



# 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 4

6:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Parties Primer</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>
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## THURSDAY JULY 5

11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>Zombicide Fantasy Era</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b> Necromancers have unleashed a zombie invasion in the age of swords and sorcery! The plague has spread rapidly through the Orc ranks, and it's up to your group of straggling adventurers to survive, take back the realm, and punish those responsible!! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L1)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl featuring D&D 3.5 ed. + added chaotic rules elements inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! This session starts at Level 1. <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i>

11:00am - 5:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Gallows of Madness (part 1)</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</b>  Part One of a three-day module. The Abyss Approaches! Something wicked?and monstrous?stirs around the rugged Isgeri town of Saringallow, where the hated legacy of noble Chelish diabolists runs deep.  <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Casual Play</b>  <i>gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2206</b>  Magic: the Gathering room open for casual play / playtesting / deckbuilding / etc. The room will not be staffed, but there will be tables and chairs available for Magic players looking to get decks built and/or tested prior to the weekend's events!</p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>beginner, computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Open LAN gaming on the PCS in 2208 - come see what's new this year!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Parties Primer</b>  <i>misc</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b></p>
Noon - 1:30pm	<p><b>Gokudo - PG-13 Dubbed</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  It all starts when Gokudo steals a pouch from a fortune teller, thinking it contains a gem. Instead, it contains a genie that grants Gokudo three wishes, but he doesn't think very hard about them. He does get his wishes, but not exactly in the way he expected.</p>
Noon - Midnight	<p><b>CVG Teen Room</b>  <i>Hours, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b></p>
Noon - Midnight	<p><b>Open Use</b>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</b></p>
Noon - 3:30pm	<p><b>Open Use</b>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b></p>
Noon - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open</b>  <i>misc</i>  <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b></p>
12:30pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Arkham Horror</b>  <i>board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b>  In the midst of the Jazz age, during the celebration to end all celebrations after the war to end all wars, a dark shadow grows in the city of Arkham. The Ancient Ones lurk beyond space and time, at the gates between worlds. Those gates are opening...  <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Terran Revenge Fleet</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</b>  They came for Earth but left the job half done. Earth rebuilt, unified by a single thought: REVENGE! Come join us for Terran Revenge Fleet! An amazing system will have you playing a character within 30 seconds!  <i>Robert Ski Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>My Little Pony: Festival of Lights</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b>  The ancient city of Umberfoal, beneath the Badlands in the Southern reaches of Equestria, needs your help! Will you have what it takes to restore Umberfoal and ignite the Festival of Lights after more than a thousand years?  <i>Jeremy Thigpen (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203</b>  A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!  <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>

12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Heroes for Highdelve!</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b>  Highdelve is in danger, and only true heroes can save the day!  <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Quests!</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table C</b>  A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!  <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p><b>Dominion</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</b>  Come play Dominion, the board game that created the deck-building genre! We'll have all expansions through Nocturne available along with the revised Second Edition base and Intrigue cards. Setup will be adjusted based on player experience.  <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>LAN - League of Legends</b>  <i>computer, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  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>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Advances in Agricultural Technology</b>  <i>STEM</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Let's discuss the last year in agricultural science and legislation.  <i>Jessica Wynd Miller, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Richard Hurley, Vernon LaShawn McIntosh (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Adventure in Short Stories</b>  <i>book, current, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Recent years have seen a fantastic revival in short stories in both fantasy and science fiction. We'll discuss what makes a short story great and talk about some of the best and most experimental stories of recent years.  <i>Anthony W. Eichenlaub, Jei Herald-Zamora, Kathryn Ann Sullivan (mod), Meredith J Gillies, Tim Lieder</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Star Trek: The Next Generation Retrospective</b>  <i>Star Trek, TV, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  A look back at the series that resurrected Trek for good.  <i>Dana M Baird, Gabriela Santiago, Rich Wielgosz, Steven Baumgartner</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Indie Superheroes</b>  <i>GoH, book, comic, inclusivity, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  It's not just the Big 2 in the superhero game anymore. Independent and small-press comics, prose books, even dance companies are developing compelling new superhero narratives. Come talk about the superheros rising up outside DC and Marvel.  <i>Gordon Purcell, Lee Blauersouth (mod), Sean Patrick Casey, Terry O'Brien</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Beyond John Williams</b>  <i>music</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  John Williams is the man, but he isn't the only one. Who are some other great composers of film scores?  <i>Dave Margosian, Duck Randall Washington, Kayla McGrady (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>X-Files Season 11</b>  <i>TV, current, fan</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  Mulder and Scully are back for another season of The X-Files. How does it hold up to the rest of the series? In this panel we discuss what are the best and worst moments of the show's newest season and what lies in store for The X-Files in the future.  <i>Allyson Cygan, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Danielle Marie Indovino cawley (mod), Kristina Winn, Stephan N Stomberg</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>ChessWerks</b>  <i>activity, beginner, classic, gaming, kid</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>  See what it's like to play with three foot wood.  <i>Eric Lamansky</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Of Mindfulness and Madness</b> <i>social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> How can we be mindful in our current environment? How can we find peace when the world seems to be crumbling around us? Panelists discuss Zen, spirituality, and mindfulness in a time of neo-Nazis, Harvey Weinstein, and Trump. <i>Amanda Larsen, Justine Mastin, Renate Marie Fiora (mod), Stef Bentley</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Facepainting</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> If you've always wanted to be a cat, a dragon, or a superhero, we can make that happen! <i>Jim Shields, John Garner</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>I Volunteer as Tribute!</b> <i>social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Volunteers. We love them. We need them. We couldn't succeed without them. And yet there's a special set of challenges when you depend on people who work for free. How do we get the job done without hurt feelings, missed memos, or dropped balls? <i>Chase Peterson, Christopher Baye, Echo Faith Martin, Mary McKinley, Sarah Barsness (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Reading - Aimee Kuzenski</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Aimee Kuzenski</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Sense8 Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Cancelled but still popular. Talking about the series and our hopes for the final movie. <i>Amy Marie Dekker, Sarah Molasky (mod)</i></p>
1:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Artemis and Valkyrie Bridge Simulators</b> <i>activity, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2204</b> Come play in our Artemis Bridge Simulator! This is a cooperative game in which up to 6 players assume the role of different crew members on a starship bridge.. Two bridge simulators are running, offset by a 30 min. In-person sign-ups are required.</p>
1:30pm - 2:30pm	<p><b>Project A-Ko 2: Plot of the Daitokuji Financial Group - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Three weeks after the incident that left an alien ship balancing on top of Graviton City, A-Ko and the gang go on summer vacation. Meanwhile, the CEO of the Daitokuji Financial Group arms the local military with new mecha to attack the ship and obtain its advanced technology.</p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L2)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl featuring D&amp;D 3.5 ed + added chaotic rules elements inspired by The Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all - this session starts at Level 2. <i>Andy Mullin, Darin Vincent (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Sword of Air</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table A</b> Spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus CONvergence campaign, we start fresh at Level 1 ? players may bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model (3.5 DMG) *or* can play a pre-generated character. Human or Demi-Human only, please. <i>Burl Zorn (mod), Jenna Touchette (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Open Board Gaming</b> <i>beginner, board, card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table C</b> Boardgame library provided by our friends at the Source, with a couple of tables open for those who's like to play!</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Starving Artist (With Child)</b> <i>GoH, art, business, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Artists with children talk about how they've managed to follow their dream of pursuing the unforgiving artistic life while tackling the financial and scheduling challenges of raising a family. <i>Amy Marie Dekker, Carl Zachmann, Lisa A Snellings</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>How to Say No to Your Editor</b>  <i>GoH, business, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>          So you got a contract: congratulations! Now you need to defend your ideas against those without your vision. How do you do this and keep a positive relationship?  <i>Elizabeth Bear, Kelly McCullough, Laura Anne Gilman, Lee Harris, Madeleine Vasaly (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Spider-Man: Homecoming Fan Panel</b>  <i>GoH, TV, fan, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>          Let's talk about what might be the best Spider-Man movie ever.  <i>John Michael Seavey, Keane Amdahl, Nathan M Anderson (mod), Nolan Montcalm, Vincent Truitner</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Assistive Technology and Speculative Fiction</b>  <i>STEM, inclusivity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>          How do devices which people today use to help them overcome disabilities overlap with the speculative fiction world?  <i>David M. Perry, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Lee Blauersouth, Renate Marie Fiora, Vetrina Anderson (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Deep Space Nine Fan Panel</b>  <i>Star Trek, TV, fan</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>          Arguably the best Trek series of all time, it is 25 years old this year! How has it aged?  <i>Brittany Ann Kerschner, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Jenny Stohl Powell, Stef Bentley, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Community Safety Programs</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1</b></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Twin Cities Geek</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2</b></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>2D Con</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3</b></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>NiCoral</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4</b></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Fearless Comedy</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 6</b></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Going Into the Arts Against Advice</b>  <i>business</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>          How do you pursue your dreams when everyone around you is discouraging you? Come get advice on pursuing your artistic career.  <i>Curt Lund (mod), Emma Bull, John Heimbuch, Satish P. Jayaraj</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Appeasing the Fans</b>  <i>fan, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>          How do you write in an established world without alienating the fan base?  <i>Craig Smith, Mark Redacted (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Build Your YouTube Following</b>  <i>DIY, GoH, business, web</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>          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, Lindsay Ellis, Steve Sylvestre (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Anne Lyle</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>    <i>Anne Lyle</i></p>

