nat Morse-Noland (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Cardboard Space Station <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Join forces to create and build pods and space ships to turn the Sandbox into a mini cardboard space station. We will use this space station for kids and members to cosplay, and maybe unleash their inner aliens Friday morning.</p> <p><i>Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Becoming a Scare-Actor <i>art, horror</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Wonder who's behind the makeup when running for your life in a haunted house? How can YOU get such a killer job? What do owners look for when hiring? Local haunt owners & scare-actors will discuss how to get hired & what to expect from the job.</p> <p><i>LauraJean Krueger, Squall Charlson, Todd Murray</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 4 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Trumped Art <i>art, social</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p>Historians and pop culture enthusiasts look back over the last 100 years of presidential administrations and how they and their day's politics influenced entertainment. What does a Trump term mean for film, music, games, and books in the years to come?</p> <p><i>Allyson Cygan, Jordan West (mod), Tim Lieder</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE <i>Performance</i> Sheraton Gibson MC, Poet, Producer, and Educator performing Boom Bap Xicanx (Chicano) Futurism. Exploring future wastelands and cityscapes full of watch bots, sci-fi updated chupacabras, and chainsaw-handed, fire-eyed peace droids. <i>SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Gaylaxians Book Discussion Update <i>book, diversity</i> Sheraton Whalon North Country Gaylaxians read 10 to 12 books with positive portrayals of GLBT+ situations and characters or from GLBT+ authors in a year. This panel will give an update on the books we've read, which we thought were good, which we disliked, and why. <i>Claudia Slovacek, David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Kendra Akin</i></p>
<p>10:30pm - 11:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

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<p>11:30pm - 4:00am</p>	<p>Zombies and Life <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table A Zombies are the main theme of the game - you are trying desperately to either find (or destroy) a cure to the Zombie Plague. Expect twists and turns in the plot. 3-day game, with opportunities for repeat players to advance, though new players are welcome. <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Nescaflowne - R Parody Dub <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Meet Hitmi, an average Japanese high-school girl who finds herself whisked away to the magical world of Java, where conflict is brewing between the kingdom of Folgeria and the Starbach Empire. Could it be that Hitmi has the power to save the day? If you don't know the answer to that, you probably haven't seen much anime.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>New Anime <i>Anime, current</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 What are the new titles that you should know about? <i>J.C. Horvath, Jen Riehm, Michael Grimm, Nick Stoner, Sam Stiles (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Post Apocalyptic Worlds of Mad Max, Oblivion & The Book of Eli <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>The post-apocalyptic genre has exploded of late and the worlds of these narratives are just as fascinating as the stories themselves. This panel will look at these unique post-apocalyptic worlds & the things that make them up to ignite conversation.</p> <p><i>Adam Whitlatch, Craig Smith, Matt Gamble (mod), Michael Carus, Niles Schwartz</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Current Events Affecting Comics <i>comic, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>When they adapted Luke Cage for TV, they put him in a hoodie to reflect current events. What are other examples and do they work?</p> <p><i>Jonathan Palmer, Josie Browning, Luxander Pond, Patrick Marsh (mod), Sean Casey</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Pan Galactic Gargle Blasted with Douglas Adams <i>British, book, comedy, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>In our continuing "[drinks] with [author]" series, we celebrate the life and works of Douglas Adams, who created the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy while lying around drunk in a field. Who can make the best Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster? Let's find out!</p> <p><i>Carrie Rainey, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Matt Kessen, Melissa Kaercher, Pat Harrigan, Tim Uren</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Ask a Submariner: Foul-Mouthed Sailor Edition <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina Approximating life in a starship crew, learn about day-to-day life on a submarine from those who have lived it! All audience questions will be answered with varying degrees of dignity. No Recording. This panel may contain mature content and mature scotch. <i>Andrew McKay, Christopher Baye, Dan Stiglich, Doug Kirks, Kyle Dekker (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 5:00am</p>	<p>Time Travel for the Ages (dance) - Time Travel for the Ages (dance) <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Our collective of CONvergence DJs jump throughout time to bring you a jumpin' and jivin' night of future retro music, classics, electro swing, remixes, mash-ups, and more!</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>activity, music</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Star Wars Holiday Special <i>Star Wars, TV, classic</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 November 11, 1978--a day that will live in fan infamy. The day that Bea Arthur, Harvey Korman, and other 70's TV staples joined the cast of Star Wars for Life Day. What motivated this abomination of schlock trash and why can't we stop watching? <i>Amanda Fineran, Kevin Eldridge, Philip Glover, Teresa Bolwerk, Todd Murray</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>How to Properly Measure for Costumes <i>DIY, activity, costuming, demo</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p>Buying a costume or altering a pattern for costume construction, only to find that it doesn't fit, can be heartbreaking. Learn how to properly take measurements. Participants are asked to wear tight clothes. Measurement sheets will be handed out.</p> <p><i>Amy Dekker, Kath Dimmich Mahaffy, Melissa Sowers, Michelle Farley (mod), Sara Spookystitch</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Lyritics Presents: Geek Nation <i>Performance, music</i></p> <p>Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>Lyritics (Leer-a-tiks) is a nerd-core hip-hop trio based out of Minneapolis. Opening for Lyritics will be Mr. Rogers & The Make Believe Friends. Hosted by Adam Quesnell.</p> <p><i>Adam Quesnell, Lyritics</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Fandom Through the Ages <i>social</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>Panelists discuss the origins of media fandom and its different phases over the years, as well how fandom has changed during panelists' fannish lives.</p> <p><i>H. Savinien, Jeanne Mealy, Jordan West (mod), Michael Lee</i></p>

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12:30am - 2:30am	<p>Overlord - R Subbed <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 The final hour of the popular virtual reality game Yggdrasil comes at midnight. Momonga, a powerful wizard, decides to spend the last few moments before the servers shut down in the game. When the clock strikes midnight, Momonga awakens as his character and, moreover, the non-player characters appear to have developed personalities of their own!</p>
12:30am - 2:00am	<p>Live Riff <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 We can?t tell you what film this is in advance, but our crack team of Bill Stiteler, Jeremy Stomberg, and Duck Washington are here to make fun of it. <i>Bill Stiteler, Derek "Duck" Washington, Jeremy Stomberg</i></p>
2:00am - 4:00am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 5 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>
7:00am - 9:00am	<p>Arcadia of My Youth - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Two pilots pledge a bond of eternal friendship during World War II. In the 30th century, their descendants must fight for the freedom of humanity when the Earth is conquered by an alien empire.</p>

<p>9:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Ire of the Storm (part 2) <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table A Pridon's Hearth is Sargava's newest colony, pushing the country's borders further south than ever before and attracting treasure-hunters, fortune-seekers, and troubled souls hoping for a fresh start. (Continues from TH - 3-day module) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Crest of the Stars - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Jinto Lynn's family gave their planet to the conquering Abh in exchange for a high position in Abh society, and Jinto was raised as Abh nobility. On his way to military school to further his education, he finds himself in the middle of a war between human rebels and the Abh.</p>
<p>9:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</p>
<p>9:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Get Paid: Contracts & Copyright <i>business</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Being a genius is the easy part. How do you get paid for your work? That's the challenge. Come get insight on getting paid, keeping your rights, and other cool stuff. <i>Dave Walbridge, J. Boone Dryden, James Renken, Mitchell Faas (mod), Troy LaFaye</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Bridget Landry's Kids Science Corner <i>kid</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>You're never too old to learn, and you're certainly never too young. JPL scientist Bridget Landry is on hand to answer all the burning questions of our youthful panelists about space travel, parallel universes, Mars rovers, & if Santa lives on the moon.</p> <p><i>Brendan Johnson, Bridget Landry (mod), Gillian Chan, Signe Joy Frethem, Teddie Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Rogue One <i>Star Wars, current, fan, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Ever wonder how the Rebels got the Death Star plans? Now we know. Let's talk about the 2016 Star Wars film.</p> <p><i>Dani Indovino Cawley, Eric Zawadzki, Michael Carus, Nick Krekeler (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Podcasting 101 <i>podcast</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Our panel of experienced podcasters will give you tips on and answer questions about all areas of podcasting. Yes, you can do it, too!</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Ess, Jerry Stearns (mod), Kevin Eldridge, Kyle Dekker, Sharon Stiteler</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>How Real is that Magic? <i>TV, book, comic, movie, myth, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Magic is a staple of fantasy and sci-fi, but what do actual pagans and those who study magic think of its portrayal? We will discuss how magic is used in media and how it stacks up to real practices.</p> <p><i>Jen Dixon, Joseph Peterson, Kenneth Justiniano, Lis Morton, Melissa Olson (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Costuming on a Budget <i>DIY, art, costuming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Costuming has the potential to become an expensive hobby, but it doesn't have to break your budget. We will discuss where to get low-/no-cost materials and taking advantage of networking/bartering/trading. Show off your thrifty creations!</p> <p><i>Adam Poetter, Dorianne Jarchow, Kath Dimmich Mahaffy (mod), Lara Richarson, Michelle Farley</i></p>
<p>9:30am - Noon</p>	<p>Open Use</p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Astroculture: Farming for Space Farers <i>STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>It's been said that we have the capacity to feed the entire world. But will we be able to feed the next one or even the journey to get there? Join our panelists for a discussion of how we can produce enough food during extended space travel.</p> <p><i>Jon Durmin (mod), Joseph Jay-Dixon, Kourt Remund, Michelle Kennedy Cadieux, Vernon McIntosh</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Hull Breach <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Get your kids, get your costumes on, and come cosplay in our miniature cardboard space station. We will have areas to strike a pose, and other areas to destroy the space station and save the day! <i>Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Listing D&D on Your Resume <i>GoH, business</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 How can you include your geeky pursuits on your resume? Doing so can help you stand out from the crowd. <i>Bess Stuvinoxend, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Kristin Daley, Nichole McIntosh, Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 6 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Reading - Aimee Kuzenski <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Aimee Kuzenski</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Old Farts Of Cosplay <i>art, costuming</i> Sheraton Whalon Cosplay isn't just a hobby for the younger generation. Some of us have been at it a long time or found cosplay later in life. Let's talk about how the hobby has changed through the years and the joys and challenges of being an old fart who cosplays. <i>Dirk Ykema, Kristina Halseth, LauraJean Krueger, Rae Lundquist, bill Hedrick</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade Registration <i>CONvergence, activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central</p>
<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Twin Cities Geek <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1 Geek culture magazine focusing on Minnesota. Sponsor of the Fan-Featured Guest for CONvergence this year. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>CoreCon/Anime Fargo/dCON <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 10 Three conventions in Fargo, ND. CoreCon: Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Anime, Horror convention. Anime Fargo is North Dakota's only anime convention. dCON is Fargo's gaming exclusive convention. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Sony Affiliate for Spider-man Homecoming <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2 Hours approximate.</p>

10:00am - 7:00pm	<p>Brackenwald Studios <i>Hours</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3 An independent scifi, fantasy, superhero artist, video editor, and writer. Hours approximate.</p>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<p>Signum University <i>Hours</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4 Concentrations include Tolkien studies, speculative literature, and languages/linguistics. Courses are online, and students can audit, or work on a graduate degree. Also offer free opportunities to engage in close readings of literary Hours approximate.</p>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<p>Gamer's Rhapsody <i>Hours</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 5 Video game convention going on four years celebrating video game art, music, and development and inspiring creative works, fostering a community, and providing unique experiences for the Twin Cities. Hours approximate.</p>
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10:00am - 7:00pm	<p>QueersPlay <i>Hours</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7 Founded in 2014 to help create safer spaces in convention culture for the LGBTQ community. Hours approximate.</p>

<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Geek By Numbers <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8 A group of nerds, actors, models, and performers who have decided to join forces for the greater good! Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 9 Minnesota-made media network dedicated to bringing geeky fun to the world through serial projects. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Art of the Dress Registration <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central B Register for Art of the Dress</p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Costume Wars Registration <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central C</p>
<p>10:00am - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Quick sale available.</p>
<p>10:30am - Noon</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>board, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>VR Gaming Signups <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Gaming Room is open for signups ? actual time slots for gaming will start at 12:30pm. <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Oregon Trail Card Game <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A You have died of Chuck Norris. Wait, wrong game. Dysentery! That?s what you died of! Try to make it to the Willamette Valley in this cooperative take on one of the most iconic games ever. You probably won?t but you can try? <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Power Grid <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C In this complex Eurogame, your goal is to supply the most cities with power when someone?s network gains a pre-determined size; additionally, players can mark pre-existing routes between cities, and then bid against each other to power their cities. <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Settlers of Catan <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Come learn and play the classic board game that spawned endless wood-for-sheep jokes ? you play a settler, racing through Catan to develop your settlements. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Battle Fields of Gred'Ak'El <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table E (Day 2) Explore the world of Myrr with its living stories and character development, and be somewhere else for a while. Bring your imagination and curiosity to this two-day D&D 5th ed. campaign designed for role-players. More info at www.myrr.world <i>Benjamin Hawkins (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Bridge Simulator Signups - Artemis / Valkyrie <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Sign up to play (and maybe even play right away) on the Artemis / Valkyrie bridge simulators. Each attendee may sign up for one play per bridge per day, and signups are available each morning for that day only. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 11:55am</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>MTG - Amonkhet Booster Draft <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Booster draft with Amonkhet (newest current) set. Come test your skill against your opponents? on Nicol Bolas' turf. The Will of the Gods may yet be your undoing! (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>MTG - Casual Magic: the Gathering <i>card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Table open for casual CCG play ? playtesting, commander, casual standard games, etc. Next event on this table starts at 12:30 pm.</p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - Open Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Start your day by blowing up pixels - come up to LAN Gaming and check out the new games on the computers! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Chi's New Address - G Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Chi is an adorable kitten with a loving family. Now that the Yamadas have moved to an apartment that allows pets, Chi can have all sort of new adventures!</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Kirby's Fourth World <i>classic, comic, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Jack Kirby's space opera, "The Fourth World" was cut short and cancelled before its planned conclusion. But his work changed the comic book industry and created DC big bad, Darkseid. <i>Edward Eastman, Jesse Haller, Jon Durmin (mod), Kevin Eldridge, Sean Casey</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>This Canon is Fired: Redefining the "Must Reads" of SF/F and Comics Canon <i>GoH, book, comic, diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Lists of genre greats often include lots of white men and not much else. What works and creators are being left off of these lists? Who's on the lists that shouldn't be? What do the new canons look like? <i>Dana Baird, Jai Nitz, Kath Dimmich Mahaffy, Seanan McGuire, Shannan Paul (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Alternative Sports and Geek Culture <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Whirlyball, roller derby, martial arts, wrestling and even quiddich leagues are thriving! Let's explore the wide range of different alternative sports that intersect with geek culture and talk about why they appeal to us. <i>Chris Stockton, Dani Indovino Cawley (mod), Heather Dickinson, Lathan Murrell, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Fatness and Fandom <i>diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Fat bodies are everywhere in real life and fan communities, yet fat representation is sorely lacking in the media we consume & often what we ourselves create as fans. Come discuss this issue and what we can do to make our works and spaces more inclusive. <i>Briana Lawrence (mod), Chrysoula Tzavelas, Echo Martin, Jordan West, Nick Glover</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Signing - Harris O'Malley <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>Harris O'Malley</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Celebrating the Coen Brothers <i>TV, fan, movie</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Minnesota's own Coen Brothers have been making films for 32 years. This is a panel to talk about all things Coen and Coenesque - their techniques, influences, common themes, and everything else that makes them such an enduring force in cinema. <i>Lara Richarson, Nathan Anderson, Niles Schwartz, Skazka 9000, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>The Odd-Numbered Star Trek Curse <i>Star Trek, movie</i> DoubleTree Edina Star Trek: The Motion Picture, III: The Search for Spock, V: The Final Frontier, Generations, Insurrection--these films are considered the red headed step children of the film canon. We're going to look into why and why they deserve to be re-evaluated. <i>Aaron Coker, Garrick Dietze (mod), Kris Coulter, Michael Shappe, William Leisner</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>YogaQuest Presents Star Wars: The Original Trilogy Abridged <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest We're headed to a galaxy far, far away in this narrated yogic adventure! No previous yoga experience, special clothing, or mats necessary (lightsabers are optional). Come as you are and pose nerdy with us! May the force be with you. <i>Justine Mastin, Vanessa East</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Weta Digital: A Look Behind the Pixel Curtain <i>GoH, movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Norman has been working at Weta Digital for the last 16 years, on films from Lord of the Rings, all the way up to the upcoming Valerian. He'll have some behind the scenes videos to show and can also answer questions (if he can). <i>Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Iron Pen <i>GPS, Sandbox, writing</i> 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. Guests Louis McMaster Bujold and Seanan McGuire will also judge. <i>Heather Bufkin</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Gravity in Fact and Fiction <i>STEM, TV, book, movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 What books/movies/TV shows treat gravity right rather than assuming that it just works. <i>Craig A. Finseth, Maggie Schultz, Michael Zecca, Patrick Marsh, Renate Fiora (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Reading - Lois McMaster Bujold <i>GoH, reading</i> Sheraton Ames Guest of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold will be reading her work. <i>Lois McMaster Bujold</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Candles Enough <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson Female filk and parody duo. We are eclectic in our music and our styles, swinging from as filky as filky gets to straight-up pop covers. And then the parodies. We do a lot of parodies. We sing in tight harmonies and perform with a single guitar. <i>Kelly Reich, Sarah Ravelly</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Plug-in Electric Vehicles <i>STEM</i> Sheraton Whalon Considering a Plug-In Electric vehicle or curious to learn more? Panelists will share their experiences and enthusiasm for EV-related topics including 2nd gen. 200+ mile range vehicles, deployment of fast charging infrastructure in Minnesota, and more. <i>Birch Hansen, Erik Haggstrom, John Fagnant, Kevin McCormick, Michael Bearfoot</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 12:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:30am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 7 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>Noon - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>board, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price</i></p>
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<p>Noon - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Game Slots begin for Friday ? come find out why folks look like they're shadow-boxing in 2201! <i>Jennifer Bird</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Exploding Kittens <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Mew. BOOM! What's more fun than Russian Roulette? Russian Roulette with exploding cats! Come play the kickstarter phenomenon of cats, explosions and inappropriate humor! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Takenoko <i>board, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Cultivate, irrigate, and grow one of 3 species of bamboo with help from the Imperial Gardener. Warning: The Sacred Panda is VERY hungry? she who best manages her plots and grows the most bamboo, while feeding the delicate appetite of the Panda, wins. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - The Consortium Compact <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table B It's up to the PCs to navigate Diobel? a proud town run by cutthroat smugglers? earn a defector's trust, and deal a telling blow to their Aspis foes. (Levels 1-2; New and experienced players welcome!) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play! <i>Pathfinder Society</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Galaxy Trucker <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2205 Table B Welcome, Trucker! Build your ship in real-time out of whatever parts you can grab, then race the other truckers to deliver it and hope your ship survives! Those sewer pipes won't fly themselves! <i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Steam Century Mystery</p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 An engineer in a top-secret project is murdered and plans stolen! In this interactive crime mystery, you must find evidence and talk to cast members to identify the culprit(s). Must start by 3:00, answers due by 4:45, and the finale is at 5:15. <i>Red Ribbon Society (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - League of Legends Tourney <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 One of the most popular games in the world. Team tournament matches will be held during the morning, with finals on Saturday afternoon. Also available for team play during open gaming/late night gaming. PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED** <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>	<p>Toward the Terra - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 When 14-year-old Jomy begins to question the way his seemingly utopian society is run, he becomes a target for both the government and the Mu, an outcast race who have been fighting the government for generations. Now, each group is determined to hunt him down.</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>I Want To Be Ms. Frizzle: Using Sci-fi and Fantasy as Teaching Tools <i>DIY, STEM, TV, animation, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Everyone wanted to be in Ms. Frizzle's class as a kid (well, except Arnold). Now that we're teachers, how can we use fantastical elements in our classrooms to encourage our students and drive their learning? <i>Dan Berliner, Jen Dixon, Michael Zecca (mod), PZ Myers, Peter Larsen</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>New Technology in Media <i>GoH, STEM, TV, book, movie, web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Not just for geeks, technology has dramatically changed how we make and watch popular entertainment. Let's discuss some significant advances from recent years. <i>Ian Truitner, Kyle Dekker (mod), Riley Hanson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>American Gods <i>TV, book, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Compare and contrast the television adaptation of American Gods with the novel written in 2001. How do themes from both the show and the book resonate in today's society? <i>Dani Indovino Cawley, Kristin Daley, Laura Bidgood (mod), Lauren Wells, Severina Hein</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Fire the Head Canons <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 This ain't no slash-fic! We're talking Fan theories that elevate and enhance the canonical stories, characters, and properties and why the digital age-particularly with mainstream outlets like Amazon Worlds-is the best time to be a superfan. <i>Dave Stagner, Renate Fiora, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Kathryn Sullivan <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>Kathryn Sullivan</i></p>