2:30pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Persona 4: The Animation - PG-13 Dubbed</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>          Shortly after Yuu Narukami's arrival in a small town, mysterious killings begin to occur on foggy days. At the same time, rumors about a strange television channel spread like wildfire; when staring into their TV screen at midnight, a person may see their soul mate. Yuu and his friends attempt to stop the murders by exploring the diabolical secret world of the Midnight Channel.</p>
2:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Open Use</b>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b></p>
3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Masquerade Registration</b>  <i>activity, costuming</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</b></p>
3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Costume Wars Registration</b>  <i>activity, costuming</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central C</b>          Registration</p>
3:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #1</b>  <i>movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Roll Player (Minions &amp; Monsters)</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b>          Compete to create the greatest fantasy adventurer ? roll and draft dice to assemble character attribute scores. Purchase weapons and armor to outfit your hero. Train to gain skills and discover your hero?s traits to prepare them for their journey.  <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>          Open LAN gaming on the PCS in 2208 - come see what's new this year!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Science Education Watershed Moments</b>  <i>STEM, edu</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>          It's been a great 20 years for science education. What were the moments which helped students go from "Huh?" to "Eureka!"  <i>Jessica Wynd Miller, Melanie Reap, PZ Myers, Renate Marie Fiora (mod), michelle squeeky cadieux</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Globalization of Hollywood</b>  <i>GoH, business, movie, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>          As countries outside North America, particularly China, continue to grow their box office muscle, how has globalization changed Hollywood's approach to making movies and what does it mean for the future of film?  <i>Adam Lueck, Matt Gamble (mod), Rakhi Rajpal, Vincent Truittner</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Physics of Infinity Stones</b>  <i>GoH, STEM, comic</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>          Power, Space, Time, Mind, Soul, and Reality - Jim Kakalios describes the real physics behind the stones that empower Thanos' Infinity Gauntlet.  <i>James Kakalios</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>History of the North Country Gaylaxians</b>  <i>GoH, book, fan, inclusivity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>          North Country Gaylaxians does book discussions, party rooms, and has brought Gaylaxicon (and ConFABulous) conventions to Minnesota. This panel discusses the history of the organization, how it has affected LGBTQ fandom in Minnesota and how it has evolved.  <i>Claudia Slovacek, Donald Kaiser (mod), Victor Raymond</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Kill It If You Have To</b>  <i>Star Wars, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>          Are we holding onto our pop culture past too tightly? By not letting go of our childhood ideals of Star Wars, Spielberg, and everything 80's, are we forcing the current generation to grow up in the nostalgic fever dream of Generation X?  <i>Adam Momsen, Caleb Schultz, Charlene Holm, Gregory Parks, Kevin Eldridge</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Ready, Steady, Flash!</b> <i>GoH, comedy, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Four 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. The audience votes on the best. <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Lee Harris, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Paul Cornell, Wesley Chu</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Sword Masters Live</b> <i>demo</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> 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>Aaron VanderGiessen, Bill Hedrick, Chris Kickhafer, Gabriel Olson-Musel, George Richard, Heather Sigstad, Kevin Ehrler, Kyle Anderson, Laura Kreft, Mark Wurdeman, Melanie A Galloway, Sarah Wurdeman, Simon Gibson</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>AI in Fiction and Reality</b> <i>STEM</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> In this panel we will discuss the differences between fictional artificial intelligence and the real thing. How are they different and which of the dangers that fiction warns us about are real? <i>Anthony W. Eichenlaub (mod), Lee Blauersouth, Stephanie Zvan, Vernon LaShawn McIntosh, Walter W Parker</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>1000 Blank White Cards</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> 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>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Radio Auditions</b> <i>GoH, audio</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Auditions for Greg Weisman run radio play. <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Kristopher Carter</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Asian Dramas (Asian TV Shows)</b> <i>fan, inclusivity</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b> Come learn about and geek out over Asian dramas. Learn where to find them and how they differ from Western dramas. <i>Amy Marie Dekker, Christina Early, Electra Vincent (mod), Krystal Kubiszewski, Niklas Gamble</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Death Note Fan Panel</b> <i>Anime, fan</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Are you a fan of Death Note? With the release of the American Netflix version released last year, let's talk about what we loved and didn't care for in Death Note manga, anime, &amp; movies. <i>Jei Herald-Zamora, Kristopher Pflipsen, Lyda Morehouse (mod), Susie Kline</i></p>
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>The Asterisk War - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Ayato Amagiri just transferred into one of the most elite schools for Genestella in the world, where students learn to control their powers and duel in entertainment battles. Ayato, however, has no real interest in dueling - he has a secret motive for joining this prestigious school.</p>
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5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Adventure</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2203</b> A five-hour adventure for Starfinder Society play!</p>
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5:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>LAN - Starcraft and SC2</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Starcraft and SC2 in LAN gaming ? Bot stomps, Versus modes, and the new co-op mode in Starcraft 2. <b>**PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED**</b>  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>In Terry Gilliam's Wildest Dreams</b>  <i>fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Let's talk about the demented (in a good way) mind of Terry Gilliam. Starting with his trilogy of imagination ("Time Bandits", "Brazil", and "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen") and going up through his latest picture, "The Zero Theorem".  <i>Alexis Nordling, Garrick A Dietze, Kt M Schaefer, Michael H Carus (mod), Niles Joseph Schwartz</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Breaking the Holographic Ceiling: Female Leadership in Star Trek</b>  <i>Star Trek, classic, current, fan, inclusivity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Ever since Number One in "The Cage", there have been many great female leaders in the Star Trek universe. Let's talk about their evolution.  <i>Aaron Coker, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Jennifer Manna, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir (mod), Taylor Cisco</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Evolution of the Vampire</b>  <i>fan, horror, myth</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  How has the western concept of vampires changed over the past two hundred years? How did the demands of fiction and drama alter a much older tradition to make it more marketable, and why are we still fascinated?  <i>Amanda Alexander, Brian Forrest (mod), Dana M Baird, John Heimbuch, bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Putting the CON in Consent</b>  <i>inclusivity, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Let's talk about enthusiastic consent, particularly in fandom spaces. We'll be looking at how to ask for consent from partners, ranging from photos to romance.  <i>Antoinette Elizabeth Pajak, Harris O'Malley, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Michelle Farley, Rakhi Rajpal (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Handmaid's Tale</b>  <i>TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  Atwood's 1985 dystopian novel, now a Hulu series, about a US overthrown by a totalitarian Christian theocracy continues to ring true amid the events of this decade.  <i>Danielle Marie Indovino cawley, Kris Lynn Coulter, Laura E Bidgood (mod), Miriam Krause, Sarah Molasky</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Mars Rovers Past and Present</b>  <i>STEM</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  Actual Rocket Scientist and Alumni Guest of Honor Bridget Landry reviews what we've learned from past Mars rover missions and looks at what's to come!  <i>Bridget Landry</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Matrix Tag</b>  <i>activity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>  Will you help Neo win the war for Zion or Agent Smith to subjugate humans? Red pill or blue pill? Do both! Matrix Tag is played in the hallways of the con and is designed for adults and teens. But what is it? You must experience it for yourself.  <i>Shannon Green</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Fandom First</b>  <i>social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  Geekdom and speculative fiction are often at the forefront of progressive movements. How does pop culture influence the real world?  <i>David M. Perry, Josiah John Mannion (mod), Justine Mastin, Renate Marie Fiora, Vetnita Anderson</i></p>



5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Pipecleaner Dragons and Critters</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  Amazing Soft Sculpture Artist Julie Bowman will be teaching all ages how to make wonderful creatures from the Flexible Master of Craft Materials...the Pipecleaner. Modifications are also shown and it can get crazy from there.  <i>MythJulie</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Aging in Pop Culture</b>  <i>GoH, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  Fresh off the heels of Logan and before Indiana Jones 5, panelists discuss pop culture's handling of aging. As CONvergence turns 20, it's a good time to remember we're all getting older. What does that mean for us in the pop culture world?  <i>Gregory Parks, Mary Jo Pehl, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Cath Schaff-Stump</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>    <i>Cath Schaff-Stump</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Keeping Up with the Cardassians</b>  <i>Star Trek, costuming, demo</i>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>  A makeup demo! Using new and interesting materials, Special Effects Makeup Artist Bill Hedrick will transform his volunteer into one of the Cardassians (from Star Trek, not reality TV), showing techniques and products you can use for your cosplay.  <i>Bill Hedrick, Hal Bichel</i></p>
5:30pm - 7:30pm	<p><b>Basilisk - R Dubbed</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  The centuries-long war between the Iga and Kouga ninja clans is stopped by order of the powerful warlord Ieyasu Tokugawa. Years later, the heirs of the two clans have fallen in love. They aim to bring real peace through their marriage, but their hopes are dashed when flames of rivalry between their clans are reignited, and they are dragged into another war.</p>
5:30pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #2</b>  <i>movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>The Fandom Menace</b>  <i>music</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson</b>  Lost your saucer? Your space nuts gone far-out? Went where no man has gone before? The Fandom Menace will help you navigate with a Spocktacular video and music show featuring classic themes from your (parents') favorite SF &amp; fantasy movies and TV shows.  <i>Nick Rezmerski</i></p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>Not-So-Silent-Planet Open Mic Sign-Up</b>  <i>misc</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson Hall</b>  Sign up to participate in the Not-So-Silent-Planet Open Mic  <i>Ben San Del</i></p>
6:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Chaos Draft</b>  <i>gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2206</b>  Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (Event tickets \$15 at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth).  <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Munchkin Tournament - Round 1</b>  <i>card, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b>  Tournament-flavor Munchkin - get your card game on with CONvergence's annual Munchkin Tourney, run by our Steve Jackson Games rep, Man in Black Andy Mullin. Rules explained at each session. This event will take place on tables 2202c and 2202d.  <i>Andy Mullin</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Friends of Bill W</b>    <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Cute Animals in Science Fiction</b> <i>TV, art, comic, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> What are the most adorable alien species? From tribbles to whatever those things in Episode VIII are. <i>Amy Stomberg, Brittany Ann Kerschner (mod), Kris Lynn Coulter, Nicole LaBat, Tim Liebe</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Avengers: Infinity War Fan Panel</b> <i>comic, current, fan, movie, superhero</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Thanos is on the war path and the Avengers and their allies are the only ones who stand (and may fall?) in his path. Join us for a discussion of the film that's the beginning of the end of Marvel Studios's Phase Three! <i>Aaron Coker, Eric Zawadzki, Keely Ann Cooper, Satish P. Jayaraj, nick A jaworski (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Climate of Westeros and Essos</b> <i>STEM, TV, book</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Climate models use real physical processes and can be used to simulate the climate of the world portrayed in Game of Thrones. What parts of that world are similar to Earth? Discuss the effects of global warming on such cities as Braavos or King's Landing. <i>Craig Smith, Jessica Wynd Miller, Michael Zecca (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>American Gods Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Taking a look at the first and next season of American Gods. <i>Anthony Ronald Pecoraro, Christina Myers (mod), Jim Tincher, Laura E Bidgood, Lauren Lynn Wells</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Masculinity Detox</b> <i>social</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Let's talk about deconstructing, dismantling, and destroying the detrimental, malicious impact of hegemonic masculinity (and other forms of negative masculine expression) within the geek community. <i>Antoinette Elizabeth Pajak, Elliott Kios Dean, Harris O'Malley (mod), Lee Cygan, Stef Bentley</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Speculative Biology 101</b> <i>STEM</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Biologists explain the "real science" behind sci-fi and fantasy universes' various life forms. <i>Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, PZ Myers, Renate Marie Fiora (mod), Vernon LaShawn McIntosh (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Animated Paper Circuits</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Come enjoy some electrical theory while building animated LED circuits using paper! Presented by Spark Y. <i>Destiny Ziebol</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Mapping the Landscape</b> <i>art, book, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Fantasy writers and fans discuss the importance of maps in fantasy fiction. <i>Anne Lyle, Douglas Hulick, Jamie Riedesel (mod), Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Ruth Berman</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #3</b> <i>movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Mark McPherson</b> <i>reading</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Mark McPherson</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>The Not-So-Silent Planet: A Speculative Open-Mic</b> <i>Performance</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Have you ever imagined a world whose laws of physics differ from our own? Welcome to the Twin Cities? first open-mic dedicated to speculative fiction! Sign up for 5-7 minutes and tell us about a place of which we've never dreamt. <i>Ben San Del, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Ash vs.the Evil Dead Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan, horror</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b>  <i>Jennifer Manna (mod), Matt Allex, Megan Slawson</i></p>

7:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion - R Subtitled</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  Lelouch Lamperouge, exiled prince of Britannia, finds himself caught in the crossfire when Japanese resistance forces attempt to regain independence. A mysterious girl gives him Geass, the "Power of Kings," which allows him to escape and seek revenge against Britannia.</p>
7:30pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Klingon Wedding</b>  <i>misc</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>  Experience the great Klingon bonding of the souls of two warriors! Rarely seen and never forgotten! The gods will fear, howl, and tremble! The union of Alex and Ra will be sealed by the elders of the Klingon Empire.  <i>Bill Hedrick</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Ticket to Ride</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b>  Come build the North American Railroad! Balance greed (for more types of rail cars) with fear (of losing a coveted route to a competitor). Do you have what it takes to be the next Rail Baron with the most coveted Ticket to Ride?  <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Open LAN gaming on the PCS in 2208 - come see what's new this year!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Dealing with Social Anxiety at Convergence</b>  <i>social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  We love Con, but many struggle. Social anxiety affects many CONvergence attendees and it can greatly affect the CON experience. Let's talk about ways to get through the con and have the best possible experience while dealing with social anxiety.  <i>Jason P Dean, Justin M. Lewis, Kelso Rowland, Rob Callahan, Stephanie Zvan (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Religion in TV Fiction</b>  <i>TV, myth</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Shows like "American Gods", "Last Kingdom", "Game of Thrones" and many more address the issues of religion and the gods we've believed in. Share your beliefs of how religion is used in televised fiction.  <i>Brandy Danaki, Elliot Besmann, Eowyn Ward, Josiah John Mannion, Michael H Carus (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Representation Matters</b>  <i>inclusivity, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Why is seeing someone who looks like us is important in media?  <i>Cat Choy (mod), Jonathan Palmer, Morgan A Strickland, Rakhi Rajpal, Rory Ni Coileain</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Every Country has a Monster</b>  <i>horror, myth</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  We'll look at monsters from other countries and how other cultures portray ghosts, vampires, and other classic creatures.  <i>Amanda Alexander, Jay Seevers, Melissa F Olson, Ty Blauersouth (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Justice League &amp; the DC Cinematic Universe</b>  <i>TV, current, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  Following up on the success of Wonder Woman, did the DC universe continue to right the ship with the Justice League film?  <i>Craig Smith, Dave Margosian (mod), Mariah Dawn Kaercher, Taylor Cisco, Tim Liebe</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Women in STEM - The Road Not Taken</b>  <i>STEM</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  Women in STEM fields who got to where they are by taking the long way around. What advantages and hardships did they run into along the way? What advice can they give people who are on a similar path? What struggles do they face as women in their field?  <i>Heather Ann Dickinson, Kris Lynn Coulter, Melanie A Galloway, Sarah Molasky, Sarah O'Connor (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Babylon Five Fan Panel</b>  <i>TV, fan</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  Babylon 5: the series that pioneered the idea of the arc and the long-term plan, as well as breaking ground in many other ways. Let's talk about it on the 20th anniversary of it's finale.  <i>Alexandra Howes (mod), Craig A. Finseth, Jon Stark Olsen, Kirsten Hazel Roepke-Karsen, Mark Goldberg</i></p>

8:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Modify Your T-Shirt</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Bring an old t-shirt, and turn it into a new style of top, or into a bag or a scarf. Or use one from our stash. <i>Angie Anderson, Electra Vincent, Katie Nave</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>13 Reasons Why</b> <i>TV, current, social, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> A panel of experts in Sexual Assault, Suicide, and Teenage Mental Health will gather to discuss the issues presented on the Netflix show 13 Reasons Why. <i>Elizabeth Reynolds (mod), Justine Mastin, Lydia Ricard, Tai Hays</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Swamp Thing: Roots to Branches</b> <i>comic, fan, horror, superhero</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b> Created by Len Wein and Bernie Wrightson in 1971, Swamp Thing is a character that has been touched by many creators: Alan Moore, Brian K. Vaughan, Grant Morrison, and recently, Scott Snyder. Hear how the character has changed. <i>Dani Torrents, Kevin Eldridge, Lathan Murrell, Sean Patrick Casey (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>David Perry</b> <i>music</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> David Perry plays folk, rock, country, and Celtic from a weird mix of originals and covers. Be ready to shout, "Hit Somebody!" <i>David M. Perry</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Virtual Gender in Video Gaming</b> <i>gaming, social</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Are avatars representing real or idealized body types or ideas? Does diversity exist during character creation? What companies are doing a good job? <i>Elliott Kios Dean, Erik Blackstad, Lara Richardson (mod), Lee Cygan</i></p>
9:30pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron Blooded Orphans - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> A representative of the Martian independence movement is targeted for assassination by Earth's military peacekeeping organization. The attack might turn out to be the catalyst that leads Mars' army of child soldiers to forge their own destiny.</p>
9:30pm - 10:30pm	<p><b>Doomkitten and Dogbone (18+)</b> <i>comedy, music</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Doomkitten &amp; Dogbone are the comedy music duo you never knew you needed in your life. For mature listeners with childlike humor who enjoy big words. You can find them at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Doomandbone">www.facebook.com/Doomandbone</a> and <a href="https://doomkittendogbone.bandcamp.com/releases">https://doomkittendogbone.bandcamp.com/releases</a>. <i>Dogbone, Doomkitten</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>Everyone is John</b> <i>gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b> A game about a man with voices in his head ? this competitive tabletop game has players bidding for control of John in order to complete their ?voice??s obsessions as many times as possible. The voice with the most completed obsessions wins. <i>Tim Koon (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>LAN - 18+ Open Gaming</b> <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2208</b> Grown-up open gaming time on the LAN PCs ? put the kids to bed and come join the geeky fun! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Video Games That Need to Die</b> <i>gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> What video game franchises just need to go away? <i>Kieran Alan Stomberg, Michael Spaulding, Ryan Thomas Placzkowski (mod), Stephan N Stomberg</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>IT Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, book, current, fan, horror, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Let's discuss and compare the Stephen King book, "IT", with the 90s mini-series and the recent film. How and why things were changed and updated. <i>Ian Bryan (mod), Matt Allex, Megan Slawson, Molly Cathryn Glover</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Guests Uncensored</b> <i>GoH</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Put the kids to bed and come to this panel where our Guests of Honor talk about anything they want to talk about....anything. <i>Greg Weisman, Lee Harris, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Paul Cornell, Victor Raymond</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Flirting 101</b> <i>inclusivity, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Flirtation is just one part of human interaction, but so many of us don't understand it. We interact so much more than just vocally. Recognizing body language and facial expressions can not only help with romance but also in the rest of your life. <i>Catherine Margaret Buechner, Harris O'Malley, Michelle Farley, Rakhi Rajpal (mod), Sonni Grace de Soto</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Community Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> NBC's Community was a bastion of pop culture references, incredible humor, and meta-fun. This panel will explore the nerdiest parts of the show's six seasons (and a movie?) and attempt to discover all the tiny Easter eggs we missed the first time around. <i>AlyssaRose Jordan, David Brennan, Jacob M Gulliver (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Why Do We Ship?</b> <i>fanfic, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Geeks love to ship characters. Why do we do it and what are some of our favorite characters to ship? <i>Christina Myers, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Katherine L Berger Tremaine, Susan Joy Willson, Teresa Kramer</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Supernatural Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Still going after all these years! What's keep the series alive in the hearts of its fans? Will it ever jump the shark (or has it already done so)? <i>Brittany Ann Kerschner, Jennifer Lee Lundstrom, Jennifer Manna, Justine Mastin, Nicole LaBat (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Not-So-Silent Planet: A Speculative Podcast (Season Finale!)</b> <i>book, current, podcast</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Welcome to the Twin Cities' very own podcast dedicated to original speculative fiction! Join us for our FINAL show, and have your jaded chuckles recorded for posterity. <i>Ben San Del, Joshua Scrimshaw, Pat Harrigan, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Trailer Park</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> 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>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Painting Miniatures</b> <i>DIY, gaming</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> Want to know where can you get the best miniatures, what paints should you use, and an explanation of dry brushing? This panel is for you. <i>Deborah Kay Spiesz, Laura Thurston, Michael H Carus (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Attack the Block Fan Panel</b> <i>fan, movie</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Have you seen this movie featuring some actors you would recognize from Doctor Who? <i>Alexis Nordling, Charlene Holm, Damarra Atkins (mod), Tim Liebe, Tim Lieder</i></p>
11:00pm - 3:00am	<p><b>A Roundabout with Zombies</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2201a</b> Ever want to not just kill the zombies, but work with a team? If so, this is the late-night game for you! <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>
11:00pm - Midnight	<p><b>Horror Show Hotdog Horror Shorts Festival</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> The crew of the locally produced podcast Horror Show Hotdog has curated shorts to be shown at the Twin Cities Horror Festival. They've chosen their favorites from past festivals to be shown in Cinema Rex. <i>Matt Alex, Megan Slawson</i></p>