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<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Diversity, Class Systems, and Equality in Science Fiction <i>diversity, social, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington When writing sci-fi, the world shifts. Examples of acceptable democratic societies or functional systems in real life are sometimes reversed or broken down. Is this simply not trying hard enough? Shock value? Does diversity matter in a sci-fi setting? <i>Emilie Peck, Justin Grays, Lana Rosario (mod), Lara Richardson, Peregrine Johnson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Soundtracks in Film <i>GoH, music</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina What are the best movie and TV soundtracks, from classic to current? What makes a soundtrack good? How well it fits the story? How objectively good the music is? A combination? <i>Dave Margosian (mod), Jonah Rees, Kristopher Carter, Nat Morse-Noland, Scott Keever</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>ChessWerks <i>gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast Play chess with oversized pieces in the Garden Court. <i>Chairman deBoard</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Electric Cars Up Close <i>activity, demo</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Outdoors Don't just talk about electric cars, get up close and personal! Sit in one, talk to the owner,s and be part of the future! Play your cards right, maybe get a ride in an electric car! Sheraton parking lot. <i>Birch Hansen, Erik Haggstrom, John Fagnant, Kevin McCormick, Michael Bearfoot</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Creating the Perfect Monster <i>GoH, horror</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 What makes a visually interesting monster in story or art? What real world examples and total flights of fancy float your boat? <i>Ansley Grams, Elliot Besmann, Holly Chamas, Patrick Marsh (mod), Seanan McGuire</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Sci-Girls (and Boys) <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Come and do some real science at the SciFi convention! Meet Bernouli, Newton, and other cool scientists and magic makers as you make and take some fun, easy, make and take projects! Once you do it here, you can do it anywhere! Families welcome. <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Is Anyone There? Searching for Life on Mars with the 1976 Viking Landers <i>STEM, classic, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>In 1976, two Mars landers tested for life in its red soil. The tiny gadgets aboard weren't perfect and suffered from huge design compromises. How did they work? And what did they REALLY find? Come see what promises to be an engaging and informative talk.</p> <p><i>Jay Gallentine</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Adam Whitlatch <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames</p> <p><i>Adam Whitlatch</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Tanya Brody <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>Harper-Singer-Songwriter. With the voice of an angel and the heart of a poet, Tanya Brody makes both traditional and original songs come to life and touch the soul.</p> <p><i>Tanya Brody</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>So You Want to Build an Arcade Machine? <i>DIY, STEM, gaming</i> Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>Dive into an informational session about building your own arcade machine, a stand-up cabinet that can play thousands of types of games.</p> <p><i>Grayson Malinowski, Jesse Homa, Sean Berry</i></p>

<p>1:00pm - 1:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>1:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Standard Constructed <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Standard Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Standard-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$8 ? event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>1:30pm - 2:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Vampires Don't Sparkle <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Something weird's going on. Your cousin Kirk suspects Mole People; you suspect his mom drank oven cleaner while pregnant. Gilmore Girls meets the best-selling Monster Hunters Int'l books! Evil looms. Cowboy Up. Kill It. Get Paid. Coffee at Luke's. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Para-thulu-zombi-noia! <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table B Trust No One; keep your laser pistol and powder of ibn ghazi ready! Mother computer sends YOU, an elite troubleshooter, on a mission of utmost importance, to help keep at bay the things from beyond space and time. Eat eel-flesh! Guzzle Bubbly Beverage! <i>Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C Deck Building Game set in the Marvel Comics Universe. Battle other players with heroes, villains, and if you're strong enough, take on the Mastermind! Age 16+ <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Splendor <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Playing the part of a Renaissance Merchant, you attempt to buy gem mines, transportation, shops, etc. The point of the game is to acquire more prestige than your opponents, including things that only increase your prestige further! <i>Jennifer Bergk</i></p>

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<p>2:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Sword of Air <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2205 Table A A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus, this episode starts at Level 1 ? players bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model in the 3.5 DMG, *or* can play a pre-gen. All characters must be human or demi-human, no exotics, please. <i>Burl Zorn (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Introduction to Hip-Hop as Literature <i>book, diversity, music</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Join an exploration of hip-hop's role as a modern literary movement, including recommendations for artists and works (both local and worldwide) to get started in the genre. <i>Bri Donovan, DJ Kool Akiem, Rob Callahan (mod), SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>99 Problems But a Pitch Ain't One <i>art, business, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 So you've got a great idea, shot a video, wrote a comic/novel...now what? Join this panel of industry professionals and learn about prepping, packaging, and presenting your content to the right people, at the right outlets, in the right way. <i>Catherine Schaff-Stump, Lee Harris (mod), Madeleine Vasaly, Michael R Underwood, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Ladies of Star Wars <i>Star Wars</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 A tribute to the royal and rebellious women of the Star Wars universe. Our favorites, our frustrations, and a moment of silence for our beloved Princess. <i>Alison Anderson, Dani Indovino Cawley (mod), Katarina Larsen, Kris Heding, Peregrine Johnson</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Foresight is 2020: From Speculation to Reality <i>GoH, STEM, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Of all the inventions, ideas, behaviors, and discoveries imagined in science fiction and satire, which have come to pass? Which stories and authors had the clearest foresight? Who comically missed the mark? What do today's speculative tales foresee next? <i>Anthony Eichenlaub (mod), Naomi Kritzer, Renate Fiora</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Jai Nitz <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A Guest of Honor Jai Nitz will be available to sign his work. <i>Jai Nitz</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Adam Whitlatch <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table B <i>Adam Whitlatch</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Firefly At 15 <i>Joss, fan, theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Joss Whedon's space western turns 15 this year. Is it shiny or would you toss it out an airlock? Come discuss the full canon: series, movie, and comics. <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Mark Goldberg, Monica Valentinelli, Sean Berry, Tex Thompson</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Take a Pew, Pew, Pew! Organized Religion in SciFi/Fantasy <i>social</i> DoubleTree Edina Beyond "The Force", how do creators deal with organized religion (and disbelief) in science fiction and fantasy? What do they get right, wrong, and what do they reveal in their thinking? <i>Bill Stiteler (mod), Caroline Symcox, Lyda Morehouse, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Sword Masters Live <i>demo</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Korean sword art Haidong Gumdo demonstration. See dynamic performances by trained students from White Tiger Martial Arts! Watch, be wowed, and ask questions. Discover your inner warrior today! <i>Alex Bolton, George Richard, Heather Sigstad, Kayla Curtiss, Mark Wurdeman, Melanie Galloway, Sarah Wurdeman, Simon Gibson, Stephen Poeschl, bill Hedrick</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Kristopher Carter: Musical Storyteller <i>GoH, music</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Guest of Honor Kristopher Carter will present and perform selections from some of his career highlights including Emmy-winning and Annie-nominated scores from Batman Beyond, Justice League, Teen Titans, Batman: Brave and the Bold, and others, leading the audience not just through the music itself, but how it is transformed to accompany some of the most memorable scenes from the projects. <i>Kristopher Carter</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Gerry Anderson's Firestorm <i>GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Tired of CGI blockbusters? Long for the days of models, miniatures, and REAL explosives? Concept Illustrator Eric Chu presents a sneak peek into a new project from the mind of Thunderbirds/Space 1999 creator Gerry Anderson. Things blow up good--REAL GOOD <i>Eric Chu</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Terraforming 101: How to Form Soil <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 In a universe of exotic and terrifying worms, the humble red wiggler can be one of your best allies on a new planet. Learn how worms are used to decompose waste, create soil, and make compost to help your terraforming needs on earth or abroad. <i>Destiny Ziebol, Dylan Martin, Michelle Chmura</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Return of Mystery Science Theatre 3000 <i>current, fan, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>It was back for Thanksgiving. Are we thankful? What did we like about the reincarnation?</p> <p><i>Brian Watson-Jones, Dee Bitner, John Seavey, Kristin Daley</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Best of the Midwest <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p> <p>Our usual festival of short films of various geeky genres and styles from Midwestern filmmakers has expanded. This year the Best of the Midwest reached out beyond the Midwest for selections from around the world. Come see some of Rex's favorites.</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Reading - Briana Lawrence <i>reading</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p><i>Briana Lawrence</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Beginning Robotics <i>DIY, STEM</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>What is the difference between a slot car motor and a belt drive motor? Is it feasible to make a walking robot as a hobbyist, like big dog/little dog? This panel will introduce you to basic robotics for hobbyists.</p> <p><i>Aric Stewart (mod), Michelle Kennedy Cadieux</i></p>

<p>2:30pm - 3:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:30pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Mobile Suit Gundam - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 In the year 0079, humanity has colonized space. One colony declares war on the Earth Federation and uses humanoid robots to quickly gain the upper hand. Nine months into the conflict, Earth has developed its own mobile suits, and a civilian suddenly finds himself thrown into the conflict against the enemy's ace pilot.</p>
<p>2:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Costume Wars Orientation <i>CONvergence, costuming</i></p> <p>Sheraton Garden Court</p>
<p>2:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>TryForce <i>Performance, music</i></p> <p>Sheraton Gibson 3 piece nerdy pop culture cover band from the twin cities. Through drums, bass and saxophone we cover all kinds of video game, movie, TV show, and popular theme songs.</p> <p><i>Luis Benavides</i></p>

<p>3:00pm - 3:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>3:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Chaos Draft <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 8 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (with English subtitles)</p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Costume Wars <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> Sheraton Garden Court</p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Fluxx / SushiGo / Roll For It <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D Come play (or learn) some quick, affordable, travel-sized games (Sushi-Go, Fluxx, Roll For It). Games will be started as folks arrive; no need to stay for the whole block ? drop in and out as you please. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out!</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Counter Strike: Global Offensive <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208 Updated version of the classic team-based objective-oriented first-person shooter game by Valve. Round based team gameplay. <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Indie Tabletop Games <i>gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 Scythe, Tak, Secret Hitler: there's been a boom in independent and crowd-funded tabletop games. Designers and fans alike talk about the best indie tabletop games on the market now, what's to come, and how indie games impact the mainstream industry. <i>Charles Price, Ian Price, Scott Holm, Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Gender Swapping in in Movies <i>GoH, current, movie, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Several recent movie remakes have changed the genders of the characters, including Ghostbusters, Ocean's 8, Roadhouse, and Splash. How has this change affected the movies and what is the greater social impact?</p> <p><i>Allyson Cygan, Dani Indovino Cawley, Jordan West (mod), Matt Gamble, Seanan McGuire</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Star Trek Retrospective <i>GoH, Star Trek, classic, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Let's look back over the past 50 years...</p> <p><i>Aaron Coker (mod), Bridget Landry, Taylor Cisco, Tracee Lee Cocco, William Leisner</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Thunderbirds Are Go Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Thunderbirds Are Go is an excellent modern reboot of the 1960s Gerry Anderson puppet series, using CGI and modelwork, but retaining all the charm (and one of the cast!) of the original. Its now into its second series and even on Netflix.</p> <p><i>Craig A. Finseth, Edward Eastman (mod), Joan Marie Verba, Paul Cornell</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Briana Lawrence <i>signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p><i>Briana Lawrence</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Jay Gallentine <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table B <i>Jay Gallentine</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Illegal Alien Icons <i>GoH, comic, diversity</i> DoubleTree Bloomington A presentation of how race has shaped the world of superheroes since 1938. <i>Jai Nitz</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dark Tower Fan Panel <i>book, comic, fan</i> DoubleTree Edina Steven King created it. And did you really read that last chapter, even though he told you not to? <i>Charlene Holm, Craig Smith, Melissa Duhn (mod), Molly Glover, Scott Lynch</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Assassin's Guild Boffing Practice <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Are you not feeling particularly competitive and just want to hit friends, loved-ones, or other con-goers with foam padded weapons? Feel free to do so in this practice event. No need to feel intimidated, relax, and have fun fighting! <i>D Alex Nicol</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Space Opera as Serious Literature <i>GoH, book, theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Particularly since the development of so-called "new space opera" (Benford, Brin, Bear in the US; Banks, McAuley, McLeod in the UK), it's clear that the sub-genre has taken on new seriousness as a place for writers with literary and intellectual ambition. <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Dave Margosian, Kathryn Sullivan (mod), Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>1000 Blank White Cards <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Come join us to create an imaginative and freeform card game. Everyone makes cards and joins them together with friends for a social and funny game. Watch the gaming schedule for a time to play! <i>Alicia Beck, Christina Gregerson</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Building a Religion <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 When gods get involved, adventure happens. Whether riffing off of pantheons familiar to readers, or creating new ones as they build new worlds, writers face a challenge when they incorporate religion into their stories. What works and what doesn't? <i>Eric Zawadzki (mod), Jon Olsen, Joseph Peterson, Lois McMaster Bujold, Michael Carus</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Naomi Kritzer <i>GoH, reading</i> Sheraton Ames Guest of Honor Naomi Kritzer will be reading her work. <i>Naomi Kritzer</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Siege Engines and You <i>STEM</i> Sheraton Whalon Want to know how to attack a castle? Well then you're in luck. Not just siege engines but strategy, castle design, usurpers, how the use of magic changes things, and why wars used to take winters off. <i>Dave Walbridge (mod), Geoff Wessendorf, H. Savinien</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 4:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>4:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Big O - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Roger Smith is a professional negotiator in the mysterious Paradigm City. With his loyal butler, a snarky android and a gargantuan mecha known as Big O, Roger slowly discovers the truth about a calamity that befell the city 40 years ago.</p>
<p>4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Ear Candy <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson Female fronted electro pop punk fun!!! Hailing from Mpls, these ladies aim to get you on the dance floor! With synthesizers and electribes, costumes, and tight-ass choreographed dance routines, each live show is unique. <i>Carol Cunningham, Dawn Kuehl</i></p>

<p>4:30pm - 5:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>4:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 9 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>5:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Terran Revenge Fleet <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>They came for Earth but left the job half done. Earth rebuilt, unified by a single thought: REVENGE! Come join us for one of possibly the best Con games around, Terran Revenge Fleet! An amazing system will have you playing a character within 30 seconds.</p> <p><i>Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Firefly Board Game <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</p> <p>Start with a captain and a ship, hire and equip a crew, travel the 'Verse to complete jobs and get paid while avoiding Reavers, Alliance patrols and rival captains who may be pirates. (Also on 2202d; All experience levels welcome, age 13+)</p> <p><i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - The Night March of Kalkamedes <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table A A Pathfinder is sleepwalking, traveling through the dark night alone. A team of Pathfinders must escort him to his destination and find the cause of the strange phenomenon. (Levels 1-5) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Ungrounded but Unbroken <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table B Pathfinders join the Ungrounded, a mercenary squad on the Plane of Earth, knowing that a few months? service could enhance the Society?s reputation in this distant realm. (Levels 1-5) <i>Pathfinder Society</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play! <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 5:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Modern Constructed <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Modern Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Modern-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$8 ? event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - Overwatch <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 Overwatch ended the crisis, and helped maintain peace in the decades that followed... but, after many years, Overwatch?s influence waned, and it was disbanded. Conflict is rising across the world again... are you with us? *PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED* <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>CONvergence Events Open Meeting <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors. <i>Amy Mills, Ishmael Williams, Jonathan Palmer, Liz Hernandez, Margaret Eastman, Nadim Khalidi, Thomas Keeley</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Props and Practical Effects in Film <i>GoH, costuming, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 What are the processes behind creating props and practical effects in Hollywood? What are the benefits of practicals over CGI? <i>Eric Chu, Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Stranger Things Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 THIS is the Stranger Things fan panel. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Courtney Azar, Kiah Nelson, Michael Carus (mod), Renate Fiora</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Refugee Lifehacks <i>GoH, art, diversity</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Guest of Honor Interview: Saymoukda Vongsay shares the life skills she learned growing up as a refugee and how they've informed her approach to writing and a career as an artist. <i>Rob Callahan (mod), Saymoukda Vongsay</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Anthony W Eichenlaub <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>Anthony Eichenlaub</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Henry Walton <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table B <i>Henry Walton</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>What to do When They're Watching You <i>STEM, social, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington Science fiction writers have long been concerned about a surveillance state, but recent technologies have made this fear more and more realistic. What technologies are watching us and what does science fiction tell us to do about it? <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Craig A. Finseth, Dave Walbridge, Eric Zawadzki (mod), Jamie Riedesel</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Queering the Epic <i>Star Trek, Star Wars, diversity, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina Let's talk about LGBT+ representation--or possible representation--in our favorite epics: Star Wars (Poe and Finn, Chirrut and Baze), Star Trek (rebooted Sulu), Marvel Cinematic Universe (yo, Deadpool!), DC (Wonder Woman), and other favorites. <i>Haddayr Copley-Woods, Nathan Anderson (mod), Rory Ni Coileain, Skazka 9000</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:45pm</p>	<p>Matrix Tag <i>gaming, misc</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast 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>

<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Art of the Dress Costume and Couture Show / Cirque Intergalactique - Art of the Dress Costume and Couture Show / Cirque Intergalactique <i>costuming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>Strap yourself in and prepare for lift off, this variety show will be sure to bring you to infinity and beyond! Witness gravity defying acts by aerial artists and acrobats, as well as many other shooting stars of bellydance, singing, comedy and more! Houston, it would be a problem if you missed this!</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Writing Near Future Sci-Fi <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>If you're world-building 600 years in the future, you have a lot of latitude in what sort of a world you're making. But what if you're setting a story or RP 50 years or 20 years in the future? What will tech and culture look like?</p> <p><i>Lana Rosario, Naomi Kritzer, Tyler Tork (mod), Will Shetterly</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>How to Draw... <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Mice, snowman, robots, and talking dogs...who would have thought these could make millions of dollars. Disney did it! So can you! Come to the Sandbox to learn how to draw some iconic Disney characters from an official Disney employee.</p> <p><i>Cory Enriquez</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Not-So-Silent Planet: A Speculative Podcast <i>Performance, podcast, reading</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Welcome to the Twin Cities' very own podcast dedicated to original speculative fiction! Join us for a live recording, featuring special guests the Scrimshaw brothers, and have your jaded chuckles recorded for posterity. <i>Ben San Del, Joseph Scrimshaw, Joshua Scrimshaw, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Reading - Michael R. Underwood <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Michael R Underwood</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Starry Room <i>STEM</i> Sheraton Whalon What's in the night sky besides stars that you can see with the naked eye? (Assuming that you're not in a city.) <i>Dan Berliner, Michael Zecca (mod), Sean Berry</i></p>
<p>5:30pm - 6:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Ionosphere Casting Shadows <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson High-tech guitar ambience and dream-like interludes. When does a guitar not sound like a guitar? Todd Madson's super relaxing ambient guitar soundscapes appears once more to provide a soothing alternative to the sometimes frenetic con atmosphere. <i>Todd Madson</i></p>
<p>6:00pm - 6:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Outlaw Star - R Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Gene Starwind always dreamed of piloting his own ship, and he finally gets his chance when he takes a job from a treasure-hunting outlaw. Tasked with protecting the mysterious girl Melfina, Gene and his ragtag crew encounter bounty hunters, Taoist mages and catgirls in search of answers about her past.</p>
<p>6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 10 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price</i></p>
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<p>7:00pm - 7:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator with Tracee Cocco <i>GoH, beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod), Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Mysterium <i>beginner, board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2205 Table B A group of psychics are conducting a s_ance to solve a mysterious murder. The ghost (one of the players) can only give clues in the form of images. Run out of time and the ghost vanishes for a year (try again at CONvergence 2018!) <i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Amonkhet Booster Draft <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Booster draft with Amonkhet (newest current) set. Come test your skill against your opponents? in a world very much like Ancient Egypt. The Will of the Gods may yet be your undoing! (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Commander / EDH Group Games <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Bring your EDH / Commander deck and come play! Commander-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing banned / restricted lists for the format. (\$10 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer Booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friends of Bill W DoubleTree Atrium 2</p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Best Indie Comics <i>GoH, comic, current</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 It's a large comics universe out there, and there are many great comics published outside the Marvel and DC Universes. Hear what other titles our panelists would recommend and feel free to offer your own suggestions. <i>Garrick Dietze, Jai Nitz, Sean Casey (mod), Seanan McGuire</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>2017 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival <i>current, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Since 2008, the Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival has been bringing you the best in genre short films produced by filmmakers around the midwestern USA and Canada. VOTE for your favorite films in the Audience Choice Awards! <i>Troy LaFaye (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Romance and Adventure <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Science fiction and fantasy focus on adventure but the best make you care about the characters. How do writers create characters that readers invest in? When love, particularly romantic love, is a motivation, how do they make that believable? <i>Jody Wurl (mod), Lois McMaster Bujold</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Judging a Book by Its Cover <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Two competing teams of "literary experts" explain the plot of a book, based only upon the cover art they see on the screen. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Marvel on Netflix <i>TV, comic, superhero</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>We'll be talking about Marvel's shows on Netflix. What do you think of the direction the shows have taken? Do you like the darker tone or would you prefer the lighter tones of the MCU? What shows have been your favorite? How is the future looking?</p> <p><i>Catherine Schaff-Stump, Keane Amdahl, Lee Harris (mod), Severina Hein, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Joseph Scrimshaw's ATTACK of the HEADCANON! - Joseph Scrimshaw's ATTACK of the HEADCANON! <i>comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>Join comedian Joseph Scrimshaw (Screen Junkies, ForceCenter, RiffTrax) for an hour of geek-flavored comedy about trying to live up to your pop culture heroes. Thrill to tales of action figures purchases gone wrong, bad dating advice from Twin Peaks, and drinking The Doctor's beer.</p> <p><i>Joseph Scrimshaw</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Opera in Space: Music and Art of Alien Races <i>GoH, art, music, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>From infamous Klingon Opera to the Star Wars Cantina band, music and art of alien races adds tapestry to a developed fictional universe. Let's talk about what works in these imagined intergalactic cultures and what just doesn't.</p> <p><i>Dave Stagner, Jonathan Killstring (mod), Kristopher Carter, Lana Rosario, Scott Keever</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Lasers <i>STEM, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Lasers! Sharks with laser beams! Wait, no, there will be no sharks. Just lasers. Come learn about using lasers to cut and engrave cool stuff. <i>Sean Berry</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Pixar's Story Writing Rules <i>writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Pixar has published 22 rules to aid in writing stories. Which ones work? Do any NOT work? <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Dave Walbridge, John Heimbuch, Melissa Olson (mod), Tex Thompson</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Tactics in Space <i>STEM, theme</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames How would a military spaceship "hide" in space? How would a spaceship appear to sensor systems in various wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum (e.g. infrared, ultraviolet)? What gravitational methods can be used to search for spacecraft? <i>Christopher Baye (mod), Dan Berliner, Geoff Wessendorf, Kyle Dekker</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>CONvergence Poetry Slam <i>GoH, Performance</i> Sheraton Gibson Nerds have words and we want to hear them! Sign up from 5:30-6:30pm at HarmCON - you may be drawn to read two three-minute poems to an audience of strangers, and watch your heart and soul assigned numeric value by our celebrity judges. <i>Allison Broeren, Brianne Bilyeu, Dan Marlow, Fox Barrett, Laura Bidgood, Rob Callahan, Saymoukda Vongsay, Tim Uren, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Skylarks and Lensmen, The Classic Space Opera of E.E. "Doc" Smith <i>book, fan, theme</i> Sheraton Whalon E.E. "Doc" Smith created many of the basic themes of what would become "space opera" in his Skylark and Lensman series of novels--both for good and for bad. Learn about the founder of space opera in this panel. <i>Edward Eastman (mod), Scott Jamison, Scott Lynch</i></p>
<p>7:30pm - 8:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy</i></p>

<p>8:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table F Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:00pm - 8:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator with Tracee Cocco <i>GoH, beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod), Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
<p>8:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Gunbuster 2: Diebuster - R Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 As intergalactic war with the space monsters continues, Earth's only hope lies in the hands of an elite group of young pilots in possession of giant robots called Buster Machines. Rookie pilot Nono wants to become the best pilot and win the approval of ace Lal'C. Nono looks up to Lal'C as a "big sister," but Lal'C wants nothing to do with her.</p>
<p>8:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 11 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Trivia: To Infinity and Beyond! <i>beginner, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 We're back again with trivia and this time it is space opera flavored! Bring a good friend (or someone who knows more than any human should about space operas) to be your partner. Put your knowledge to the test! Eat candy! Win prizes*!</p> <p><i>Alicia Beck (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Open Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208 Play any of our games, but be warned ? those under 18 will be asked to move on at 10:00 PM so that grownups can play grown-up games!</p> <p><i>LAN Gaming</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Slash Panel <i>fan, slash</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 Buckle your seatbelts, it's time for the annual panel about same-sex shipping! From Yuri on Ice!!! to married space monks, let's talk State of the Slash Union 2017. (This is an 18+ panel; talkin' about the porn is definitely on the table.) <i>Bess Stuvinoxend, Jo Thrace, Kes S, Lyda Morehouse (mod), Skazka 9000</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Story-Driven Spacecraft Design <i>GoH, TV, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4 How do the needs of the story drive spacecraft design? From the ark ships of "When Worlds Collide" to the X-wings of Star Wars, what parts of the design are needed for the story and what parts are open to interpretation? <i>Alex Musial, Eric Chu, Kyle Dekker (mod), Michael Carus</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>50 Shades of Blackface <i>costuming, diversity, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7 The desire for realism is high in the cosplay community, but when does it go to far? Is it okay to change skin tone to emulate a character of a different race? Is it necessary? What is the difference between looking like another race and another species? <i>Charlene Holm, Justin Grays, Morgan Strickland, Sarah Molasky, Stephanie Stensland (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Buffy the Vampire Slayer: 20th Anniversary Panel <i>Joss, TV, fan</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Buffy the Vampire Slayer premiered 20 years ago. In this panel we'll revisit Sunnydale, our favorite slayer and all of her friends and discuss what we loved (and hated), what holds up (and what doesn't) and how the show influenced TV and fandom. <i>David Brennan, Jenn Jensen, Keane Amdahl (mod), Lauren Wells, Severina Hein</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Fantastic Beasts Moive Fan Panel <i>current, fan, movie</i> DoubleTree Edina The first movie in the proposed five part series came out last year. What did we think? How did it expand the canon of the Harry Potter universe? What are you hoping for in the rest of the series? <i>Allyson Cygan, Bryon Stump, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Meghan McManus, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Powerpoint Karaoke <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense! <i>Andrea Ropella, Bill Stiteler, Derek "Duck" Washington, Joseph Scrimshaw, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler, Tim Wick</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>The Magic and Mythology of My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic <i>TV, animation</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>An examination of the interesting implications about the world of Equestria and the magic therein based on the TV show, including cutie marks, destiny, history, the pony life cycle, and princesses.</p> <p><i>Chrysoula Tzavelas, Destiny Ziebol, George Miller (mod), Samantha Bitner, Willson Borchert</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Enterprising Individuals Live!: The Wrath of CON! <i>GoH, Star Trek, comedy, podcast</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Revenge is a dish best served cold, but nostalgia is best consumed immediately! Join us as a panel of Star Trek authors and fans discuss Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan for a live taping of the Enterprising Individuals podcast!</p> <p><i>Aaron Coker, Christopher Jones, Naomi Kritzer, Patrick Tomlinson, William Leisner</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>To Infinity <i>STEM, theme</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p>Mathematicians, physicists and philosophers help you wrap your head around the concepts of eternal time and infinite space, of calculus conundrums and unfathomable quantities, of the science behind the things that have no beginning and no end.</p> <p><i>Dan Berliner (mod), Jon Olsen, Renate Fiora</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Writing about Time Travel <i>STEM, writing</i> Sheraton Whalon I know, "been there, done that." Are you tense about creating fiction that flirts across the boundaries of the space/time continuum? Come and hear how solve plot problems like Jimmy?s clock paradox? <i>Dave Walbridge, John Heimbuch, Rory Ni Coileain, Tyler Tork (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 9:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
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<p>9:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Cowboy Bebop - R Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 In the year 2071, humanity has colonized several planets after fleeing the uninhabitable surface of Earth. Bounty hunters called Cowboys fill in the gaps where the law can't reach, but there is a very fine line between Cowboy and criminal.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming: Adult Hours <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Adult only hours for Virtual Reality Gaming ? come have some grown-up fun in the VR Room after the kids are put to bed! <i>Jennifer Bird</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Joking Hazard (18+) <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A Do you like to laugh? Do you make other people wince when you tell a joke or story? Joking Hazard is the game for you! You and your sick friends use cards to try and make the most offensive comic strip possible. (ADULT 18+ ONLY, WITH ID) <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Innuend-oooooh! <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C Have a dirty mind? Like playing inappropriate games? Come playtest a new game - give clues, draw, and act out decidedly inappropriate words to try to get your teammates to guess them. Enter the drawing for the chance to win a free game! <i>Lydia Martin (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>FIASCO! <i>beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Inspired by cinematic tropes, Fiasco is a group storytelling game in which character ambitions run high, impulse control is low, and chaos reigns supreme. Co-hosts Lauren Sindt and Robert "Ski" Cudinski keep the game going and the laughs rolling! <i>Lauren Sindt (mod), Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 10:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>LAN - Late-Night Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 LAN goes adult-only for late-night gaming, so grown-ups can play grown-up games (and sometimes use grown-up language) without worrying about ?little ears? in the room! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Shipping and Anti-Shipping <i>fanfic, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 The idea that a fictional relationship is too controversial to be accepted isn't new to fandom, but the rise of organized anti-shippers exploded in 2016. Can we set community standards for anti-shipping so that it doesn't ruin fandom for everyone? <i>Bess Stuvinoxend, Graham Barr, Josh Sadoff, Scott Jamison (mod), Susan Willson</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Walking Dead Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Is the show languishing in recycled drama or will it invent enough new plot lines and ethical quandaries to retain viewers? What's working and what isn't? And...what's going on south of the border? Let's talk The Walking Dead! <i>Cat Choy (mod), Kris Coulter, Kristina Halseth, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Drinking with Geeks <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Geeks discuss and imbibe alcohol. 21+. <i>Alee Baker, Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Laurie Richardson Sweep, Melissa Kaercher, Sharon Stiteler</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Women of Color in Comics: Race, Gender and the Comic Book Medium <i>comic, diversity, social, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Even though mainstream comics has finally admitted women are definitely reading as many (if not more) comics than men, there still are not that many female writers and editors. This panel explores the changing face of comics and how far we have to go. <i>AlyssaRose Jordan, Bri Donovan (mod), Morgan Strickland</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>The Dick Grayson's Butt Fan Panel <i>animation, comic, slash, superhero</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Seriously, why is Dick Grayson's butt such a big deal? These panelists are happy to tell you. <i>Christopher Jones, ERIK BLACKSTAD, Jen Riehm, Jimmy LeDuc (mod), Sam Stiles</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Doctor Who This Season and Beyond <i>Dr Who, TV, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>What do we think of the new series so far? What do we hope of a new Doctor?</p> <p><i>Alison Anderson, David Brennan (mod), Michael Lee, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Vilification Tennis - Vilification Tennis <i>comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>Vilification Tennis is exactly the kind of show your parents warned you about. Crude, clever, and crass, it is the ultimate comedy trigger warning. If there is a topic you don't think is funny, you're probably right. And we'll probably make a joke about it anyway. Because we're horrible people. If you would like to be horrible with us, come watch!</p> <p><i>Bob Alberti, Chrys VanDerKamp, Derek "Duck" Washington, Eric Thompson, Gregory Parks, James Fairbairn, Jena Young, Jessabelle Olmstead, Kelvin Hatle, Molly Glover, Nathan Gerber, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>In Conversation with Seanan McGuire <i>GoH</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Join McGuire for a Q&A session with a twist. She'll answer any question you ask her--anything--but the answer you get may not be the one you expect. Strong language and adult concepts are virtually guaranteed.</p> <p><i>Seanan McGuire</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Sandbox After Dark: Art is Skin Deep <i>Sandbox, activity</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Are you pretty? Pretty like a pony? We can paint you like a pony, and you'll be really really pretty like a pony! Come and see! Be a pretty Pony! Or a Kitty! Or.. a Zombie! We paint anything! 18+ Bring ID. <i>Jim Shields</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Medicine and Star Wars <i>STEM, Star Wars</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 The objective of this panel presentation is to elucidate and discuss the multifaceted components of the Star Wars films that have relevance to medical care in a galaxy far, far away and how it correlates to modern medicine and biomedical science on earth. <i>Caleb Schultz</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Epic Rap Battles of History Festival - Epic Rap Battles of History Festival <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 It seems pretty much all super late-night, super inebriated, super nerdy conversations eventually drain down into the pit of pseudo-philosophy--the dissection of the meaning of life (we hear it?s 42), the seat of human consciousness (the butt seems reasonable), and whether Boba Fett or Deadpool would win in a fight. Epic Rap Battles of History is a popular YouTube series pitting pop culture icons against each other. Who won? You decide! (this showing is captioned)</p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Transgender 101 <i>diversity, social</i> Sheraton Ames Trans and gender nonconforming people have become far more visible, in society and in the geek community. What's the deal with pronouns? What is gender identity & how is it different from sexual orientation? What is and isn't appropriate to ask? <i>Adam Hochberg, Kyle Andrew, Nathalie Crowley, Samantha Bitner</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Genius Pi <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson A masterful music manipulation of epic proportions! Genius Pi, led by Zummy, is a St. Louis based nerdcore band who is always ready to rock your socks while you gawk and squawk! The agenda? Hit every genre of music known to man and beast. <i>Master K, Mike Zummy Zumwalt</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>A Play in Klingon? How Do You Do That? <i>Star Trek, art</i> Sheraton Whalon Panel discussion of how a show like A Klingon Christmas Carol is brought to life. This includes pronunciation and language lessons, stage combat, Klingon culture, blocking and costuming. May also include short character exchanges in Klingon. <i>Angela Fox, Ethan Jensen, Lana Rosario (mod), Meredith Gillies, Tim Uren</i></p>