11:30pm - 1:00am	<p><b>Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie Part 1: Beginnings - PG-13 Subtitled</b>  <i>Anime, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  Two best friends encounter a creature that claims he can grant wishes if they agree to become magical girls and fight witches. Fighting is dangerous, but the appeal of a wish is too strong to ignore. Soon, they are confronted with the harsh truth behind their powers and the ultimate price of their wishes.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Geeky Stuff in Therapy</b>  <i>social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Come hear about how therapists have incorporated nerdy interests into their therapy practices, and how therapy clients have used their geeky interests in their pursuit of better mental health!  <i>Jasmine Gem Marshall, Justine Mastin, Maddie P Coulter (mod), Taiana Hayes</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Gothic Fiction</b>  <i>book, horror</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  The science fiction/fantasy genre was born on a dark and stormy night with Frankenstein. What other dark and lovely fiction is out there today?  <i>Amanda Alexander, Brittany Ann Kerschner (mod), Melissa F Olson, Tim Lieder</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>It's a CONvergence CONspiracy!</b>  <i>comedy</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Your favorite conspiracy theorists are back, and this time, we're exposing the truth behind CONvergence itself. 20 years of fandom and fun? More like 20 years of dark, hidden conspiracies! Don't attend this panel unless you can handle The Truth!  <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Cathryn Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Blade's 20th Anniversary</b>  <i>fan, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  1998 marked the unlikely beginnings of the superhero boom with the release of "Blade", starring Wesley Snipes. Let's spend an hour talking about the movie, the franchise, and the world it created.  <i>Craig Smith, John Michael Seavey, Jonathan Palmer, Lathan Murrell, Matt Gamble (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Misogyny in the Geek Community</b>  <i>inclusivity, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  Casual misogyny is a huge problem in our nerd/geek world. This panel will be about how our culture has become more mainstream, how the sexism in our communities has become more noticeable, and what we can do to fight back. Mansplanning denied!  <i>AlysshaRose Jordan, Cat Choy (mod), Harris O'Malley, Lara Richardson, Michelle Farley</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Kink Talk</b>  <i>social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  A discussion on the social mechanics of engaging in fetish play and relationships. How you mentally plan out goals. How to initiate discussions on play. Talking about various kinds of play practice and safety and fun.  <i>Anj Olsen, Christopher Baye, Lauren Lynn Wells, Michael H Carus (mod), Sonni Grace de Soto</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Late Night Music Circle</b>  <i>activity, music</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.  <i>Dave Stagner</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Cinema Surgery</b>  <i>comedy, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  Junkfood Cinema host Brian Salisbury and programmer Adam Lueck take a scalpel to three of their favorite cult films suffering from a bad case of schlockitis. In the course of the show, the guys will see if they can stitch together a healthier Hollywood.  <i>Adam Lueck, Brian Salisbury</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Bug-Out Bag</b>  <i>misc</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  How to make your own bug-out bag to prepare for the zombie apocalypse.  <i>Holly Chamas, Kristina George, Nick Krekeler (mod), Tanya --, nick A jaworski</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Zwaremachine</b>  <i>music</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson</b>  Live electronic band performance combining visuals with custom lighting and stage design for a unique venue experience. Zwaremachine are known for various stunts including walking through walls, time-shifting, and designing futuristic sonic weaponry.  <i>Adam01, Mach Fox, Ryan Ruckus</i></p>

11:30pm - 12:30am	<b>The Gifted Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> The Gifted" is a live-action show set in the X-Men universe. Is it a success and is it a sign of where the X-Men property can evolve away from comics canon? <i>Dirk Ykema, Jim Radloff (mod)</i>
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## FRIDAY JULY 6

Midnight - 1:00am	<b>CVG Teen Room</b> <i>Hours, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b>
Midnight - 2:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #4</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned
1:00am - 2:30am	<b>Penguindrum - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> For the Takakura family, destiny is an ever-spinning wheel. When their little sister is miraculously saved from death by a souvenir penguin hat, twins Kanba and Shouma are sent on a wild goose chase for the Penguin Drum by the entity residing in the hat.
2:00am - 4:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #5</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>
7:00am - 8:30am	<b>The Wonderful World of Puss 'n Boots - G Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Pero, a sword-wielding musketeer cat, is guilty of the ultimate crime: rescuing mice from certain doom. On the run, he befriends a boy who is mistreated by his family. While seeking their fortune, they encounter a beautiful princess and must save her when she is kidnapped.
8:30am - 10:00am	<b>A Journey Through Fairyland - G Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Michael loves to garden, but it constantly makes him late for orchestra practice and he gets kicked out of music school. Asleep that night, he meets a fairy who takes him to fairyland, where both flowers and music come alive. His interests might not be mutually exclusive, after all.
9:00am - Midnight	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</b>
9:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Open</b> <i>misc</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Anime for Kids</b> <i>Anime, kid</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  <i>James Christopher Horvath (mod), Jessica Lynn Silver</i>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Not My Fandom</b> <i>comedy</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b></p> <p>This panel of "experts" will discuss Supernatural, Doctor Who, Twin Peaks, &amp; Game of Thrones. Come ask questions but expect frustrating answers, as the only knowledge they have about the subject matter comes from memes, T-shirt sayings, &amp; fanfic. <i>Autumn Patterson, Curt Lund (mod), Elisabeth Doree, Kate Schmidt, Stephanie Doree</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>George Lucas Retrospective</b> <i>GoH, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b></p> <p>Has George Lucas gotten a bad rap? Panelists look back on his complete works and discuss whether all the hatred over the last 20 years has been justified or overblown. <i>Matt Gamble, Shaun M Duke (mod), Vincent Truitner, bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Geeks at School</b> <i>kid, social, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b></p> <p>How to fly your geek flag at school. <i>Jei Herald-Zamora, Raederle Sterling (mod), Renate Marie Fiora, Taiana Hayes</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>In Defense of: Timothy Dalton as James Bond</b> <i>fan, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b></p> <p>Was Timothy Dalton all that bad? Come and argue with us. It will be fun. <i>Jeremy Stomberg, John White, Lyda Morehouse (mod), Nathan M Anderson, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Cooking for Geeks</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b></p> <p>We'll discuss making meals at home that will feed your inner nerd. <i>Adam Art Poetter (mod), Brian Hinshaw, Hertzey Hertz, Ryn Yee, Stef Bentley</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Cosplay Tips</b> <i>DIY, GoH, costuming</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b></p> <p>Come get ideas for how to make your hall costume stand out. <i>Amy Marie Dekker, Laura Marie Oliver, Michael Knightmage Wilson, Rae Lundquist, Sara Huebschen</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Geek Craft: Ornaments and Lights</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b></p> <p>It is never too early to decorate your favorite spaces. Make pretty, decorative spheres slathered in glue and comics. Make pretty, decorative "Guiding Lights" or Night Lights that look like your favorite animal, plant, or superhero. Or do both! All ages. <i>Angie Anderson, Dierdre Schultz</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Local Businesses</b> <i>business, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b></p> <p>If you want to buy local, here are some businesses you should support. <i>Anj Olsen, Art Allen (mod), Elise Anna Matthesen, Elizabeth Ann Jankowski</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Abra Staffin-Wiebe</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b></p> <p><i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Naomi Kritzer</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b></p> <p><i>Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
10:00am - Noon	<p><b>Azumanga Daioh - PG-13 Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b></p> <p>There certainly isn't a shortage of peculiar girls in Yukari-sensei's homeroom class. Their many adventures are filled with constant laughter, surreal absurdity, and occasionally even touching commentary on the bittersweet, temporal nature of high school.</p>
10:00am - Midnight	<p><b>CVG Teen Room</b> <i>Hours, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b></p>



10:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Masquerade Registration</b> <i>activity, costuming</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</b>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<b>Community Safety Programs</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1</b>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<b>Twin Cities Geek</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2</b>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<b>2D Con</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3</b>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<b>NiCoral</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4</b>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<b>Fearless Comedy</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 6</b>
10:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Costume Wars Registration</b> <i>activity, costuming</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central C</b> Registration
10:00am - Noon	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #6</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned
11:00am - 7:00pm	<b>Steam Century Mystery</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2201</b> Come play in this year's Steam Century Mystery - all are welcome, costumes encouraged! Use your investigative talents to discover clues, piece together evidence, and thwart vicious evildoers in style!
11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Roadkill Rally</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch your @\$es! Death Race in a card game ? the winner is determined by the size of your gun and the speed of your ride - what's more American than that? 3-6 players, all materials provided. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
11:00am - 2:30pm	<b>Marvel Legendary (with Expansions)</b> <i>beginner, card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b> Deck-building game set in the Marvel Comics Universe (MCU). Battle other players with heroes, villains, and if you're strong enough, take on the Mastermind! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i>
11:00am - 4:00pm	<b>Let's Play D&amp;D 5th ed.</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b> Ever wanted to experience D&D or get your role-playing fix? In this newcomer-friendly game, we create a party of first-level adventurers and take them through a brief adventure. <i>Charles Roberts (mod)</i>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Munchkin Tournament - Round 2</b> <i>card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b> Tournament-flavor Munchkin - get your card game on with CONvergence?s annual Munchkin Tourney, run by our Steve Jackson Games rep, Man in Black Andy Mullin. Rules explained at each session. This event will take place on tables 2202e and 2202f. <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i>