<p>10:30pm - 11:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
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<p>11:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>Horror Show Hot Dog Shorts Festival <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 The crew of the locally produced podcast Horror Show Hot Dog (http://hshd.podbean.com) has curated shorts to be shown at the Twin Cities Horror Festival. They've chosen their favorites from the last two years to be shown in Cinema Rex.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 4:00am</p>	<p>Zombies and Life <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table A Zombies are the main theme of the game - you are trying desperately to either find (or destroy) a cure to the Zombie Plague. Expect twists and turns in the plot. 3-day game, with opportunities for repeat players to advance, though new players are welcome. <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Fanboy Bebop - R Parody Dub <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>All Keanu and Ash wanted was to have a good time at ASUX (the largest anime convention in the known universe). If they knew the fate of the con would end up in their hands, they probably would've stayed home.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Robert Heinlein's Works <i>book, classic, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Heinlein was a very successful and very prolific writer from science fiction's golden age. He wrote books, short stories, and even a fantasy novel. Come discuss his works and methods.</p> <p><i>Bridget Landry, Dave Walbridge (mod), Paul Weimer, Sean Berry, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Arrowverse <i>TV, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>DCCW has a TV universe that rivals Marvel in the form of what's commonly referred to as the 'Arrowverse' (Arrow, The Flash, Legends of Tomorrow, Supergirl). What makes these shows work and where do they need improvement? Is there room for more growth?</p> <p><i>Jon Olsen, Keane Amdahl (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Killer B's Improv Movie Show <i>GoH, comedy, movie, music</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>As clips of strange movies play onscreen, a team of voice actors and musicians create a whole new soundtrack... without ever seeing the movies before! It's film, improv comedy, and live music all in one, plus a 75% chance of rubber-suit monsters!</p> <p><i>Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Kristopher Carter, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Molly Glover, Salsa Sterling, Scott Kever, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>BDSM: So You Want to Enter the Kink Community? <i>diversity, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>In recent years, kink and BDSM have become a bigger part of society. But how do you go about breaking in? Come learn about the Twin Cities Kink Community, rules and guidelines about behavior, and how consent plays a major role in what we do.</p> <p><i>Kendra Akin, Magpie MinKY, Rakhi R (mod), Samantha Bitner, Susan Willson</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Pun-el <i>misc</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>The Tradition Returns (or is that regurgitates...)! People sitting in a big room throwing puns at each other without fear of flying fruit! (Named for the great Kryptonian comedian...)</p> <p><i>Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman, Margaret Eastman</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Twin Peaks <i>TV, fan, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina As the TV sensation returns 25 years later, we discuss its current status in a long-form TV landscape it pioneered, old & new cast members, the place of Mark Frost's book, and the unprecedented creative control Showtime is giving director David Lynch. <i>Adam Lueck, Garrick Dietze (mod), Niles Schwartz, Pat Harrigan</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 5:30am</p>	<p>Exploring the Multiverse (dance) - Exploring the Multiverse (dance) <i>misc</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage Tonight we offer musical stylings from several dimensions to get your dance, funk, and groove on. 11:30p - DJ Curium's Dance for Peculiar Con-goers WANTED: Witches, Wizards, Muggles, Tributes, Vampires, Aliens, Monsters and all other Beautiful Creatures. Be our guest as we step through the looking glass to transverse the fantastical world of soundtracks from shows and movies of all our favorite Young Adult books. Music for the young and the young at heart. 12:30a - DJ Kool AkiEM From underground mixtapes in the early nineties and the various Micranots releases, to 2006's Mixtape Deluxe, DJ Kool Akiem formerly of the Micranots and DJ for MF DOOM has been providing a steady diet of funk to the public for years now. 1:30a - Symone Smash-It Symone Smash It, the simulated space siren, is a vocalist, producer, and performer with 15+ years of experience in music and stage presence. Along with her producer, Eye Dyed, she's created the electronic space pop album "Symulation," and is set to claim the universe as her stage. 2:30a - DJ Nitrogen DJ Nitrogen has been a mainstay on the CONvergence main stage for years and has also opened for dozens of national</p>

touring acts. Nitrogen is a seven time winner at TwinCitiesNightclubs.com annual Twin Cities Best Club DJ contest and has been a resident at many of the top Twin Cities night clubs for well over a decade and will be playing a mix of many different electronic genres with the sole purpose of getting the room moving. 3:30a - Matt MacInnes Matt MacInnes (aka Machinnes) hails from Sweden and has been a DJ and producer for 20 years. A restrained playing style reveals deep and melodic tunes that often flow between electro, techno, and house; perfect for getting lost on the dance floor. Previous audiences include North Star Roller Girls, First Avenue, and Soundscene warehouse. 4:30a - Still awake? We probably are. Come ask for some songs and see what we'll play.

11:30pm -
12:30am

Late Night Music Circle

activity, music

DoubleTree Plaza 1

A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.

11:30pm -
12:30am

Menstruation Representation in Post Apocalyptic, Dystopian, and Futuristic Media

TV, book, movie

DoubleTree Plaza 3

Discussion on the lack of representation of menstruation in post-apocalyptic, dystopian, and futuristic media including fiction, television, and film productions.

Alee Baker, Heather Rand-McKay (mod), Jessica Silk

11:30pm -
12:30am

Relaxing in the Future

social

Sheraton Ames

How do people relax in the future? Synthehol? Death Chips? BTL chips? Holodecks? New drugs?

Chrysoula Tzavelas (mod), Hertzey Hertz, Marina Challeen

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Revenge of the Nerdlesque (18+) <i>Performance</i></p> <p>Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>The nerdiest burlesque artists of the Twin Cities return to the HarmCon stage with a vengeance for another round of geek-infused burlesque and cabaret performance art! See characters from con loved movies, tv, books and comics in a whole new light. 18+</p> <p><i>Anjela, Holliedazzle, Killjoy Rider, Mona Montague, Opiumm Hayze, Sinasaurus Vex</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Living the Gimmick Life <i>misc</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>Local Minnesota wrestlers talk about their life in wrestling, being on the road, training, their inspirations and goals.</p> <p><i>Arik Cannon, Terry Fox</i></p>

SATURDAY JULY 8

Midnight - 1:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 12 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
12:30am - 2:30am	<p>Excel Saga - R Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Excel wants nothing more than to please her lord Il Palazzo, and Il Palazzo wants to take over the planet, so that's what Excel does. At least, she tries very hard. Excel's partner Hyatt does her best to contribute, but usually only succeeds in dying a lot.</p>

1:30am - 4:00am	Cinema Rex Movie 13 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4
7:00am - 9:00am	Galaxy Express 999 - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 At the last stop of the Galaxy Express 999, you can get an immortal mechanical body for free. Tetsuro Hoshino wants one to take revenge against his mother's murderer, and a mysterious woman offers him a free boarding pass if he agrees to travel with her.
8:00am - 9:00am	Masquerade Performer Orientation <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree Main Stage
9:00am - 11:00am	Angelic Layer - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 12-year-old Misaki Suzuhara just discovered Angelic Layer, a battling game using electronic dolls called angels. Even as a newbie, Misaki shows advanced skills as she meets new friends and enters tournaments to fight the greatest Angelic Layer champions in Japan.
9:00am - Midnight	Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest
9:00am - 11:00am	Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast

9:00am - 11:00am	Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest
9:00am - 4:00pm	Masquerade Technical Rehearsal <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Performers will be assigned a 15 minutes slot during this time.
9:30am - 3:30pm	PFS - Ire of the Storm (part 3) <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table A Pridon's Hearth is Sargava's newest colony, pushing the country's borders further south than ever before and attracting treasure-hunters, fortune-seekers, and troubled souls hoping for a fresh start. (Continues from TH / F) (Levels 1-5) <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	The Life of a Mermaid <i>art, demo, myth</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Some Mermaids at CON will bring their tails for all to see in person. We will discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly about being a mermaid; discuss different tail types and artists; answer any questions our guests may have; and more! <i>Alyssa Adair, Ashley Falenschek, Tanja Page</i>
9:30am - Noon	U of M Raptor Center <i>GPS, STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 See live raptors such as owls, hawks, and falcons and learn about them through a variety of hands-on props and activities. <i>Jody Wurl</i>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Logan Movie Fan Panel <i>movie, superhero</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Logan was the Wolverine movie we have been waiting for since Hugh Jackman first popped his claws in 1999. We'll discuss and celebrate the character's complete run, with emphasis on how Logan delivered on a promise 17 years in the making.</p> <p><i>Aaron Coker, Andrea Ropella, Jacob Gulliver, Severina Hein (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>How to Attract an Audience <i>DIY, business</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Marketing professionals and artists with a proven track record for generating buzz share their dos and don'ts when it comes to marketing art and convincing potential audiences to pick up your book, attend your show, or follow your podcast.</p> <p><i>Anj Olsen, Echo Martin, Harris O'Malley, Michael R Underwood, Tania Richter</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Law in Sciece Fiction <i>social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Panelists discuss the role of law and government in various sci-fi properties. Possible topics could include anything from Robocop, Judge Dredd, and Minority Report to Star Wars, District 9, and V for Vendetta.</p> <p><i>David Stegora, Derek "Duck" Washington, J. Boone Dryden (mod), J.C. Horvath, Jamie Riedesel</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Modern Treknology <i>STEM, Star Trek</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Which century is this? We have communicators, we can 3D print objects, we have practical applications for antimatter, and our computers talk back to us! Join us to discuss the ways that Star Trek has influenced the development of tech in our world.</p> <p><i>Heather Dickinson, Ib Jensen, Jen Riehm, Madeleine Vasaly, William Leisner</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Latinx Empowerment Through Latinx Heroes <i>GoH, Star Wars, TV, comic, diversity, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Latinx characters like Suicide Squad's El Diablo, Rogue One's Cassian Andor, Young Avengers' America Chavez, & MCU's Claire Temple provide a heroic mirror for the Latinx community to see ourselves and our culture. Let's talk about why that's so important.</p> <p><i>Andrea Peraza, Bri Donovan (mod), Clarissa Goldsmith, Jai Nitz, SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Table-top Catapults <i>Sandbox, activity, kid</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>You can't assault your neighbours with large projectiles, but what about marshmallows? Build an assortment of craft stick catapults ranging from a trebuchet to mangonel to a ballista.</p> <p><i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Pokemon Go Fan Panel <i>fan, gaming, web</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Let's discuss the whole impact of this game.</p> <p><i>Dirk Ykema, ERIK BLACKSTAD, Rachel Pollack (mod)</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 14 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Reading - Anthony W. Eichenlaub <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Anthony Eichenlaub</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Giant Lizard Theater: Infinity Edition <i>misc</i> Sheraton Whalon From ancient dragons and dinosaurs to roaring atomic kaiju, anything goes in this open space panel on speculative poetry with the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, exploring the themes of infinity and more! Bring your creativity! <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Lathan Murrell, Sandra Lindow (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>CoreCon/Anime Fargo/dCON <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 10 Three conventions in Fargo, ND. CoreCon: Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Anime, Horror convention. Anime Fargo is North Dakota's only anime convention. dCON is Fargo's gaming exclusive convention. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Sony Affiliate for Spider-man Homecoming <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2 Hours approximate.</p>

<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Brackenwald Studios <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3 An independent scifi, fantasy, superhero artist, video editor, and writer. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Just Enough Trope Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4 Podcast network that hosts two geeky shows: The Just Enough Trope Podcast, a news/review and interview show about geek culture. Enterprising Individuals, a Star Trek news and discussion/interview show. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Gamer's Rhapsody <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 5 Video game convention going on four years celebrating video game art, music, and development and inspiring creative works, fostering a community, and providing unique experiences for the Twin Cities. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Gamer's Rhapsody <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 6 Video game convention going on four years celebrating video game art, music, and development and inspiring creative works, fostering a community, and providing unique experiences for the Twin Cities. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>QueersPlay <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7 Founded in 2014 to help create safer spaces in convention culture for the LGBTQ community. Hours approximate.</p>

<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Geek By Numbers <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8 A group of nerds, actors, models, and performers who have decided to join forces for the greater good! Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 9 Minnesota-made media network dedicated to bringing geeky fun to the world through serial projects. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Quick sale available.</p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>VR Gaming Signups <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Gaming Room is open for signups ? actual time slots will start at 12:30pm <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Oregon Trail Card Game <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A You have died of Chuck Norris. Wait, wrong game. Dysentery! That?s what you died of! Try to make it to the Willamette Valley in this cooperative take on one of the most iconic games ever. You probably won?t but you can try? <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>

11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Marvel Legendary (+Expansions) <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table C Deck Building Game set in the Marvel Comics Universe. Battle other players with heroes, villains, and if you're strong enough, take on the Mastermind! Age 16+</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
11:00am - 5:00pm	<p>PFS - The Godsmouth Heresy <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table B Deep below the anarchic city of Kaer Maga, someone or some thing has begun stealing corpses from the city's most prestigious tomb, the Godsmouth Ossuary. (Levels 1-2)</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 5:00pm	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society</i></p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>Bridge Simulator Signups - Artemis / Valkyrie <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis room opens for signups. Players may sign up for one play per bridge per day. Signups open each morning for that day's play.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 11:55am</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>11:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Pre-Release - Hour of Devastation <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 The Hour of Devastation is at hand ? Unleash your Endgame! Come play in a sealed-deck pre-release event for the second set in the Amonkhet block. 24 player maximum for this event. (\$30 - event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you?ve never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you?ve played the original Kitsune game, head to the next table to play Diamond Dust?s newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>

<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>LAN - League of Legends Tourney <i>computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2208 One of the most popular games in the world. Team tournament matches will be held during the morning, with finals on Saturday afternoon. Also available for team play during open gaming/late night gaming. PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED** <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Bodacious Space Pirates - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Marika is a first year high school student. One day she finds out that her recently deceased father was once the captain of a space pirate ship. More importantly, only a direct descendent can inherit the captain's title - meaning that Marika is next in line to become a pirate captain.</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Meet Geek Partnership Society <i>GPS</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 The local nonprofit GPS exists to support our local fan community. Find out how they can connect you to your fandoms and grow partnerships. Learn about their events and activities. <i>Ann Roubik</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>LEGO Batman <i>kid, movie, superhero, teen</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Did they get the LEGO world right? Did they get Batman right? How are things in the brick world going? <i>Christopher Jones, Courtney Azar, Meghan McManus, Michael Zecca (mod), Samantha Bitner</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>Of a Certain Age <i>GoH, book</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>What stories feature older characters as the hero? How do these stories hook readers? What can you learn from them when the storyteller does the job well?</p> <p><i>Lois McMaster Bujold, Lyda Morehouse (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Signing - Jessica Walsh <i>signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p><i>Jessica Walsh</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Avoiding Cultural Appropriation in World Building <i>diversity, gaming, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Whether designing a game or writing a story, it's important to avoid appropriating cultures and perpetuating stereotypes of real-world peoples. We will examine common pitfalls, and discuss how to create truly original and authentic fictional worlds.</p> <p><i>Cam Banks (mod), Jen Riehm, Joseph Jay-Dixon, Kenneth Justiniano, Morgan Strickland</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue <i>British, GoH, comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>This is a British radio game show: basically an excuse for four panelists and the host to play childish games for an hour. Come watch our panelists play Mornington Crescent and One Song to the Tune of Another!</p> <p><i>Caroline Symcox, Lee Harris, Paul Cornell, Seanan McGuire, Tim Wick</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Harisen Daiko Preview <i>Japanese, Performance, audio, demo, music</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast A quick preview of the thundering taiko drums that await in Harisen Daiko's Sunday performance on Mainstage (home of the Taiko Sci Fi medley!). Stop by the garden court to get a taste of Harisen BRINGING THE BOOM! <i>Steve Sylvestre</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade Workmanship Judging <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree MainStage Green Room Performer judging times will be assigned.</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Superman: The Golden Age <i>comic, superhero</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Award-winning playwright phillip low has created an adaptation of Superman's earliest appearances! Come listen to a full-cast reading of Jerry Siegel's eccentric two-fisted street justice, dispensed by the ultimate interstellar immigrant. <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Tim Uren, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Nalbinding <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Knit like a viking! Come learn the needlework used by the Egyptians and the Vikings, and which predates knitting and crocheting by 2000 years. All it takes is a piece of yarn and a blunt needle. <i>Lori Baerg</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>How to Storyboard <i>DIY, GoH, art, movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 A how-to session on the art of storyboarding for visual media. <i>Ian Truitner, Kyle Dekker (mod), Sean Berry, Vanessa Horrocks</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Reading - Roy C Booth <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Alabaster Stratocaster <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson with collaborator of 20 years Bless the Machines. Enjoy some awesome sci-fi music and a mesmerizingly weird alien dancer. Blend of live acoustic guitar singer-songwriter songs with prerecorded highly produced space operas. <i>Kevin Campbell, Niles Randolph</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Honorverse <i>book, theme</i> Sheraton Whalon David Weber's series is a well-regarded space opera. Come talk about what makes it a great story. <i>Garret Bitker, Kevin Horner (mod), Michael Carus, Michael Shappe, Scott Lynch</i></p>

<p>11:30am - 12:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 15 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>
<p>Noon - 12:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>12:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Game Slots begin for Saturday ? come up to 2201 to see how much fun VR can be! <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Roadkill Rally <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</p> <p>Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch your @\$es! If you've ever seen either Death Race movie you've got the idea of what Roadkill Rally is about: the size of your gun and the speed of your ride - what's more American than that?</p> <p><i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Dominion <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>Come play Dominion, the breakthrough board game that created the deck-building genre! All expansions through Empire available with the revised 2nd Ed. base and Intrigue cards. Setup will be adjusted based on player experience. (Also 2205c)</p> <p><i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out!</p> <p><i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
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<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Universal Design Principles IN SPACE! <i>STEM, diversity</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>What features and amenities would a space ship have to be designed with to be universally accessible for humans with disabilities? Let's imagine, and plan out, a truly accessible space ship.</p> <p><i>Adam Poetter (mod), Alisha Srock, Echo Martin, Heather Dickinson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cold-Blooded Mythology <i>STEM, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Curious about scaly, creepy, crawly critters? Join members of the Minnesota Herpetological Society for a hands-on presentation of their native and exotic cold-blooded companions.</p> <p><i>Anna Toenjes (mod), Ellen Heck, Josh Mahlow, Marie Hulslander, Raelene Rueber</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Beyond Creation: Diversity in Media <i>social, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 They say that if you want more diversity, you should go out and create it yourself, but that's just part of what needs to be done. We'll discuss all the important factors of being more inclusive in the media we create and consume. <i>Briana Lawrence, Jessica Walsh, Morgan Strickland, Patrick Marsh (mod), Sara McAtee</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Internet of Things (In)Security <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 We're buying and installing them at a furious pace. What are we creating? <i>Cary Christopherson, Craig A. Finseth, Ib Jensen, James Renken (mod), Sean Berry</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Naomi Kritzer <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table B Guest of Honor Naomi Kritzer will be available to sign her work. <i>Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Comic Book Writing 101 <i>GoH, comic</i> DoubleTree Bloomington How and why most creative writing class stink when it comes to comics. <i>Jai Nitz</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Kids ID <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1 Gives parents an opportunity to have their child fingerprinted, make a video of the child, then a packet is given to the parents for use if the child is ever missing. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Orphan Black in Review <i>TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Edina Now that the final season of Orphan Black has aired, discuss how the conspiracy played out, the complexity of family dynamics, the science behind the plot, and the extraordinary craft that went into making the sestras. <i>Alison Anderson, Grace Ulak (mod), Jennifer Paulus, Jody Wurl, Kiah Nelson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>ChessWerks <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast Play chess with oversized pieces in the Garden Court. <i>Chairman deBoard</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:15pm</p>	<p>Assassin's Guild Boffing Tournament <i>tourney</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest Welcome to the 12th annual Assassin's Guild Boffing Tournament! Compete against your fellow con-goer by hitting each other with foam padded weapons! Trophies will be awarded to the top combatants! <i>D Alex Nicol</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Scoring in Films <i>GoH, movie, music</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 What makes an iconic film score? What makes one forgettable? How do directors use score to effect the story? Let's talk sound design. <i>Dave Stagner, Kristopher Carter, Matt Gamble, Nathan Anderson (mod), Scott Keever</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Mini Nebula Jars <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Have you ever wanted your own personal nebula? Now you can make one to wear everywhere! <i>Nikita Woltersen</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Geeks in the Arts Scene <i>GoH, art, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Let's talk about being a geek in more traditional art scenes. From installations, exhibitions, and performance art with speculative fiction and geeky themes to attitudes and cultural trends, where do we fit in? <i>Holly Chamas, Jen Riehm, Kristin Tipping, Meredith Gillies, Saymoukda Vongsay</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Cynthia Booth <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Cynthia Booth</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Boys Don't Make Passes At Girls Who Wear Glasses <i>Performance</i> Sheraton Gibson This comedy storytelling dorkfest will tickle you with real life observations from the geek perspective and fog up your glasses with torrid tales of nerd romance. Wait, did we say torrid? We meant awkward, embarrassing and unrequited. <i>Curt Lund, Laura Bidgood</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Anime on the Rocks Podcast Live <i>Anime, comedy, podcast</i> Sheraton Whalon Podcasting about anime and alcohol fueled nonsense doused with a little bit of intrigue and comedy. This episode we intend to jump into anime's place within intergalactic drama, adventure, horror, and sexiness. Join us for our second ever live recording! <i>Alfonso Maldonado, Jeff Henry, Michael Grimm, Ryan Sparks</i></p>
<p>1:00pm - 1:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator with Tracee Cocco <i>GoH, beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod), Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>

<p>1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Martian Successor Nadesico - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Akito would rather cook than pilot mecha. When his home on Mars is destroyed and he is somehow transported instantly to Earth, he ends up enlisting on the battleship Nadesico as their cook and backup pilot. The crew seems like misfits, but they were actually hand-picked to avenge Mars.</p>
<p>1:30pm - 2:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>1:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 16 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (with English subtitles)</p>
<p>2:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Firefly RPG: Thieves in Heaven <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table A "What do you mean we hit something? We're in space!" Lotta junk floatin round The Black. The good ship Serenity's found some the hard way. Only thing for it is to do a hard burn for Angel and hope they've got the parts to get you flyin' again. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Creative Freeform Card Game <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table C Did you make cards in the sandbox and want to try them out? Did you miss the sandbox activity, but still want to play a fun, imaginative game? Come to the gaming floor to socialize, eat candy and laugh. Homemade card game - silliness is imminent! <i>Alicia Beck (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 2:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator with Tracee Cocco <i>GoH, beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod), Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Sword of Air <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2205 Table A A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus, this episode starts at Level 1 ? players bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model in the 3.5 DMG, *or* can play a pre-gen. All characters must be human or demi-human, no exotics, please. <i>Burl Zorn (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is your chance! Once you've played the original Kitsune game, head to the next table to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>VR: Fad or Staying? <i>STEM, current, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 A lot has happened in VR in the last year. New viewers, platforms, and applications continue to arrive. What are the best uses of the technology? Will it be around in a few years or just have been a passing fad? <i>Allyson Cygan, Luxander Pond, Ross Conklin (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Lois McMaster Bujold Fan Panel <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Discuss Bujold's writing, your favorite characters and story lines. <i>Kristina Halseth, Marguerite Krause (mod), Naomi Kritzer, Sean Berry</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Star Wars 40th Anniversary <i>Star Wars, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 It's been 40 years since that courier ship first appeared on the screen. Let's look back and talk about the best--and worst--of the phenomenon. <i>Bess Stukenoxend, Courtney Krautbauer, Jon Durmin, Niles Schwartz (mod), Todd Murray</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Why Dystopia is Not Dead <i>GoH, TV, book, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 There is something about the dystopian/post-apocalyptic genre that keeps readers, TV, and movie fans coming back for more. What is it about the end of the world fiction that keeps us coming back? Is there an end in sight? <i>Anthony Eichenlaub, George Miller (mod), J. Boone Dryden, Monica Valentinelli, Seanan McGuire</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Cynthia Booth <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>Cynthia Booth</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Roy C Booth <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table B <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Movie Year in Review <i>GoH, current, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington From indie darlings to foreign films to big-budget blockbusters, let's discuss everything from the last year of film. <i>Alex Musial, Matt Gamble, Melissa Kaercher, Michael May (mod), Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade Registration <i>CONvergence, activity, costuming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>It's a CONspiracy: Our Abduction <i>comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina For the fourth year running, Molly Glover, Jeremy Stomberg, Tim Wick, and Nick Glover bring you The Truth (tm) about REAL and TOTALLY NOT FAKE things going on in the world around you... and also lizard people. <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Funny How? Dissecting the Frog <i>GoH, comedy, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Why are some things funny? Has any single theory of comedy emerged as the best predictor of what makes people laugh? How the hell do you write a good joke? Comedy writers/performers discuss these and other questions about the elusive nature of humor. <i>Ben San Del, Eric Chu, Meghan McManus, Shannan Paul (mod), phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Prepare for the Fungal Invasion: Mycology with Spark -Y <i>STEM, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>You find them in food, fairy homes and even in your body! Come learn about the roles mushrooms play, get a quick guide to fungi biology and basic culturing techniques. Each attendee will inoculate their own culture to take home and fruit.</p> <p><i>Destiny Ziebol, Dylan Martin, Michelle Chmura</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Educational Apps <i>STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>We had Oregon Trail. What has it grown into? What are the new ones that we should be looking into?</p> <p><i>Chrysoula Tzavelas, Katarina Larsen, Kerry Peterson, Peter Larsen, Sharon Stiteler (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Reading - Jessica Walsh <i>reading</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p><i>Jessica Walsh</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>The Leprechaun Pirates <i>Performance, music</i></p> <p>Sheraton Gibson</p> <p>Arrgh Begorah! Here be the Leprechaun Pirates! A Folk-punk Renaissance festival band. A merry band of singing pirates cursed to take the form of leprechauns.</p> <p><i>Beth Hansen, Justin Hartley, Kent Hansen</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Ancillary Justice <i>book, fan</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon Ancillary Justice is a about a ship, in human form, getting justice for its murder. Come discuss the trilogy. <i>Haddayr Copley-Woods, Michael Shappe, Paul Weimer, Sarah O'Connor (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:30pm - 3:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
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<p>3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Locke the Superman - R Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 Locke the Superman has appeared at various times throughout the history of the galaxy. His powerful esper abilities are much sought after, so he uses them to keep himself young in order to avoid being handed responsibilities.</p>