11:00am - 5:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Gallows of Madness (part 2)</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</b>  Part Two of a three-day module. The Abyss Approaches! Something wicked?and monstrous?stirs around the rugged Isgeri town of Saringallow, where the hated legacy of noble Chelish diabolists runs deep.  <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 10:00pm	<p><b>Artemis and Valkyrie Bridge Simulators</b>  <i>activity, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2204</b>  Come play in our Artemis Bridge Simulator! This is a cooperative game in which up to 6 players assume the role of different crew members on a starship bridge.. Two bridge simulators are running, offset by a 30 min. In-person sign-ups are required.</p>
11:00am - 3:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Dominaria Draft</b>  <i>gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</b>  Booster draft with Dominaria. Come Home to Dominaria ? a plane with its own deep and storied past. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth).  <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Open LAN Gaming on the PCs in 2208 ? come on up and warm up for the day's tournaments!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>ASL 101</b>  <i>con</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Come learn about ASL. Bring your questions.</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Acting for Stage, Screen, and Microphone</b>  <i>GoH, art</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  What are the differences between voice, stage, and screen acting? How do you change your processes and performances to fit the medium?  <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Brian Forrest (mod), Dawn Krosnowski, Greg Weisman, Marina Sirtis</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Women of the New Star Wars</b>  <i>GoH, Star Wars, current, inclusivity, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Looking at all the kick ass women we?ve been getting in the Star Wars universe.  <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Amy Stomberg, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Keely Ann Cooper, Teresa Kramer</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Creativity</b>  <i>GoH, art, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Are just certain people creative? Can creativity be learned and practiced? What are the benefits and drawbacks of being creative? We will discuss the topic and share some tips and warnings.  <i>Holly Chamas, Jon Stark Olsen (mod), Lauren Addy, Lisa A Snellings, Satish P. Jayaraj</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Anne Lyle</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Anne Lyle</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Cath Schaff-Stump</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Cath Schaff-Stump</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Sealion's Guide to Logical Fallacies</b>  <i>comedy, social, web</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  Getting frustrated by circular or pointless arguments on the internet? This is the panel for you! This panel of pseudo-experts will discuss the Logical Fallacies and other frequently employed tactics to derail civil discussion and ruin conversations.  <i>Brianne Bilyeu, Gregory Parks, Molly Cathryn Glover, Nick Glover, Stephanie Zvan, Tim Wick</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>A Wrinkle in Time Movie</b>  <i>GoH, current, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  Come discuss the latest adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's novel.  <i>Christina Myers, Dee Eisel (mod), Elizabeth Bear, Raederle Sterling, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p><b>T'ai Chi</b> <i>activity</i> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> Twin Cities T'ai Chi Ch'uan Studio (tctaighi.org) offers a T'ai Chi session(s) at CONvergence. <i>Kimberly Husband</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>World Building</b> <i>GoH, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> How do you create a world in which your characters lives and operate? What questions need to be asked and answered? <i>Danith McPherson (mod), Elisa Hansen, Jamie Riedesel, Kelly McCullough, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Art-Go-Round</b> <i>GoH, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Artists of skill level from novice to professional collaborate to make art master pieces using various media. Open to all ages. You might even get to go home with an amazing picture! <i>John Garner, Nikita Woltersen, Vincent Truitner</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Empire of the Petal Throne</b> <i>GoH, RPG, classic, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> The land of Tekumel is one of the oldest and most detailed gaming worlds and the Tekumel Foundation is dedicated to preserving and promoting this. Come and hear from the panel what's new, what is coming out, and some secrets only the insiders know. <i>Bob Alberti, David Otto Walbridge, Victor Raymond</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Reading - Tamora Pierce</b> <i>GoH, reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> <i>Tamora Pierce</i></p>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<p><b>Saber Legion Tournament</b> <i>Star Wars, tourney</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> Watch The Saber Legion's best fighters fight for the chance to be the TSL CONvergence tournament champion! <a href="http://www.saberlegion.org">www.saberlegion.org</a> <i>Aaron Rahkola, Brian Williams, Charley Cummings, Jimmy Sourile, Kristen McConnell, Micheal Brudenell, Terry Birnbaum</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Candles Enough</b> <i>music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> We are an eclectic mix of filk, pop, and parodies. We believe there is light at the end of any tunnel, and sometimes that light is giggling. Our set is intended to be comfortable for people with sensory sensitivity. Find us at: <a href="https://facebook.com/candlesenough">facebook.com/candlesenough</a> <i>Kelly Reich, Sarah Ravely</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Plug-in Electric Vehicles</b> <i>STEM</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> 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, Dante Carter, Erik Haggstrom, Michael Bearfoot, Stephen Ronning, Timmy Nguyen</i></p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p><b>Ouran High School Host Club - PG-13 Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Looking for a quiet place to study, honor student Haruhi Fujioka stumbles upon the Host Club, where the school's handsomest boys with too much time on their hands entertain young ladies who also have too much time on their hands. By a comedy of errors, Haruhi is forced to join the club.</p>
Noon - 1:00pm	<p><b>Best of 2017 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Terran Revenge Fleet</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</b> They came for Earth but left the job half done. Earth rebuilt, unified by a single thought: REVENGE! Come join us for Terran Revenge Fleet! An amazing system will have you playing a character within 30 seconds! <i>Robert Ski Cudinski (mod)</i></p>

12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L4)</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b>  Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&amp;D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one.  <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Quests!</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b>  A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!</p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table C</b>  A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!</p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p><b>Mystic Vale</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</b>  A dying king has cursed the Valley of Life, and your clan of druids seeks to restore the land. Mystic Vale is both deck-building and card-building.  <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>LAN - League of Legends</b>  <i>computer, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  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>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Surviving as a Writer</b>  <i>GoH, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  It's hard being a genre writer, especially after your first piece has been published or purchased. We'll cover what you do next and how you can both function and have fun along your chosen career path.  <i>Adam J. Whitlatch, Craig Smith, Laura Anne Gilman (mod), Melissa F Olson, Wesley Chu</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Suitable For Everyone?</b>  <i>GoH, book, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Age is meaningless when content is awesome. Where's the fine line between child and adult programming? What makes YA YA?  <i>Greg Weisman, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Meredith J Gillies, Raederle Sterling (mod), Tamora Pierce</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Physics of Everyday Things</b>  <i>GoH, STEM</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Based on his latest book, Jim Kakalios will explain the basic physics that surrounds us in our daily life - from toasters to flat screen TVs to wrist fitness monitors.  <i>James Kakalios</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Fat Positivity &amp; Representation</b>  <i>inclusivity, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Fat bodies are everywhere in real life, but where do we see them reflected in the media? What can we do to contribute to fat representation and create body-positive spaces within our communities as fans, creators, and people? Come join our discussion.  <i>Catherine Margaret Buechner, Diana Fitzwater (mod), Echo Faith Martin, Genevieve Alberti, Jasmine Gem Marshall</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Michael "Knightmage" Wilson</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Michael Knightmage Wilson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Melinda Snodgrass</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Melinda M. Snodgrass</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Naomi Kritzer</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>    <i>Naomi Kritzer</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b>  <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Superhero Movies - Are They Done Yet?</b>  <i>GoH, current, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>          There are a lot of super hero films coming out these days. When does that trend end and how soon should it?  <i>Dave Margosian (mod), Eleanor Arnason, John Michael Seavey, Keane Amdahl, Nolan Montcalm</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>The Orville Fan Panel</b>  <i>TV, current, fan</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  <i>Jeanne M Mealy, Justin Edward Grays, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Michael Zecca (mod), Walter W Parker</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>ChessWerks</b>  <i>activity, beginner, classic, gaming, kid</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>          See what it's like to play with three foot wood.  <i>Eric Lamansky</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Parents and Kids Meetup</b>  <i>kid, social, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>          Open meet up for kids and their parents to mingle, share ideas, and make friends.  <i>Danielle Robinson, Fiona Furlong, Madeline Fleigle-Lee</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Laughing (at/with) (the) (G/g)od(s)</b>  <i>classic, comedy, current, myth, social, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>          Aristophanes and Moliere. Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett. Monty Python and South Park. Throughout history, comedians have found religion to be a fertile ground for satire. Where should lines be drawn when wrestling with the most profound of truths?  <i>Amanda Larsen, Elizabeth Ess, Elliot Besmann, Hertzey Hertz, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Iron Pen</b>  <i>GPS, Sandbox, teen, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>          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. Judges may include some of the Guests of Honor.  <i>Heather Bufkin</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Kids Ask a Writer</b>  <i>GoH, kid, teen, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>          Specifically for kids - ask writers about what they do and how they do it.  <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Chrysoula Tzavelas, Mary Jo Pehl, Roy C. Booth, Tyler Tork (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Reading - Amal El-Mohtar</b>  <i>GoH, reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Amal El-Mohtar</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Ionosphere Casting Shadows</b>  <i>music</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson</b>          When does a guitar not sound like a guitar? Todd Madson's soothing ambient space guitar soundscapes allows for a way to de-stress from a day of panels, people, and activity. Expect a special tribute to the late con photographer Baron Dave Romm.  <i>Todd Madson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>CONvergence Time Capsule</b>  <i>con</i>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>          CONvergence is twenty years old! What was happening in 1999 when our convention started--top movies, TV shows, books and more?  <i>Elise Anna Matthesen, Jon Stark Olsen (mod), Miriam Krause</i></p>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #7</b>  <i>movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>          with English subtitles</p>

1:30pm - 2:30pm	<p><b>Kung Fu Fighting</b> <i>beginner, card, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b></p> <p>The geeks of the East and the West must unite and fight, to see whose Kung Fu is better! Come play Kung Fu Fighting the game of cinematic martial arts mayhem. Six will do battle! One will prevail! Ages 13 &amp; up, all materials provided. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Sword of Air</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2205 Table A</b></p> <p>A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus CONvergence campaign, we start fresh at Level 1 ? bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model (3.5 DMG), *or* play a pre-generated character. Humans &amp; Demi-Humans only, please! <i>Burl Zorn (mod), Jenna Touchette (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Open Board Gaming</b> <i>board, card, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2205 Table C</b></p> <p>Boardgame library provided by our friends at The Source and table space open for those who are looking for a quick game</p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Full Metal Panic! - R Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b></p> <p>Sousuke Sagara must go undercover at a high school to protect Kaname Chidori, a girl with mysterious powers. He was raised on a battlefield and has no idea how to act like a normal student; luckily, he's much more useful in a gunfight.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Cosplaying as a Family</b> <i>costuming, kid, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b></p> <p>How does costuming change when you're trying to please a whole bunch of people, rather than just yourself. Oh, and all of the costumes have to work together and be ready at the same time. <i>Amanda Fineran, Amy Fischer, Deb Brazil, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Steven Dale Theiss</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Evolution of a Book Series</b> <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b></p> <p>How does one published book become a trilogy, then a series, then a media franchise? <i>Craig Smith, Kelly McCullough, Patrick S Tomlinson (mod), Wesley Chu</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Judging a Book by Its Cover</b> <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b></p> <p>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, Lee Harris, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Miss Shannan Paul, Molly Cathryn Glover, Nick Glover, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Riffing</b> <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b></p> <p>Making fun of movies isn't as easy as it sounds. <i>Bill Stiteler (mod), Duck Randall Washington, Mary Jo Pehl, Meghan McManus, Tim Liebe</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Jim Kakalios</b> <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b></p> <p><i>James Kakalios</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Tamora Pierce</b> <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b></p> <p><i>Tamora Pierce</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Rise and Fall of Joss Whedon</b> <i>Joss</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b></p> <p>He's a geek icon, but after the lukewarm receptions of Age of Ultron and Justice League, and following the affair scandal and accusations of false feminism, is it time to stop worshiping at the alter of Joss? <i>Josiah John Mannion, Miriam Krause (mod), Rachel Traynham, Sarah Molasky, Tim Lieder</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Dinosaur Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, STEM, fan</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b></p> <p>Like dinosaurs? So do we! Come discuss your favorites and what they mean to you. <i>Adam Art Poetter (mod), Cynnthia Anne Verbrugge, Eleanor Arnason, Elizabeth Bear, Matt Kessen</i></p>