3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Splendor</p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>Playing the part of a Renaissance Merchant, you attempt to buy gem mines, transportation, shops, etc. The point of the game is to acquire more prestige than your opponents, including those things or opportunities that only increase your prestige further!</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>PFS - The Confirmation</p> <p><i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</p> <p>Pathfinders undergo training for three years to learn the tricks of the trade and their last test before graduating to the status of a Pathfinder agent is the Confirmation.</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:25pm	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator</p> <p><i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p> <p><i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p> <p><i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out!</p> <p><i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you've played the original Kitsune game, head to the next table to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>3:30pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Open Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208 Come up to LAN Gaming and check out the new games on the computers! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Why Do We Game? <i>gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 Tabletop games have become the cool new hobby for adults. What is it about tabletop gaming that draws us in? Let's talk about why we game, how we game, what games we play and what all that says about us as gamers and people. <i>Kerry Peterson (mod), Rebecca Kludy, Sam Stiles, Scott White, Wil Kludy</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Battlestar Galactica - Designing for Global Annihilation <i>GoH, TV, art</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4 Eric Chu recounts his experiences working on SyFy's Battlestar Galactica and the design challenges he went through bringing the world of evil murderous robots and explosive space battles to life. <i>Eric Chu</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Geeks Without God Live <i>comedy, podcast, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>The Geeks Without God podcast began at CONvergence exactly five years ago. Over two hundred and fifty podcasts later, they return for another live recording with special guests!</p> <p><i>Joseph Scrimshaw, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Jodorowsky's Dune <i>fan, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Come talk about the documentary, which details Alejandro Jodorowsky's attempt to film "Dune" in the 70s. Many genre projects owe their existence to the failed film and we'll talk about why.</p> <p><i>Aaron Coker, Dave Margosian, Garrick Dietze, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Michael Carus</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Lois McMaster Bujold <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</p> <p>Guest of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold will be available to sign her work.</p> <p><i>Lois McMaster Bujold</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Seanan McGuire <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</p> <p>Guest of Honor Seanan McGuire will be available to sign her work.</p> <p><i>Seanan McGuire</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>How Do You Blow Up a Space Cruiser? <i>STEM, theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Space opera is full of heroic, last-ditch battles between enemy space ships, searing laser beams, and exploding antimatter bombs! Come find out about our panelists' favorite space-based sci-fi weapons and whether or not they could ever really exist. <i>Adam Poetter, Christopher Baye, Samantha Bitner, Steven Theiss (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Animating Batman Through Music <i>GoH, music</i> DoubleTree Edina Guest of Honor Kristopher Carter will take you through a tour of the music scoring the various animated incarnations of the Caped Crusader, from Batman: The Animated Series to Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders and everything between. <i>Kristopher Carter</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Group Signing <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest This signing is for Invited and other Participants to sign their work. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Anthony Eichenlaub, Axel Kohagen, Briana Lawrence, Harris O'Malley, Henry Walton, Jay Gallentine, Jessica Walsh, Joan Marie Verba, John Heimbuch, Michael R Underwood, Taylor Cisco, Tex Thompson, William Leisner</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Eye in the Martian Sky: Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 MRO not only observes Mars, but it also supports landed missions by scouting landing sites and relaying their data once they arrive. Come hear a former member of MRO's operations team speak about how we study Mars and the vast amount we have learned. <i>Bridget Landry</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Dragon Flyer <i>Sandbox, activity</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 The best way to fly is by dragon. Create your own dragon "marionette" flier. <i>Nikita Woltersen</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dungeon Apprentice: How to be a Great Dungeon Master <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Ever wanted to run your own D&D game but never dared take on the role of Dungeon Master? Experienced dungeon masters will provide beginner tips for hosting a great night of D&D and share their stories of how and why certain campaigns went terribly wrong. <i>Brian Casey, Kenneth Justiniano, Kristin Daley, Michael May (mod), Nat Morse-Noland</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 17 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Catherine Schaff-Stump <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Catherine Schaff-Stump</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>The Faithful Sidekicks <i>Performance, comedy, music</i> Sheraton Gibson Award winning songwriting/performing Acoustic Geek Comedy Rock duo plays funny original songs about the geeky stuff they love, like Star Wars, Star Trek, Stargate, coffee, cats, computers and more. <i>Eric Distad, Jen Distad</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Punk Variations and Space Opera <i>theme, writing</i> Sheraton Whalon A discussion of how the various punk sub-genres cross-over (or the potential for) with space opera. The Victorian/Edwardian and American Gilded Age fascination with space and the planets beyond lends itself well to retro-future space opera. <i>David Stegora, Jonathan Killstring (mod), Roy C. Booth, Ty Blauersouth, Tyler Tork</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 4:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>

<p>4:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Chaos Draft <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>MTG - Standard Constructed <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Standard Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Standard-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$8 ? event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>4:30pm - 5:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Inn Fighting <i>board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table B From the creators of Three-Dragon Ante comes the dice game of the D&D world! Treachery and chaos abound, as every game promises a new (and hilarious) tavern-brawling experience!! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Terran Revenge Fleet <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table C They came for Earth but left the job half done. Earth rebuilt, unified by a single thought: REVENGE! Come join us for one of possibly the best Con games around, Terran Revenge Fleet! An amazing system will have you playing a character within 30 seconds. <i>Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!</p>
<p>5:00pm - 5:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
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<p>5:00pm - 6:15pm</p>	<p>Lily C.A.T. - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>The Syncam Corporation has sent the Saldes and its crew of thirteen (plus one cat) out into deep space to explore a newfound planet 20 years away. Once they awaken from stasis, however, the crew find that not everyone is who they seem, and the mission becomes a struggle for survival.</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Creating a Story with Tarot Cards <i>activity, demo</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Demonstration and audience participation. The attendees will create a story line in the panel. A little imagination can take you a long way. Let's see if we can come up with the next great sci-fi or fantasy novel. Using tarot cards we will create a story.</p> <p><i>Elise Matthesen, Holly Chamas, John Heimbuch (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>David Lynch's Dune <i>GoH, book, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>What did Lynch get right and what did he get wrong in his filmed version of the Frank Herbert Classic? Let's talk about it.</p> <p><i>Kris Coulter, Michael Carus, Norman Cates, Paul Weimer, Scott Lynch (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>(Fake?) Science in the News <i>GoH, STEM, current</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 How do you know when to trust a news report about the latest fantastic discovery? What should you consider before clicking? <i>Anthony Eichenlaub (mod), Dan Berliner, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Naomi Kritzer, Vernon McIntosh</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Creating Appealing Scientific Subjects <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Is a plasma reactor (like the one on Enterprise) realistic? There are so many sci-fi shows today, how do you know what is realistic science and what isn't. Authors have to be creative, but follow a certain code when it comes to their novels. <i>Jerry Stearns (mod), Seanan McGuire</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Great Beyond: Discussing Death in Popular Culture <i>Joss, misc</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Is death in pop culture becoming more prevalent? If so, what does it mean for modern TV and film? What does it say about our times? Is this Joss Whedon's fault? When is death used to best effect? Will a Marvel character ever stay dead? <i>Emilie Peck, Emma Bull, Gabriela Santiago, Jonah Rees, Justine Mastin, Monica Valentinelli (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Wonder Woman Movie Fan Panel <i>current, fan, movie, superhero</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina Amazon princess Diana meets American military pilot Steve Trevor when he is washed ashore. After learning from him about the ongoing events of World War I, she leaves her home to end the war. <i>Alexandra Howes (mod), Courtney Azar, Severina Hein, Taylor Cisco, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Pie Eating Contest <i>activity</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast Join Dean and Amara in the garden court for a pie feeding frenzy. You better bring your appetite. <i>Chris Pederson</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Group Signing (cont) <i>misc</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest This signing is for Invited and other Participants to sign their work. <i>Adam Whitlatch, Axel Kohagen, Briana Lawrence, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Harris O'Malley, Henry Walton, J. Boone Dryden, Jay Gallentine, Jessica Walsh, Joan Marie Verba, Michael R Underwood, Roy C. Booth, Tex Thompson, William Leisner</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>PTSD Representation in Geeky Media <i>diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 In every form of media, PTSD has been used as a plot device or character development. This disorder is shrouded in mystery and seems misunderstood by both writers and audience. Panelists with first-hand PTSD experience discuss the nuances of our disorder <i>Amy Fischer, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Luxander Pond, Michael Spaulding (mod), Skazka 9000</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Asian Folklore 101 <i>GoH, myth</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 We all (sort of) know about the various flavors of European folklore, but most of us don't know about what's from Asia. Come and learn. <i>Bryan Thao Worra, Eric Chu, Patrick Marsh (mod), Saymoukda Vongsay</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 18 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Dark is Coming <i>STEM, activity</i> Sheraton Ames There's a total solar eclipse coming August 21. Here! In the US! How are you going to see it? <i>Christopher Baye, Michael Kingsley (mod), Michael Zecca, Sean Berry</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Geek Comedy Showcase (18+) <i>Performance, comedy</i> Sheraton Gibson Featuring Aiden (stand-up comedy, not for children) and Peter the Great (stand-up comedy for cosplay conventions) <i>Aiden Milligan, Peter Haugen</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Meteorites! Coming to a Planet Near You! <i>STEM, activity, kid, teen</i> Sheraton Whalon Meteorite collecting is a lifelong exploration into both history and science. Come see a collection of hundreds of specimens and a comprehensive presentation on the topic. Stay after for a chance to hold a piece of The Moon and Mars! <i>John Shea</i></p>
<p>5:30pm - 6:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade (doors) <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree Main Stage House opens.</p>

<p>6:00pm - 6:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree Main Stage</p>
<p>6:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Masquerade Show Call <i>activity, costuming</i> DoubleTree MainStage Green Room</p>
<p>6:15pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Space Adventure Cobra - R Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Notorious space pirate Cobra is enlisted by bounty hunter Jane to rescue her sister from the strange being known as Crystal Boy. Cobra soon finds himself drawn into a complex struggle over the fate of a mysterious wandering planet.</p>
<p>6:30pm - 7:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>

<p>7:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Firefly Board Game <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</p> <p>Start with a captain and a ship, hire and equip a crew, travel the 'Verse to complete jobs and get paid while avoiding Reavers, Alliance patrols and rival captains who may be pirates. (NOTE: Event uses tables D and E due to size of board!)</p> <p><i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 7:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>7:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Red Dragon Inn: Saturday Night BYOB Edition! <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</p> <p>Adventurers have returned to The Red Dragon Inn to make merry: drink, brawl, and gamble! Be the last adventurer standing with gold in your pockets, or end up sleeping in the barn! (Please bring ID and your own adult beverage!)</p> <p><i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table C</p> <p>Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out!</p> <p><i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table D</p> <p>If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you've played the original Kitsune game (Foxes and Fools), head to the next table to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>7:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Starcraft <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>Blizzard's Classic Starcraft is back and available to play. Bot Stomps and Versus modes encouraged. <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>tech - Art Auction</p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol 2 <i>GoH, current, fan, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Spoiler Alert--we're going to talk about the new movie, which has been out only a couple weeks. Our lovable band of rogues are having another adventure. Will Quill get with Gamora? Will we ever see anything as cute as baby Groot again? Let's dance!</p> <p><i>Aaron Coker (mod), Alexandra Howes, Dave Margosian, Jai Nitz, Samantha Bitner</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>The Exorcist Comes to TV <i>TV, current, fan, horror, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 The Exorcist Universe descended on TV this season. How has the television version expanded the story started in the movies? Is it an improvement or just a different facet of The Exorcist? How does the television show present the modern Catholic Church. <i>Ann Laabs, Axel Kohagen, Kelly Jo Ernst, Melissa Olson (mod), Niles Schwartz</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Mega Panel <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Bloomington 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! <i>Derek Mahr, Jeremy Stomberg, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Obsessed Podcast: Whiskey <i>comedy, podcast</i> DoubleTree Edina A live recording of comedian Joseph Scrimshaw's hit comedy podcast about liking things a lot! Joseph hosts a panel of pals obsessed with the adult beverage, whiskey. <i>C. Robert Cargill, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Sara Scrimshaw, Tim Wick</i></p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Stargate Fan Panel <i>GoH, TV, movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 All things Stargate, the movie, the shows (SG-1, Atlantis, SGU). What worked, what didn't? What made the characters great? And what made the best episodes stick with you? <i>Chelsea Okey (mod), Courtney Azar, Lathan Murrell, Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Art Journal <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Make an arty journal to keep your arty stuff in. <i>Kyra Underbakke</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Anime for the Sci-Fi Fan <i>Anime</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Sci-fi fan? There's anime for that! Let us introduce you to some anime that you might like to watch which we promise probably won't involve tentacles or a socially awkward teenager collecting a harem. Probably. <i>Bob Johnson (mod), Bolt Vanderhuge, Gristle McThornbody, Penguin Hansen, Punch Rockgroin</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 19 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Ingress - Augmented Reality Cat-Herding <i>gaming</i> Sheraton Ames Ingress preceded Pokemon GO as Niantic Lab's first foray into geolocation augmented reality gaming. As Ingress nears Year 4, experienced players talk about localizing a global community, lone-wolf vs. team play, and burnout in years-long game play. <i>Dan Schmidt, Peter Leppik, Taylor Bilotta, Vanessa Krake</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Feng Shui Ninjas <i>Performance, music</i> Sheraton Gibson The Feng Shui Ninjas have survived attempted murder, mutilation, attempts to escape, and the Little Mermaid treatment over the past year, and triumphantly return to the HarmCon stage to, um... well, it's likely to surprise us too! <i>Dave Stagner, John Kentner, Justin Hartley, Tami Murck</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Storytelling, Slam Poetry, and Spoken Word Artists <i>art, writing</i> Sheraton Whalon Tradition states that, millennia ago, Homer and Ovid performed their works before live audiences. Can David Sedaris and Russell Simmons be considered their heirs? <i>Ben San Del (mod), Elise Matthesen, Sam Stiles, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>

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8:00pm - 8:55pm	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2204 Artemis</p> <p>Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
8:00pm - Midnight	<p>MTG - Amonkhet Booster Draft <i>card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</p> <p>Booster draft with Amonkhet (newest current) set. Come test your skill against your opponents? on Nicol Bolas' turf. The Will of the Gods may yet be your undoing! (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth).</p> <p><i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
8:00pm - Midnight	<p>MTG - Modern Constructed <i>card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</p> <p>Modern Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Modern-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists for their chosen formats! (\$8 ? event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth)</p> <p><i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Space Dandy - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 He's a dandy guy... in space. Dandy, his friend Meow, and his robot QT are trying to find rare and valuable aliens so they can afford dinner. Along the way, they die, get trapped in other dimensions, become zombies, and encounter the best ramen in the universe.</p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>
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<p>8:30pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you've played the original Kitsune game (Foxes and Fools), head to the next table to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Spooky Archie Comics <i>GoH, comic, current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>The Archie comic characters have changed with the new titles, moving to more horrific and disturbing themes. Come talk about this trend and whether it will spread to other comics.</p> <p><i>Harris O'Malley, Jai Nitz</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Game of Thrones Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Come talk about the show and our expectations now that it's ahead of the books.</p> <p><i>Craig Smith, Eric Zawadzki, Meghan McManus, Michael Carus (mod), Sean Berry</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>The Making of Kung Fu Zombies vs. Cannibals <i>GoH, diversity, horror</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Join the team behind the breakout play, Kung Fu Zombies vs. Cannibals, to learn about the ideas on racial identity, colonialism, religion, and politics that went into this story. With Saymoukda Vongsay, DJ Kool Akiem, Bryan Thao Worra, and Rob Callahan.</p> <p><i>Bryan Thao Worra, DJ Kool Akiem, Rob Callahan (mod), Saymoukda Vongsay</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Subversive Sci-Fi of Paul Verhoeven <i>GoH, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Dutch director Paul Verhoeven's Hollywood films have been blockbuster hits (Robocop, Total Recall, Basic Instinct) and objects of ridicule (Showgirls, Starship Troopers). We discuss how he is one of moviedom's most iconoclastic of genre infiltrators.</p> <p><i>Adam Lueck, Greg Orange, Matt Gamble (mod), Norman Cates, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Truth That's Weirder Than Fiction <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>Are we living in an SF novel right now? What real-world weirdness inspires our fiction and what real-world stories are far too implausible to ever fly in a fictional work?</p> <p><i>Emilie Peck, Jen Dixon, Naomi Kritzer (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Sock Puppets <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Make puppets out of socks!</p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>VR in Movies and Games <i>GoH, gaming, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>Both Hollywood and the gaming industry are utilizing new graphics technology. Let's talk about what's already out and what we're hoping to see.</p> <p><i>Evva Kraikul, Ian Truitner, Ross Conklin, Stephan Stomberg, Tony Bruno (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Grimm: The Final Season <i>TV, current, fan</i> Sheraton Ames The last season has aired. What did we think of how the story wrapped? What were your favorite moments? We will be focusing on Season 6, but there will likely be some series retrospective discussions as well. <i>Ann Laabs, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Jennifer Manna</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Ben San Del <i>Performance</i> Sheraton Gibson Slacker robots, suicidal ghosts, interactive tombstones and disapproving gargoyles ? a four-time Minnesota Fringe Festival Audience Pick encore winner performs original stories on these and other near-future/supernatural speculations. <i>Ben San Del</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Local Urban Fantasy <i>book, writing</i> Sheraton Whalon A panel of local authors of urban fantasy, stories set in or around the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. <i>David Lenander, Lyda Morehouse (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 9:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>