2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Assassin's Guild Boffing Practice</b> gaming <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> 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>David Bianchi</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>How to be a Good Ally</b> GoH, inclusivity, social <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> People of Color will explain how you can be an good ally to improve race relations in the geek community. <i>AlyssaRose Jordan (mod), Cat Choy, Rakhi Rajpal, Rita K Walaszek, Victor Raymond</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Pop Up Cards</b> GoH, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Learn how to make your own pop up greeting cards with one of our Guests of Honor. <i>Lisa A Snellings</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Shieldmaidens of Geekdom</b> gaming, inclusivity, social <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Discuss the need and purpose of creating spaces for those who identify as female to meet other females/femmes to participate in geek-orientated activities such as The Source's Shieldmaiden Sundays. <i>Chandra Reyer, Elspeth Skyler Lee, Lisa Olson, Meredith J Gillies, Taiana Hayes</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Book Club - Truitner/Cisco/low</b> GoH, reading <b>Sheraton Ames</b> Guest of Honor Vincent Truitner and Invited Participants Taylor Cisco and phillip andrew bennett low invite you to listen to and discuss their works. <i>Taylor Cisco, Vincent Truitner, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Tanya Brody</b> music <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Tanya Brody once again graces HarmCon with her special blend of original and traditional folk, with a few fun covers thrown in for good measure. Hear her sing some favorite tunes, and learn a few new ones, as she accompanies herself on harp and guitar. <i>Tanya Brody</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Highlander Fan Panel</b> TV, fan <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Highlander series - there can be only one (unless we want to mention Highlander: The Raven while we're at it). <i>Adam J. Whitlatch, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Lee Andrew Fillingsness, Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
2:30pm - 2:45pm	<p><b>Costume Wars Orientation</b> GoH, activity, costuming <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> If you have registered for the Costume Wars Show, come line up and get last-minute tips for the show. <i>Michael Knightmage Wilson</i></p>
3:00pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>King of New York</b> board, gaming <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> There?s *always* something to do in the Big Apple. The lights, the shows, the energy ? or is it the giant monsters demolishing everything in sight? Come play as your favorite monster and dish out some mayhem in the City that Never Sleeps! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Battlebond 2HG Event</b> gaming, tourney <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</b> Welcome to Battlebond ? a Magic: the Gathering set specifically designed for 2-Headed Giant (team) play! Recruit a trusted partner, and fight together for glory! (\$30 - event tickets available at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Standard Constructed</b> gaming <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b> Standard Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Standard-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$10 ? event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>

3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #8 w/GoH Viin Truitner</b>  <i>GoH, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>  Guest of Honor Vin Truitner will say a few words before the film and then stick around for a Q&amp;A after to discuss his work on the movie.  <i>Vincent Truitner</i></p>
3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Costume Wars</b>  <i>GoH, activity, costuming</i>  <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b>  Costume Wars performance.  <i>Michael Knightmage Wilson</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Shootin' Ladders</b>  <i>beginner, board, card, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b>  This is NOT the Chutes &amp; Ladders you remember! Arm your gingerbread man with the best guns you can find, and do unto others (but do it first) while climbing up ladders and sliding down chutes!  <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Open LAN gaming on the PCs in 2208 - warm up for Overwatch, get in a little League of Legends, or check out Starcraft2!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Life Cycles of the Inanimate</b>  <i>GoH, art, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Biological things are born grow and die. But what about ideas, books, fashion, or even conventions? Do they follow a similar path? Do similar rules apply?  <i>Craig A. Finseth, Lisa A Snellings, Sarah Beth Soderlund</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Kids Ask a Scientist</b>  <i>STEM, kid</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Specifically for kids - scientists answer your questions about science.  <i>Jessica Wynd Miller, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir, Renate Marie Fiora (mod), Steve Sylvestre, Steven Dale Theiss</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Stranger Things: Season 2</b>  <i>TV, current, fan</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Let's just spend a little more time with 80's nostalgia and kids in peril!  <i>David Brennan (mod), Kevin Eldridge, Kiah Nelson, Meghan McManus, Sarah O'Connor</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Crafting an Elevator Pitch</b>  <i>GoH, art, business, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Coming up with that paragraph that will sell everyone on your great idea is pivotal to make it a reality, whether it's a play or the next better mouse trap. How's it done? Get advice from creators in various fields.  <i>Lana Wood Johnson (mod), Lee Harris, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Amal El-Mohtar</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Amal El-Mohtar</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Kelly McCullough</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Kelly McCullough</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Greg Weisman</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>    <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b>    <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>



3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>How Did I Get Here?</b> <i>GoH</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> The path to success can be direct or a long and winding road. Listen to some of our Guests of Honor share their stories. <i>Lindsay Ellis, Victor Raymond</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>The Third Doctor</b> <i>British, Dr Who, GoH, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Let's take a closer look at the third Doctor, played by John Pertwee. <i>Bryon Savid Stump, Gabriela Santiago (mod), Justin M. Lewis, Paul Cornell, Tim Liebe</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Keeping Creatively Energized</b> <i>GoH, art, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> How do you keep the creative ideas flowing? How do you continue to create? <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Cath Schaff-Stump, Deborah Jane Frethem, Emilie Peck, Wesley Chu</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Newtonian Ducky Races</b> <i>GoH, Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Do you have what it takes to get your rubber ducky to the finish line first? Build your duck a custom car utilizing basic physics and then race it against other ducks. <i>Geoff Wessendorf, James Kakalios, Sandy Darst</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>We Deliver!</b> <i>GoH, comedy</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Comedians will tell you: it's all about the delivery. Storytellers, emcees, comics, and spoken word performers provide their best tips and tricks for effective onstage delivery. <i>Ben San Del (mod), Elizabeth Ess, Mary Jo Pehl, Miss Shannan Paul, Stephan N Stomberg</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Reading - Ytasha Womack</b> <i>GoH, reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Ytasha Womack</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Scott Keever</b> <i>music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Scott Keever is a composer and multi-instrumentalist who specializes in solo guitar from Celtic to Balkan, jazz to classical. He has performed regionally with Cats Laughing, Lojo Russo &amp; Funks Grove, Zurround, The Sweet Colleens, and Orkestar Bez Ime. <i>Scott Keever</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Cosplay Project Management</b> <i>business, costuming</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Any costume is a project with distinct pieces, each with their own timelines. How do you break down the process and create realistic timelines and budgets? Do you already have the skills or are you learning something new? <i>Dana M Baird (mod), Kaerie -, Melissa Joy Sowers, Paul Haga, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Log Horizon - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> After the latest update of the MMORPG Elder Tale prevents the players from logging out, socially awkward college student Shiroe sets out to discover the limits of his new reality. He must learn to work with players and NPCs alike to bring stability to the virtual city.</p>
4:30pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Ticket to Ride</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> Come build the North American Railroad! Balance greed for more types of rail cars with fear of losing a coveted route to a competitor. Do you have what it takes to be the next Rail Baron with the most coveted Ticket to Ride? <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Para-thulu-zombi-noia!</b> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</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. OH, THE INSANITY! <i>Robert Ski Cudinski (mod)</i></p>

5:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L5)</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b>  Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&amp;D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one.  <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Firefly (board game)</b>  <i>board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b>  Based on the Firefly TV series: Start with a captain and a ship. Hire and equip a crew to find and complete jobs to keep flying while avoiding deadly Reavers, Alliance Patrols, and other captains who may be pirates, or even do some pirating yourself.  <i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>Munchkin Tournament - Round 3</b>  <i>card, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b>  Tournament-flavor Munchkin - get your card game on with CONvergence's annual Munchkin Tourney, run by our Steve Jackson Games rep, Man in Black Andy Mullin. Rules explained at each session. This event will take place on tables 2202e and 2202f.  <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b>  <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b>  A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!</p>
5:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Adventure</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table C</b>  A five-hour adventure for Pathfinder Society play!</p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>MTG - Modern Constructed</b>  <i>gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b>  Modern Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Modern-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$10 - Event tickets available at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth)  <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>LAN - Overwatch</b>  <i>computer, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Overwatch ended the crisis, and helped maintain peace, inspiring an era of exploration, innovation, and discovery. But, after many years, Overwatch was disbanded. Now, conflict is rising again - are you with us? <b>**PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED**</b>  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>CONvergence Events Open Meeting</b>  <i>con</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  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, Lauren Sindt, Liz Hernandez, Margaret Eastman, Nadim Khalidi, Stephanie Zuercher, Thomas Keeley</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Character Actors</b>  <i>TV, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Let's gush about some of our favorite actors who aren't leads.  <i>Alexis Nordling, Brandy Danaki, Brian Salisbury, Matt Gamble, Nathan M Anderson (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Marvel Villain Retrospective</b>  <i>GoH, TV, comic, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  Villains are, arguably, one of the weaknesses of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Which villains have really worked and which have fallen short?  <i>Jess Banks, John Michael Seavey (mod), Keely Ann Cooper, Kelly McCullough, bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Batman: the Golden Age</b>  <i>comic, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Award-winning playwright Phillip Low has created an adaptation of the Batman's earliest appearances! Come listen to a full-cast reading of Bill Finger's self-made world's great detective.  <i>Duck Randall Washington, Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Tim Uren, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low (mod)</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Ytasha Womack</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>  <i>Ytasha Womack</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Paul Cornell</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>  <i>Paul Cornell</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Roy C Booth</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>  <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>That Doctor Looks Like a Lady</b>  <i>Dr Who, TV, inclusivity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>          Doctor Who has finally cast its die with a female lead. What do we like about the new direction of the series?  <i>Alexander Seymour, Anne Lyle (mod), David Brennan, Justin M. Lewis, Michael Scott Shappe</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Casual Chat with Guest Authors</b>  <i>GoH</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>          Guest of Honor authors answer audience questions and chat about whatever is on their minds.  <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Eleanor Arnason, Elizabeth Bear, Tamora Pierce</i></p>
5:00pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Harisen Daiko Preview</b>  <i>Japanese, Performance, audio, demo, music</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>          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!).  <i>Al Zdrzil, Christopher Stephan, Frederick Sylvestre, Holly Johnson, James Sammartano, Jill McTavish, Kristin Grandt, Marit Hanson, Melissa Green, Scott Grandt, Steve Sylvestre, Tristan Stephan, Vanessa Stephan</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Enterprising Individuals Live! The Measure of a Man</b>  <i>GoH, Star Trek, TV, comedy, fan, podcast</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>          Picard defends Data in a trial for his right to exist! Join us for a live taping of the Enterprising Individuals podcast as we talk with Melinda Snodgrass about writing Star Trek: The Next Generation's first truly great episode, "The Measure of a Man!"  <i>Aaron Coker, Bridget Landry, Ella Pearson, Gabriela Santiago (mod), Melinda M. Snodgrass</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Zombify Your Plushie</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>          Julie Bowman will show you how to turn a cute and adorable Plush Creature into an even cuter and more adorable Plush Zombie.  <i>MythJulie</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Radio Auditions</b>  <i>GoH, audio</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>          Auditions for Greg Weisman run radio play.  <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Kristopher Carter, Lee Harris</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Taylor Cisco</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Taylor Cisco</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Clothes Make the Character</b>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>          Learn how costuming and costume design can reveal or conceal information about characters in fiction.  <i>Danith McPherson, Peregrine Johnson, Rae Lundquist, Ty Blauersouth (mod)</i></p>
5:30pm - 7:30pm	<p><b>King of Thorn - R Subtitled</b>  <i>Anime, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>          160 people are put into a cold sleep to escape a deadly virus. When they awaken, they find the facility deserted and covered with thorns, and are soon attacked by monsters. Seven survivors escape, trying to discover what has happened to the world.</p>