<p>9:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Art Auction <i>art, buy</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4</p>
<p>9:30pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Sci-Fi Erotica Read-Aloud: The Drinking Game <i>book, comedy</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Another year, another carefully curated selection of the...best...in sci-fi erotica, helpfully discussed, deconstructed, and diagrammed by your panel of experts. <i>Claire Alexander, Kate Cornish, Katherine Affeldt, Katie MacInnes, Kristina Winn, Molly Hair, Scott Raleigh, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming: Adult Hours <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Adult only hours for Virtual Reality Gaming ? come have some grown-up fun in the VR Room after the kids are put to bed! <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>FIASCO! <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table B Fiasco is an amazing storytelling game. No experience? No problem. If you have an interest in writing or storytelling or just being a bit crazy... this is the game for you! Fiasco is a game of people with strong desires and poor impulse control. <i>Robert "Ski" Cudinski (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Creative Freeform Card Game <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table F</p> <p>Did you make cards in the sandbox and want to try them out? Did you miss the sandbox activity but want to play a freeform card game that uses your imagination? Come to the gaming floor to socialize, eat candy and laugh. (Adult version of our 2 PM event)</p> <p><i>Alicia Beck (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>LAN - Late-Night Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208</p> <p>LAN goes adult-only for late-night gaming, so grown-ups can play grown-up games (and sometimes use grown-up language) without worrying about ?little ears? in the room!</p> <p><i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Evangelion: 3.0 You Can (Not) Redo - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>Fourteen years after the Third Impact, Earth is a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Shinji is recovered from space to find that his enemies are no longer Angels, but his former comrades. He soon learns that the past truly cannot be undone.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Space Opera Anime and Manga <i>Anime, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>From Macross to Tenchi Muyo, Captain Harlock, Space Battleship Yamato, Legend of the Galactic Heroes, and so, so many more, Anime and Manga offer us amazing, developed worlds for Space Opera. It can be hard to explore them all, but we'll try!</p> <p><i>Jen Riehm, Nick Stoner, Scott Jamison (mod), Scott Mattson</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Peele-ing back "Get Out" <i>diversity, horror, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Jordan Peele's new horror flick "Get Out" was different. It was very, very different. But the world it presented around race was, literally, scarily familiar. Let's break that down. <i>AlysshaRose Jordan, Bryan Thao Worra, Gregory Parks (mod), Morgan Strickland</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Preacher Fan Panel <i>TV, comic, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Who've thought Preacher would be developed for TV? Well, it has and we're gonna talk about it. How true to source is this adaptation? What's changed for the better? <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Sean Berry (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Minnesota Awkward: Conversation and Mingling Tips for the Socially Challenged <i>social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Let's face it. Geeks are awkward. Minnesotans are shy. We need help. Networking experts and CONvergence goers who have overcome awkwardness tell their stories and offer advice for improving small-talk, flirting, and conversational technique. <i>Adam Poetter, Bess Stuvencoxend, Grace Ulak (mod), Harris O'Malley, Tex Thompson</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>From Fetishism to Feminism: Horror, Anime and Beyond <i>Anime, horror, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Final girls, all-female battleship crews, mythological heroes recast as women: let's talk about how tropes rooted in sexism and objectification can be reinterpreted as empowering narratives by those being objectified and why that happens. <i>Chrysoula Tzavelas, Lara Richarson, Michael Grimm (mod), Michelle C, Michelle Farley</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Supernatural 12 seasons and beyond! <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>The Winchesters are hunting for a 12th season and already renewed for a 13th! Between finding Lucifer and trying to figure out what the British Men of Letters want, Sam and Dean already have their hands full with Castiel, Crowley and Mom! <i>Alexandra Howes (mod), Holly Chamas, Jennifer Lundstrom, Jennifer Manna, Nicole LaBat</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Room Full of Nightmares <i>GoH, Sandbox, activity, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2</p> <p>Come learn some scary-makeup basics with GoH Norman Cates. <i>Norman Cates</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Androids, AI, And Gender Theory <i>STEM, diversity, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Androids & AI in sci-fi disrupt the idea of a gender binary and play with gender fluidity in a way that implies gender is not essential or passive but a construct in which one must actively participate. How do these narratives translate to other contexts <i>Jamie Riedesel (mod), Justin Grays, Nat Morse-Noland, Skazka 9000, Susan Willson</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 20 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>The Rise of Women's Comic Book Clubs <i>comic, diversity, social</i> Sheraton Ames There are three feminist comic book clubs in the Twin Cities alone and similar groups have been popping up all over the US for the last few years. What makes these groups so popular? Why the sudden increase? Club leaders talk about their experiences. <i>Jordan West, Katy Rex, Millie Adelsheim</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>StarF <i>Performance, comedy, music</i> Sheraton Gibson Comedy infused nerdcore hip-hop. Come witness the magic of a local performer shouting songs about the internet, video games, taking selfies, and everything in between. <i>Alex Alverson</i></p>

	Table Top Space Opera <i>board, gaming, theme</i>
10:00pm -	Sheraton Whalon
11:00pm	What are your favorite table-top games with a space opera theme? <i>Jonathan Killstring (mod), Kyle Dekker</i>

To Infinity Minus One?and Back Again! (dance) - To Infinity Minus One?and Back Again! (dance)

misc

DoubleTree Main Stage

11:00pm - 6:30am

This evening's dance starts with our traditional 2-hour celebration of science-fiction and geek-related music in all forms. Let's explore the reaches of the universe as we groove to the classics and rock out to the latest parodies and tributes. 11:00p - Sci-fi music "hour" It used to be an hour. Really...but we all love geek music and it's fun to dance to, so why not make the most of it? 1:30a - Fenris A sonic shapeshifter specializing in the manifestation of electronic sounds ranging from electro, techno, ebm, synth and new waves. 2:30a - dv8 It should come as little surprise that one of the persons responsible for the wonderful tech behind the CONvergence Mainstage is also responsible for some of the most wonderful music. Get ready to bounce to some Euro electro, aggro-tech, and everything within that spectrum. 3:30a - noise noise has been a mainstay of music at CONvergence since its inception. Favoring fast and spooky music, expect dark beats that journey through words of science fiction and fantasy themes. Wearing black-light reactive clothing is highly encouraged. 4:30a - DJs Lost in Space It's time to find out way back from the brink, and to do so will take the coordinated effort of every one of our performers to navigate back through the chaotic expanse. We're going to party all the way home (or at least until sunrise) and we'd love you to come along for the ride.

<p>11:30pm - 4:00am</p>	<p>Zombies and Life <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table A (Continuation of TH / F night?s game ? New players may still join) Zombies are the main theme of the game, as you are trying desperately to either find / destroy the cure, depending on player alignment. <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Evangelion Redeath - R Parody Dub <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 It doesn't bother Shinji that his father (who might be a pimp) thinks giant robots are babe magnets. It doesn't bother him that he shares an apartment with a strangely masculine German girl. It doesn't even bother him that the world may be coming to an end thanks to a Prince song. The only thing on Shinji's mind is the nookie, whatever that is.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Dominate Submissions <i>business, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Publishers and literary contest judges share what they like to see in submitted works of writing, what keeps them reading past the first few sentences, and what turns them off. Hoping to get published or win a literary contest? Take these tips to heart. <i>David Stegora, Roy C. Booth</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Golden Age of Radio Horror <i>audio, classic, current, horror</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 A discussion of the great horror and suspense shows from the golden age of radio, including Suspense, Lights Out Everybody, The Witch's Tale, The Shadow, and more. We'll talk about classic episodes, not-so-classic episodes, and the people who made them. <i>Bill Stiteler (mod), Joshus English Scrimshaw, Kai Stewart, Scott Jamison, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>2 Panel 2 Furious <i>current, fan, movie</i> DoubleTree Bloomington A new Fast & Furious film has roared into theaters! Is it a worthy addition to this increasingly ambitious and bonkers franchise? Are you new to the series and are wondering what's going on? Did the panelists bring enough Corona this time? Join our FAMILY <i>Derek Mahr, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Star Wars Counseling <i>Star Wars, comedy</i> DoubleTree Edina Joseph Scrimshaw, comedian and co-host of the Star Wars podcast, Force Center, tries to make people feel better about whatever part of Star Wars they're upset with. The light side of the force is calling... let it in. <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Glover</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>activity, music</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Bridge Building 101 <i>DIY, gaming, theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 The command deck, or bridge, is the heart of the vessel. The team that brought you HMS Artemis Simulator will discuss design, materials, and execution. Learn how they did it and tips on how you can too. <i>Brian Horton, Christopher Thompson, Don Hackett, Jill McTavish</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Horatio Hornblower...IN SPACE! <i>British, book, theme</i> Sheraton Ames From the Royal Manticoran Navy to the Republic of Cinnabar Navy, we'll discuss how military space opera series are flavored with tropes borrowed from the classic "age of sail" Royal Navy adventures by C.S. Forester and Patrick O'Brian. <i>Christopher Baye (mod), Garret Bitker, John Neitz, Sean Berry</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Dregs <i>Performance, comedy, music</i> Sheraton Gibson The Dregs are a musical comedy act that combine irreverent versions of traditional folk music with their own original songs like 'Pissing off the Geeks' and 'Satan Planted Dinosaur Bones.' <i>Molly Zupon, Paul Score, Rachael Salisbury, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick, Trevor Hartman</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Barbarella Fan Panel <i>classic, comic, movie, theme</i> Sheraton Whalon The cult classic about a sexy astronaut saving the peaceful future from a return of evil. Come discuss the beauty and the cheesiness of this beloved film and its spinoff media. <i>Garrick Dietze, Lara Richarson, Sarah Barsness (mod)</i></p>

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Midnight - 2:00am	Cinema Rex Movie 21 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4
12:30am - 2:30am	FLCL - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Naota Nandaba goes from a life where nothing ever happens to sprouting giant robots from his forehead, all thanks to a Vespa-riding, bass guitar-wielding maniac who runs him over and hits him in the face. From space.
2:00am - 4:00am	Cinema Rex Movie 22 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4
7:00am - 9:00am	Crusher Joe - R Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 A routine mission escorting a cryogenically frozen heiress goes awry when the girl goes missing, and Joe and his team are left holding the bag. The Crushers don't take kindly to being set up as patsies by space pirates. Space dogfights ensue.
9:00am - 11:00am	Sgt. Frog - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Keroro, the leader of the Space Invasion Army Special Tactics Platoon, infiltrates the home of the Hinata family to establish a headquarters for world domination, but the family's children destroy his cover. In other news, Keroro is a frog.

<p>9:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</p>
<p>9:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</p>
<p>9:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Open Use DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>A Comprehensive Guide to Independent Publishing <i>business, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 There are a lot of guides to self-publishing, independent publishing, and small presses. However, those guides may not cover everything. The purpose of this panel is to cover issues and challenges that may not be covered elsewhere. <i>Harris O'Malley, Joan Marie Verba, Linda White, Michael R Underwood, Ty Blauersouth (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Ms. Marvel Fan Panel <i>comic, current, fan, social, superhero</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Marvel has four different heroes under this same overall title. They're all good, but which is your favorite? <i>John Seavey, Kathryn Sullivan, Lyda Morehouse (mod), Tim Lieder</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Flash Gordon (1980) <i>classic, fan, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6 Let's talk about the sole sci-fi entry from director Mike Hodges. How did the film get made? How did Queen come to do the soundtrack? <i>Garrick Dietze, Kevin Eldridge, Kyle Dekker (mod), Paul Weimer</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Miles in Charge <i>GoH, book</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7 Miles Vorkosigan, a genius hampered by his disabilities on his home world of Barrayar, becomes a force to be reckoned with once he starts exploring the galaxy. Explore Bujold's Vorkosigan Saga and why having Miles in charge is not always a good thing. <i>Jody Wurl (mod), Kerry Peterson, Lois McMaster Bujold</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Gravity Falls Fan Panel <i>TV, animation, fan</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington Let's chat conspiracy theories, nightmare demons, and adorable sweaters at this Gravity Falls fan panel. <i>Elliot Besmann (mod), Graham Barr, Jeanne Mealy, Jonah Rees</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Steven Universe as Queer Space Opera <i>TV, current, diversity, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina We will explore how the alternative relationship styles and structures, as well as the growth and character development in Steven Universe work to queer the traditional concepts of Space Opera. <i>Bri Donovan (mod), Jesse Haller, Justin Grays, Lara Richarson, Ryan Alexander</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>The Many Failures of Dungeons & Dragons <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Possibly the most widely played RPG, D&D has some mighty flaws built into its design and play. Can they be overcome by good players, house rules, or in-game purchases? <i>Cam Banks (mod), Dave Walbridge, Kevin Horner</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Crayon's Corner <i>Sandbox, activity, kid</i> 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>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Parenting in Troubled Times <i>social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Our world seems beset by unsolvable problems and unwinnable battles, from Global Climate Change to the rise of Fascism. How can we, as parents, raise socially aware children without passing along our fears and worries to the next generation? <i>Anj Olsen, Katarina Larsen, Michael May (mod), Peter Larsen, Vetrnita Anderson</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Why Are All the Blerds Sitting Together in the Garden Court? <i>diversity, social</i> Sheraton Ames Why is there a differentiation? Aren't we all one geeky community? The panel will explore what it's like to be considered an outsider within your own community, the meaning of the term "blerd" and how it's not just a pop-culture reference. <i>AlysshaRose Jordan (mod), Briana Lawrence, Gregory Parks, Riley Hanson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Laomagination: Building Southeast Asian Speculative Arts Movements <i>misc</i> Sheraton Whalon While Southeast Asian culture has extensive epics, space opera is still an emerging field. Using Laos as a case study, we'll look at possible directions for the genre. How might the Vietnam War, ecological / economic / political concerns impact tales? <i>Bryan Thao Worra</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Twin Cities Geek <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1 Geek culture magazine focusing on Minnesota. Sponsor of the Fan-Featured Guest for CONvergence this year. Hours approximate.</p>

<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>CoreCon/Anime Fargo/dCON <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 10 Three conventions in Fargo, ND. CoreCon: Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Anime, Horror convention. Anime Fargo is North Dakota's only anime convention. dCON is Fargo's gaming exclusive convention. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Sony Affiliate for Spider-man Homecoming <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2 Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Brackenwald Studios <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3 An independent scifi, fantasy, superhero artist, video editor, and writer. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Just Enough Trope Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4 Podcast network that hosts two geeky shows: The Just Enough Trope Podcast, a news/review and interview show about geek culture. Enterprising Individuals, a Star Trek news and discussion/interview show. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Gamer's Rhapsody <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 5 Video game convention going on four years celebrating video game art, music, and development and inspiring creative works, fostering a community, and providing unique experiences for the Twin Cities. Hours approximate.</p>

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<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>QueersPlay <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7 Founded in 2014 to help create safer spaces in convention culture for the LGBTQ community. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Geek By Numbers <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8 A group of nerds, actors, models, and performers who have decided to join forces for the greater good! Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate Media <i>Hours</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central 9 Minnesota-made media network dedicated to bringing geeky fun to the world through serial projects. Hours approximate.</p>
<p>10:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 23 <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>
<p>10:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Art Show <i>Hours, art, buy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6 Checkout and Sunday sales.</p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>VR Gaming Signups <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Gaming Room is open for signups ? actual time slots for gaming will start at 12:30pm. <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break of the Damned <i>RPG, gaming</i> 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?and when the doors open, Jimmy-the-intern is chewing on Dave-from-accounting's face. Fight your way to safety or join the menu! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>PFS - From the Tome of Righteous Response <i>RPG, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table A A local venture-captain has found a lost chapter to the Tome of Righteous Repose, which chronicles the demise of countless heroes of the Shining Crusade. (Levels 3-7) <i>Pathfinder Society</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>PFS - Quests! <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2203 Table C A series of one hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play! <i>Pathfinder Society</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 11:55am</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>
<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>MTG - Chaos Draft <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table A Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>MTG - Commander / EDH Group Games <i>card, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2206 Table B Bring your EDH / Commander deck and come play! Commander-legal decks only, please! Players are responsible for knowing banned / restricted lists for the format. (\$10 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table D If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is for you! Once you've played the original Kitsune: Foxes and Fools, head to table C to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>11:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>LAN - Open Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2208 End your convention right ? get out any lingering anger at missing the pizza in Consuite or that blasted elevator line by killing pixels! Open Gaming all day Sunday! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Captain Earth - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 One night, Manatsu Daichi sees a round rainbow floating in the sky and goes to check it out. He arrives at the same time as robotic intruders from Uranus. Daichi is asked if he is a captain. A giant robot battle ensues.</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Space Opera in Video Games <i>gaming, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 Mass Effect, Knights of the Old Republic, and Destiny are all well known examples. Come talk about these and other examples of this year's theme applied to video gaming. <i>Jonathan Killstring (mod), Meredith Gillies, Stephan Stomberg</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>When Nerd Niche Goes Mainstream <i>misc, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 With superheroes all the rage these days, self-described old-school nerds talk about what it was like back when enjoying comic books would get you beat up in school and the pros and cons of when your niche interests go mainstream. <i>Allyson Cygan, Dave Margosian (mod), Derek Mahr, Harris O'Malley, Michael R Underwood</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Star Trek: Discovery <i>Star Trek, TV, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Let's discuss the newest addition to the Star Trek family. What worked, what didn't, and what do you hope to see from the show going forward? <i>Aaron Coker, Gabriela Santiago, Michael Shappe (mod), Rick Ellis, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>GPS Live Auction <i>GPS, activity, buy</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 All silent auction items that went to voice auction will be sold at this charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society. <i>Ann Roubik, Melissa Kaercher</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Martial Arts in Media <i>GoH, Japanese</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Martial arts has always had a special place in SF, fantasy, and anime. From Chirrut's staff work in "Rouge One" to sword work in "Kill Bill," what representations of martial arts make actual martial artists cringe and which are genuine. <i>Alison Anderson, Aric Stewart (mod), Eric Chu, Ian Truitner, Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Crowdfunding 101 <i>business, web</i> DoubleTree Edina Kickstarter, Indigogo, and many others. What are your experiences, both as a project manager and as a backer, on the various sites? <i>Anj Olsen, Elise Matthesen, Luxander Pond (mod), Mark DiPasquale, Sam Stiles</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Finding Inspiration in Genre <i>GoH, misc</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Genre media can be the muse that leads people to new hobbies and careers. Talk about your journey. <i>Dana Baird (mod), Jordan West, Joseph Peterson, Lana Rosario, Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Steampunk Craft Hour <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 The Red Ribbon Society hosts an 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>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>From Fan Fiction to Professional Writing <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Brichibi and Snow Cosplays met through fanfiction and roleplaying, which later spiraled into a writing career. This panel will go into how they managed to do that, and how fanfiction writing became one of the best ways to practice their craft. <i>Briana Lawrence, Jessica Walsh, Naomi Kritzer, Seanan McGuire, William Leisner</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Fantasy and Sci-Fi Mapmaking <i>DIY, RPG, gaming</i> Sheraton Ames This panel will cover techniques, tips, and other information for people who want to make their own fantasy and sci-fi maps. <i>David Rust, Linda White, Michael Carus, Tania Richter, Tex Thompson (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>What do YOU Want in Your Local Geek Culture Magazine? <i>fan, social, web</i> Sheraton Whalon Come join TwinCitiesGeek.com, your local geek culture online magazine, for a round table discussion and listening session. Tell us what YOU think a Minnesota geek culture magazine should be, what you want to see more of, or whatever else is on your mind! <i>Garrick Dietze, Hal Bichel, Madeleine Vasaly</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 12:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

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<p>Noon - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Sword of Air <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2205 Table A A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus, this episode starts at Level 1 ? players bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model in the 3.5 DMG, *or* can play a pre-gen. All characters must be human or demi-human, no exotics, please. <i>Burl Zorn (mod)</i></p>
<p>Noon - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Star Wars Fan Film Festival <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 Rex has curated an hour of shorts set in the Star Wars universe for your viewing pleasure.</p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Virtual Reality Gaming <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2201 Virtual Reality Game Slots begin for Sunday ? come up to 2201 to see how much fun VR can be! <i>Jennifer Bird (mod)</i></p>

12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Firefly Board Game <i>beginner, board, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</p> <p>Start with a captain and a ship, hire and equip a crew, travel the 'Verse to complete jobs and get paid while avoiding Reavers, Alliance patrols and rival captains who may be pirates. (NOTE: due to size of board, event runs on tables B and C)</p> <p><i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>PFS - Out of Anarchy <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</p> <p>When the Society learns that an informant still lives in the town of Pezzack you must smuggle yourselves in, navigate the urban landscape, and extract the contact. (Levels 1-5)</p> <p><i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
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12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Red Dragon Inn <i>beginner, board, gaming</i></p> <p>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! Be the last adventurer standing with gold in your pockets, or end up sleeping in the barn!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten (mod), Tammy Anderson (mod)</i></p>

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12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Glass Fleet - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1 The People's Army opposes the rule of the self-declared Holy Emperor, but they are no match for the Imperial Army. The rebel leader seeks help from the legendary, undefeatable Glass Fleet. Unfortunately, the Fleet is in decline.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Norse Mythology in Contemporary Society <i>book, classic, myth</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 2 The re-emergence of Norse Mythology in our modern psyche is suggestive of a move back to nature while exploring our own inner-nature. Contemporary Authors such as Gaiman and Riordan have either expanded or exploited this interest. <i>Erik Evensen, Gabriel Hilmar (mod), Severina Hein, Will Shetterly</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Mythic/Spiritual Visions in Film <i>GoH, Star Wars, TV, movie, superhero</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Mythic frameworks in classics 2001 and Star Wars intimate spiritual wonder, while leaps of faith in Midnight Special, Hail Caesar, Stranger Things, etc continue to evoke transcendence. In an ostensibly secular world, why do these themes persist?</p> <p><i>Chrysoula Tzavelas, Emma Bull, Jessica Walsh, Norman Cates, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Art: Impossible <i>art</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Watch as talented artists are given impossible challenges! Could you create a CONvergence-themed amusement park in thirty minutes? How about design a new Doctor Who costume in five minutes? These artists create the impossible!</p> <p><i>Christopher Jones, Danielle Pebbles, Jerry Belich, Louis Frank, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Zombies as Political Metaphor <i>GoH, book, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>Zombies are frequently used as a political metaphor. What are some of your favorites? GoHs Seanan McGuire and Saymoukda Vongsay discuss how they have used zombies in their works.</p> <p><i>Saymoukda Vongsay, Seanan McGuire</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Disney's LGBT+ Problem <i>GoH, animation, diversity, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington We'll cover the scope of queerness throughout Disney's cinematic history including coded characters, queer villains, and why Disney's purported "first openly gay cinematic character" in Beauty and the Beast is a poor effort at best; harmful at worst.</p> <p><i>Bri Donovan (mod), Briana Lawrence, Sara Spookystitch, Stephanie Stensland, Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Legion <i>TV, comic, current, fan</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina "I have to know...is this real?" "Legion" is a series on FX network, focused on the often-controversial Marvel Comics character, David "Legion" Haller. In this panel we'll talk about the show and David's presence in the comics.</p> <p><i>Daren Johnson, Dirk Ykema, Jennifer Manna, Sean Casey (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Iconography <i>GoH, comic</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Visual storytelling boiled down to simple ideas.</p> <p><i>Jai Nitz</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Planet Pendants <i>GoH, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Make your very own planet pendant just like Miles Vorkosigan found, in the book by GoH Louis McMaster Bujold!</p> <p><i>Elise Matthesen, Lois McMaster Bujold</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Eastern vs. Western Horror Tropes <i>diversity, horror, myth</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 How do regional customs, superstitions, and histories differently shape horror originating from Eastern and Western cultures? What is lost in translation when adapting these stories, and how necessary is cultural literacy across the horror genre? <i>Ansley Grams, Axel Kohagen, Lathan Murrell, Stephan Stomberg, Will Colson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Taylor Cisco <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Wynona Earp Fan Panel <i>TV, comic, current, fan</i> Sheraton Whalon Let's talk about the TV series, the comic, and how they relate to each other. <i>Craig A. Finseth, Grace Ulak, Jody Wurl</i></p>
<p>1:00pm - 1:55pm</p>	<p>Artemis Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Artemis Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Artemis Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Artemis, it does not reserve you for the time slot.</p>

<p>1:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Harisen Daiko Drum Group - Harisen Daiko Drum Group <i>music</i> DoubleTree Main Stage Easily the premiere go-to event for those that aren't still sleeping in their Sunday, Harisen Daiko presents CONvergence with a unique interpretation of science-fiction themes via traditional Japanese percussion and performance.</p>
<p>1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Teleios with Ian Truitner - NR - 2016 - 89m - Teleios with Ian Truitner - NR - 2016 - 89m <i>movie</i> DoubleTree Plaza 4 In this tense thriller, a rescue mission is sent to try to determine why the entire crew of a mining space ship died. Did they kill each other? What really happened, and could there be an influence on this rescue team? CVG guest of honor Ian Truitner will be on hand to discuss his work directing the film before and after the showing. Don?t miss this one!</p>
<p>1:30pm - 2:25pm</p>	<p>Valkyrie Bridge Simulator <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2204 Valkyrie Come play in our two unique and customized bridges for the Valkyrie Bridge Simulator! Physical sign-up sheets will be available in the room daily. The online Sched system is for interest in playing Valkyrie, it does not reserve you for the time slot. <i>The Royal Manticoran Navy (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Tsuro <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2202 Table D A wonderful and easy-to-learn game based on Asian spirituality ? the lines represent the many roads that lead to divine wisdom, and the game as a whole representing a light-hearted quest for enlightenment. Come, play the Game of the Path. <i>Jennifer Bergk (mod)</i></p>
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<p>2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Kitsune: Spirit Chase! <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i> DoubleTree 2207 Table C Those foxes are at it again! During an innocent prank, they let evil spirits loose from the shrine. Help them catch the spirits before the Elder Kitsune finds out! <i>Susan Price (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>This is Your Brain on Video Games <i>STEM, gaming, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Do video games cause violence? How are they used for social good? Why did we cry when Aerith died? This panel explores how video games affect your brain, for good and for ill. <i>Allyson Cygan, Ansley Grams, Briana Lawrence, Elliot Besmann (mod), Evva Kraikul</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Meet The Real-Life Honor Harringtons <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 From Starbuck, Ellen Ripley, Cordelia Naismith, Honor Harrington, Nyota Uhura, and even General Organa, how do fictional accounts of being a woman in the armed forces compare to real life? Come explore this topic with real women U.S. military veterans. <i>Chelsea Okey, Courtney Azar (mod), Jen Peters Kyseth, Paula Merns, Sara McAtee</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Overwatch Fan Panel <i>GoH, current, fan, gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Blizzard has entered the first-person shooter genre with this sci-fi storied tale. Did they get it right? Does the story work? How's the gameplay? What's your favorite character and strategy? <i>Barry Hardt, James Fairbairn, Seanan McGuire</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Taylor Cisco <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>Taylor Cisco</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Wubba Lubba Dub Dub: The Rick & Morty Fan Panel <i>TV, animation, current, fan</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Let's come together and discuss Rick & Morty, one of the most subversive science fiction cartoons. Where is the show going? Is Rick suicidal? Why are Beth & Jerry co-dependent? What is going on with galactic empire? Discuss all theories and tropes. <i>Derek Mahr, Greg Orange (mod), Lara Richarson, Tex Thompson</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Book to Movie <i>book, movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina Which ones were successful? Which ones didn't work? <i>Cat Choy (mod), Grace Ulak, Nathan Anderson, Niles Schwartz, Patrick Marsh</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Hello Sweet-Tea! <i>Dr Who</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest The Victorian Lady Doctors invite you to join us for a Tea Party. Come dressed as your favorite Doctor, Companion, Villain, or Dedicated Fan. Various tea and dainties will be on offer. Photography encouraged. Tomfoolery highly encouraged. <i>Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Picking up the Spare: New Horizons at Pluto <i>STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Pluto, last of the (former) planets to be explored, saved a few surprises for us. Come see the pictures and hear the latest theories of this remarkable object. <i>Bridget Landry</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>OHM my gosh! LED Origami with Spark-Y <i>STEM, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Spark your creativity and begin your electrical engineering journey. Come and learn the basics of how a circuit works, make your first simple circuit, and enjoy the art of origami with an electrical twist. Make and take home your newly lit creation. <i>Destiny Ziebol, Dylan Martin, Michelle Chmura</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Alan Moore <i>comic, fan, horror</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 In a field known for eccentricities, Alan Moore is still the strange one with comics where the apocalypse turns out to be a good thing, writing Lost Girls which is a beautifully rendered Tijuana Bible and retiring for a 1200 page novel. <i>Jon Durmin, Roy C. Booth, Sean Casey (mod), Stephan Stomberg, Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Reading- William Leisner <i>reading</i> Sheraton Ames <i>William Leisner</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Get Off My World! A Doctor Who Podcast <i>Dr Who, TV, comedy, podcast</i> Sheraton Whalon A live recording of the Doctor Who podcast Get Off My World! Serious analysis, cranky opinion, and more! With Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Ariel Leaf and Pat Harrigan. <i>Ariel Leaf, Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Pat Harrigan</i></p>
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<p>2:30pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Diamond Dust Dreams Game Demos <i>beginner, board, card, demo, gaming</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2207 Table D</p> <p>If you've never had the chance to try out Kitsune: Foxes and Fools or Bad Decisions, this is your shot! Once you've played the original, head to table C to play Diamond Dust's newest game, Kitsune: Spirit Chase!</p>
<p>2:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Mighty Space Miners - PG-13 Subtitled <i>Anime, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 1</p> <p>In the mid-21st century, the Planet Catcher Corporation has pioneered capturing asteroids for resources. Nanbu Ushiwaka was born into the company, and when an accident during an operation triggers a nuclear meltdown, he might just die for it, too.</p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Reverend Matt's Monster Science: The Zoology of the Galactic Empire - Reverend Matt's Monster Science: The Zoology of the Galactic Empire <i>Star Wars, comedy, movie, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>As part of his acclaimed series ("Part science. Part comedy. All monsters."), Rev. Matt discusses the zoology of a galaxy far, far away; tauntauns, banthas, acklays, Kowakian monkey-lizards, that horrible pig-like thing drinking water on Jakku, and many more! Plus jokes!</p> <p><i>Matt Kessen</i></p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 24 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4</p>

<p>3:30pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Irresponsible Captain Tylor - PG-13 Dubbed <i>Anime, movie, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 1 Justy Ueki Tylor thought a career in the United Planets Space Force would give him an easy life: Quiet, boring comfort in a desk job. No sooner does he take the qualifying exam than war breaks out with the Raalgon Empire, and circumstances quickly conspire to land this volunteer off the street in command of the cruiser Soyokaze.</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cosplaying with Disabilities <i>DIY, art, costuming, diversity</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Should your disability influence your cosplay choices? How can you work your mobility aid into your costume? Come for tips, strategies, philosophies, and stories about cosplaying while disabled. <i>Alisha Srock, Amy Graves, Josie Browning, Mary Helen Inskeep, laura cannata</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>New Hollywood Tropes <i>TV, comic, diversity, movie</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Let's discuss the NEW Hollywood tropes and how they continue to recycle, remake, and reuse the same story arcs and character types, regardless of the fact that more and more female leads and heroes of color exist. <i>Adam Lueck, Christina "DZA" Marie, Jonathan Palmer, Shannan Paul (mod), Taylor Cisco</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Ageing Poorly: Pop Culture and the Test of Time <i>misc</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Is Seinfeld as funny as you remember? Is The Dark Crystal really that good or is it just the nostalgia talking? Why do The Beatles persist while Falco falters? What makes something timeless and how can today's pop culture avoid aging poorly? <i>AlysshaRose Jordan, Dana Baird, Kevin Eldridge, Michael May (mod), Rick Ellis</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Saga Fan Panel <i>comic, fan, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 What makes this epic tale of lovers from warring planets on the run for bounty hunters, as told in flashback by their daughter, so good? Discuss the visuals and language of this popular comic. <i>Cynthia Booth, Jennifer Manna (mod), Lara Richarson, Tex Thompson</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - William Leisner <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table A <i>William Leisner</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>I Love Everyone in this Bar: The Good Parts of Being a Fan <i>GoH, fan, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>It's important to discuss the problems and issues within geek culture, but it's also important to celebrate the massive amounts of awesome. What's your favorite thing about being a fan? What do you love about conventions? When do you squee the hardest?</p> <p><i>Elise Matthesen, Grace Ulak, Maggie Schultz (mod), Naomi Kritzer, Norman Cates</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Face Value: Why Do We Believe False Things? <i>myth, social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>That thing you posted.. It's not real. Why do humans keep believing false things over and over, even though it's easier than ever to check the facts? Discuss the history and psychology of false beliefs and how they apply to the modern, digital era.</p> <p><i>Kayla McGrady (mod), Lathan Murrell, PZ Myers, Sara McAtee, William Donohue</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Hitchhiker's Guide Fan Panel <i>fan, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1</p> <p>The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy - book, audio drama, mini-series, movie - is there anything it can't do? Come talk about Douglas Adams' most famous work.</p> <p><i>Greg Orange (mod), Patrick Koozy, Renate Fiora, Stephan Stomberg, Tim Lieder</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Chainmaille 101 <i>Sandbox, activity, teen</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Carla Mantel</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Geeky Sharing <i>kid, social, teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3</p> <p>How to share your fandom with children and teens: both yours others. What is appropriate for each age level?</p> <p><i>Anj Olsen, Katarina Larsen, Kerry Peterson, Rachel Traynham (mod), Vetrnita Anderson</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Reading - Chrysoula Tzavelas <i>reading</i></p> <p>Sheraton Ames</p> <p><i>Chrysoula Tzavelas</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Legalities of Developing Planetary Resources <i>business</i></p> <p>Sheraton Whalon</p> <p>We're not talking about Earth. We're talking the moon, Mars, asteroids, and other such bodies. What are the legalities?</p> <p><i>J. Boone Dryden, Michael Carus, Mitchell Faas (mod)</i></p>
<p>4:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie 25 <i>movie</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 4 (this showing is captioned)</p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Closing Ceremony - Closing Ceremony <i>CONvergence, GoH</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Main Stage</p> <p>As this chapter of our continuing saga clones to a close, join us as we celebrate our victories, hail our heroes, and say farewell until our next grand adventure. Mistress of Ceremonies Bridget Landry joins Connie in bidding adieu to our Guests (as well as anticipating next year's 20th anniversary!).</p> <p><i>Bridget Landry, Dawn Krosnowski, Eric Chu, Ian Truitner, Jai Nitz, Kristopher Carter, Lois McMaster Bujold, Naomi Kritzer, Norman Cates, Saymoukda Vongsay, Seanan McGuire, Tracee Lee Cocco</i></p>
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