5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>Random Fractions</b> <i>music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> This Chicago-area duo blends guitar and bass with vocal harmonies in original songs about life, the universe, and just about everything along with some unexpected covers for a fantastically fun musical journey. <i>Cathy McManamon, Jason Neerenberg</i></p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>Poetry Slam Sign-Up</b> <i>activity</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson Hall</b> Sign up for Poetry Slam event.</p>
6:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b></p>
6:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #9</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Roadkill Rally</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch your @\$es! Death Race in a card game ? the winner is determined by the size of your gun and the speed of your ride - what's more American than that? 3-6 players, all materials provided. <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Mysterium</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</b> A group of psychics are conducting a séance to solve a mysterious murder at a haunted mansion. 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. <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>MTG - Chaos Draft</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</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 (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>MTG - Commander &amp; Brawl</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b> Commander (or EDH) and Brawl (Standard-Legal-Only version). New to Brawling? Pick a Commander, up the Lands, and use Colorless cards to fill out your deck. Most of all ? HAVE FUN! (\$10 - event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer Booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Friends of Bill W</b> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Stories Don?t Just Happen</b> <i>GoH, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Stories aren?t magic - they come from somewhere. Come listen to creators talk about their process <i>Cath Schaff-Stump, Chrysoula Tzavelas, Kelly McCullough, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>2018 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival</b> <i>current, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> This year, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Convergence, we will be featuring a retrospective of the best sci-fi short films to screen at the festival over the past eight years. <i>Troy LaFaye</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Year in Comics</b> <i>GoH, comic, current</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Let's talk about comics that came out in the last year. <i>Lee Harris, Meredith J Gillies, Nick Glover, Sean Patrick Casey (mod)</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Live Action Disney</b> <i>GoH, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Disney has started creating live action versions of their own animated films. Come discuss the successes and failures of those already made and propose your wish list. <i>Charlene Holm, Kayla McGrady (mod), Lindsay Ellis, Meghan McManus, Michelle Farley</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Guilty Pleasures</b> <i>fan, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Bad movies we love and why we love them. <i>Aaron Coker, Elisa Hansen, Mark McPherson, Shaun M Duke (mod), bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Odd Salon</b> <i>GoH, misc</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Odd Salon (oddsalon.com), the San Fran org presenting short talks on Adventure, Science, Literature, &amp; Weird Stuff is sending Information Society's Kurt Larson to present three speakers on the theme: 'Science Fact Is Stranger Than Science Fiction!' <i>Amber Guetebier, Kurt Larson (mod), Lindsay Lelivelt</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Hydraulic Arm Build</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Using cardboard, syringes, tubing and water, build a moving arm that can pick up and move small objects. Instruction on theory and some design advice will be given; style, beauty, and hydraulic grace is up to you. By Spark Y. <i>Destiny Ziebol</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Cosplay For a Cause</b> <i>GoH, costuming, social</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> How can you use your love of cosplay to bring joy to others and raise money for charities? <i>Amanda Fineran, Michael Knightmage Wilson, Paul Haga, Sara Huebschen, Todd Murray</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Cynthia Booth</b> <i>reading</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Cynthia Booth</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Improv for Cosplayers</b> <i>beginner, demo</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> We all fall in love with characters for many reasons: from confidence to timidity, from sassy to clumsy. Come and join us in learning how to walk, talk, and interact with others as your favorite characters. <i>Angela Fox, Brynn - Berryhill (mod), Eric Thompson, James Fairbairn, Jena Young</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p><b>CONvergence Poetry Slam</b> <i>Performance</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Nerds have words, and we want to hear them! Show up, sign up, and if the lottery gods are kind you (yes, you) may be drawn to read two three-minute poems to an audience of drunken strangers, and watch your heart and soul assigned numeric value. <i>Allison Broeren, Ben San Del, Bryan Thao Worra, Cole Sarar, Dan Marlow, Lyda Morehouse, Pat Harrigan, Sam Cook, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>A World Without Bees</b> <i>STEM</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b> The bee population continues to decline. What do we do about a world without bees? <i>Arthur Kneeland, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Dirk Ykema, Jessica Wynd Miller (mod)</i></p>
7:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Attack on Titan - R Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Centuries ago, mankind was slaughtered to near extinction by monstrous titans, forcing humans to hide in fear behind enormous concentric walls. The fragile calm is shattered when a colossal titan breaches the supposedly impregnable outer wall, reigniting the fight for survival.</p>
8:30pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L6)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2201b</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&amp;D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one. <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i></p>

8:30pm - 1:00am	<p><b>Fiasco!</b> <i>card, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</b> Inspired by cinematic tropes, Fiasco is a group storytelling game in which character ambitions run high, impulse control is low, and chaos reigns supreme. Characters will lose, die, and fail despite or likely because of their well laid plans. <i>Robert Ski Cudinski (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b> <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2208</b> Open LAN gaming on the PCs in 2208 - come get some! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Dream Narratives</b> <i>GoH, book, myth, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> From William Shakespeare to Lewis Carroll to Neil Gaiman, ambitious authors are addicted to dreams as a narrative device. What's going on when we're asleep that is so terribly compelling to fantasy writers? <i>Daniel Mauleon, Emma Bull, Kristin Tipping, Kurt Larson, Ruth Berman</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>When is Star Trek Space Opera?</b> <i>Star Trek, TV, animation, book, classic, comic, current, movie, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Space Opera is a subgenre of science fiction and sometimes Star Trek falls into that subgenre, but very often it does not. So when is Star Trek Space Opera, anyway? <i>Alexis Nordling (mod), Justin Edward Grays, Taylor Cisco, Tim Liebe</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Working with a Co-Author</b> <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> What's it like to write a novel when you aren't doing it alone? <i>Adam J. Whitlatch, Amal El-Mohtar, Cynthia Booth, Eric Zawadzki (mod), Jennifer J Allan</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Dr. Who Companions</b> <i>Dr Who, TV, book</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Come discuss your favorite and your least favorite companions. <i>AMBER RADEN, Elizabeth Ann Jankowski, Kirsten Hazel Roepke-Karsen, Nolan Montcalm</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Game of Thrones: Comparing Books to TV</b> <i>TV, book</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b> As both an epic book series and an epic television series, "Song of Ice and Fire" and "Game of Thrones" make choices to fit their formats and audiences. Discuss the point of view narration, the ages of characters, character names, and more. <i>Christina DZA Marie, Lindsay Bell (mod), Meghan McManus</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Jack Kirby Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, art, classic, comic, fan, superhero</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> By age 19, Jack Kirby was working as a professional artist. He went on to co-create most of the Marvel Universe in the 1960s. A career lasting 5 decades, we will talk about the man and our favorite works of his. <i>James Kakalios, Roy C. Booth (mod), Sean Patrick Casey, Stuart West</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Chainmaille 101</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> A basic European 4 in 1 chainmaille lesson for those who have always been curious. We will use links that can be worked without tools, so ages 11+ should be able to enjoy themselves. <i>Brandon Kline</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Genealogy: Uncovering the Secrets of Your Family Tree</b> <i>DIY, inclusivity, social, web</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> In the spirit of CON history, let's talk about family history. From Ancestry to 23andMe, there are more ways to get connected. Join our panelists to learn about the secrets in their family trees and find out how to start exploring your own. <i>Brynn - Berryhill, Dustin Peyton, Ryn Yee, Sarah Barsness (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Rex's Super Happy Fun Time</b> <i>movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> It is Convergence's 20th year and Rex wanted to celebrate by playing lots of his favorite fun short videos that he has stockpiled over the years, along with some new recent ones. So come for 5 minutes, come for 20 minutes, or come for the whole show. It is going to be a super happy fun time!!!</p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<b>Paranormal Minnesota</b> <i>myth</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> Where are there ghosts in Minnesota? <i>Jei Herald-Zamora, Sarah Beth Soderlund (mod), Todd F Powell, Wendy Fossum</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<b>Anime 101</b> <i>Anime</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> An introduction to Anime. What are the conventions? What are some good starting points? <i>Chrysoula Tzavelas, James Christopher Horvath, Jessica Lynn Silver, Michael Grimm (mod), Scott Kevin Jamison</i>
9:30pm - 11:00pm	<b>Higurashi no Naku Koro ni - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Keiichi Maebara has just moved to a quiet little village. As the village prepares for its annual festival, he discovers that there have been several murders and disappearances in recent years connected to the festival and the village's patron god.
9:30pm - Midnight	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #10</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>
10:00pm - 11:30pm	<b>Joking Hazard</b> <i>card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> Do you like to laugh? Do other people wince when you tell stories? Joking Hazard is the game for you! You and your sick friends use cards to try and make the most offensive comic strip possible. (18+ ONLY, ID REQUIRED) <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
10:00pm - 11:30pm	<b>Everyone is John</b> <i>card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b> A game about a man with voices in his head ? this competitive tabletop game has players bidding for control of John in order to complete their ?voice??s obsessions as many times as possible to win the game. <i>Tim Koon (mod)</i>
10:00pm - 2:00am	<b>LAN - 18+ Open Gaming</b> <i>computer, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2208</b> Grown-up time on the LAN PCs - the kiddos are in bed, so come get your game on! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<b>Worst Magic Items Ever</b> <i>TV, book, gaming, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> What magic items aren't work their weight? Which items should be more problematic then they're presented (*cough* the Glaive in "Krull")? Come vilify (or maybe vindicate) your least favorites. <i>Eric Zawadzki (mod), Naomi Kritzer, Tim Liebe</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<b>Pounded in the Butt by the Chuck Tingle Fan Panel</b> <i>book, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Talking about Chuck Tingle and his work. <i>Jonathan Palmer, Kristina Winn, Lyda Morehouse (mod), Rory Ni Coileain, Sharon Stiteler</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<b>Westworld Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> <i>Craig Smith, Mark Goldberg, Michael jankowski, Michelle Farley (mod), Scott Alan Holm</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<b>Aro/Ace Relationships</b> <i>inclusivity, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> 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. <i>Charlene Holm, Dirk Ykema, Genevieve Alberty, Laura Thurston, Meg Thiel</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<b>John Carpenter Fan Panel</b> <i>fan, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> John Carpenter has made some great films and some other films. We'll talk about the great ones...and the other ones. <i>Brian Salisbury (mod), Kyle Dekker, Matt Gamble, Nathan M Anderson, Tim Liedler</i>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Secrets of the Mysterious Old Radio</b> <i>horror, podcast</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Join us for a special live recording of The Mysterious Old Radio Listening Society podcast. <i>Joshua Scrimshaw, Kai Stewart, Tim Uren</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Sandbox After Dark: Art is Skin Deep</b> <i>GoH, Sandbox, activity</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Sandbox After Dark presents: Body Painting! You paint, we paint, it's fun for everybody! GoH Michael 'Knightmage' Wilson will also discuss his preferred paints. <i>Jim Shields, John Garner, Michael Knightmage Wilson</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Farscape Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, TV, fan</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> A discussion of the science fiction series set in space aboard a living ship. <i>Aaron Coker, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Donavon Indovino Cawley, Elizabeth Bear, Michael Zecca (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Pay to Play</b> <i>business, computer, gaming</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b> Downloadable content and micro-transactions have been around for a while now and show no signs of going away. How has this altered gaming, for good or ill? <i>Allyson Cygan, Chase Peterson, Kieran Alan Stomberg, Sean Sullivan</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Naughty Bawdy Brigade (18+)</b> <i>comedy, music</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> We, the Mistresses of the Naughty Bawdy Brigade entertain you with songs, jokes, limericks, and a whole lot of double entendre. We plan to entrance or entrap (your choice) you with our assets. Check us out at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MBessMNeIIINBB/">https://www.facebook.com/MBessMNeIIINBB/</a> <i>Amanda Nerud, Anna Miller-Sherman, Tracy Fuller</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Twin Peaks: Digging Deep into The Return</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Now that David Lynch's return to Twin Peaks has ended, what now? We will cover theories, thoughts, and cherry pie. <i>Alexandra Howes, Garrick A Dietze, Niles Joseph Schwartz, Pat Harrigan, Sheva Rosenberg (mod)</i></p>
11:00pm - 3:00am	<p><b>A Roundabout with Zombies</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2201a</b> Ever want to not just kill the zombies, but work with a team? If so, this is the late-night game for you! (NOTE: Teams not included, and are found separately ? role-playing happens more often than combat) Game is PG-13 at least! <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>
11:00pm - 1:00am	<p><b>Redline - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> Held once every five years, everyone wants to stake their claim to fame at Redline, the most deadly racing tournament in the universe. All the while, organized crime and militaristic governments want to leverage the race to their own ends. Can a high speed romance survive a race of mass destruction?</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>The Dysk: The World of Sir Terry Pratchett</b> <i>British, fan</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Discworld is the stage for some of the most ingenious characters and stories ever created. We lost Sir Terry in 2015, but wit and his artful social commentary live on. Join us for discussion of this incredible world-builder. <i>Assad Khaishgi (mod), Barbara Ann Skoglund, Michelle Curtis</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Next Big Monster</b> <i>horror, writing</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Zombies had their day in the sun. Vampires also had their day in the...well, maybe not the sun, but you get what I'm saying. Horror and fantasy writers and publishers debate what creature will or should be the next big monster sensation, and why. <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Jei Herald-Zamora, Kristin Tipping, SA Sidor, Sarah Beth Soderlund (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Killer B's Improv Movie Show</b> <i>comedy, movie, music</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> 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! <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Duck Randall Washington, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Lauren Haven, Matt Kessen, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Cathryn Glover, Scott Kever, Tim Uren</i></p>



11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Slash Panel</b> <i>fanfic, slash</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b></p> <p>Come one, come all, &amp; let's get together for the annual panel to discuss same-sex shipping &amp; fanfiction! We'll talk recent trends in tropes &amp; ships, and share recs for what we've been reading. (This is panel is rated ?lemon?, as in ?you should probably"). <i>Bess Stuvinoxend (mod), Jo Thrace, Kes, Skazka 9000, Teresa Kramer</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Pun-El</b> <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b></p> <p>Once again, the English language (and a few others) gets pun-ched, pun-ked, and pun-ji'd without fear of flying fruit! The Pun-El returns. Speech class was never like this! <i>Art Allen, Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman, Lee Harris, Margaret Eastman</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Crime Scare of '80s Action Films</b> <i>movie, social</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b></p> <p>Cops using violence to stop crime was totally cool in the '80s. Discuss whether or not these films have any ramifications in our current social climate. <i>Alexis Nordling, Lathan Murrell, Nick Krekeler (mod), Niles Joseph Schwartz, Tanya - -</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Late Night Music Circle</b> <i>activity, music</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b></p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen. <i>Dave Stagner</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Get Thee Behind Me, Santa: A Filthy Children's Time-Travel Farce for Adults Only</b> <i>comedy, myth</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b></p> <p>It's December 21st, 2012, and something's gone terribly wrong with the timeline. Now it's up to Saint Nicholas, a soft-boiled detective, and an unknown carpenter's son named Jesus of Nazareth to set things right! <i>phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>American Vandal Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan, web</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b></p> <p>A panel about the Netflix series American Vandal. <i>Janet Lano, Laura E Bidgood (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>The Nerdlesque Strikes Back! (18+)</b></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b></p> <p>Nerdy burlesque performers assemble! Back at HarmCon for year 3 of geek- and pop culture-infused burlesque and cabaret performance art! We'll showcase a medley of your favorite characters through the dazzling, humorous, and sexy scope of burlesque! <i>Champagne Lorraine, Holliedazzle, Joy Coy, Mona Montague, Opiumm Hayze, Sinasaurus Vex</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Orphan Black Wrap Up</b> <i>British, STEM, TV, current, fan, social</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b></p> <p>Come celebrate the characters, science, and themes developed over the five seasons of Orphan Black. What has its impact been on pop culture? How have BBC America and Canadian productions impacted the sci-fi landscape? The #CloneClub continues! <i>AlyshaRose Jordan (mod), Josiah John Mannion, Kiah Nelson, Sarah O'Connor</i></p>

## SATURDAY JULY 7

Midnight - 1:00am	<p><b>CVG Teen Room</b> <i>Hours, teen</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b></p>
Midnight - 2:00am	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #11</b> <i>movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
1:00am - 2:30am	<p><b>Hellsing Ultimate - R Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b></p> <p>Hellsing is an organization dedicated to destroying the supernatural forces that threaten the very existence of humanity. Their ultimate weapon is the vampire Alucard, who works against his own kind as an exterminator.</p>

2:00am - 4:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #12</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned
7:00am - 9:00am	<b>Kaiba - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> In a world where memories exist in memory chips separate from the body, death of the body no longer means death of the soul. A man named Kaiba wakes up in an empty room with no memories, a mysterious hole in his chest, and a locket holding the picture of a woman.
9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Fighting Foodons - G Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> An 11-year old boy bands together with his younger sister and a young boy who has a large appetite to battle an evil empire by using their Foodons - strange monsters that are created from various foods.
9:00am - Midnight	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</b>
9:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>
9:30am - 5:00pm	<b>PFS - Gallows of Madness (part 3)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</b> Part Three of a three-day module. The Abyss Approaches! Something wicked?and monstrous?stirs around the rugged Isgeri town of Saringallow, where the hated legacy of noble Chelish diabolists runs deep. <i>Pathfinder Society (mod)</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Selling on Etsy</b> <i>GoH, art, business, web</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> If you are handcrafting products, how can you connect with buyers? <i>Angela Jones-Parker, Elise Anna Matthesen, Holly Chamas, Jay Seevers, Lisa A Snellings</i>
9:30am - Noon	<b>U of M Raptor Center</b> <i>GPS, STEM, kid</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>How to Be an Action Hero</b> <i>Anime, TV, book, comic, movie, social, superhero</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> The heroes of action movies have a lot of interesting, unique skills and traits that let them win the day. Here we discuss those skills and traits. How would one learn them? How useful are they in real life. What traits of action heroes are problematic? <i>Amanda Germaine Day (mod), Christina DZA Marie, Lathan Murrell, Scott Kevin Jamison</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Kid Friendly Streaming</b> <i>TV, kid, web</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> What great content for kids you can find on Netflix, Hulu, and other streaming services? <i>Katarina Ruth Larsen</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>The Big Lebowski 20 Years On</b> <i>fan, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> It debuted to little fanfare but has grown to iconic status. This fan panel discusses why The Big Lebowski has had such an enduring legacy. <i>Bill Stiteler, John White, Nathan M Anderson (mod), Tim Lieder, Wendy Fossum</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Fitness for Geeks</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Ways to get your geek on and keep yourself fit. <i>Diana Fitzwater, Kurt Fleschner (mod), Lindsay Bell, Rachel Tanquist, Sarah Molasky</i>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Dragons of Middle-Earth: The Puppet Show!</b>  <i>British, classic, comedy, fan, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  Learn about the mighty dragons that plagued Middle-earth in a funny and informative manner...puppet style. It's safe to laugh at these live dragons!  <i>Corinne Lindskog, Daniel Blaine Lindskog, Jessica Lindskog</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Crayon's Corner</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple.  <i>Caryn Lengeek</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Magic: The Gathering's Color Pie</b>  <i>beginner, card, fan, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  When it comes to developing a solid M:tG deck, one should first understand the color pie. Whether you have been playing for years and want to talk about the colors' motives or are newer to the game and want to learn about them, we are here for you.  <i>Alexis Nordling, Matthew Donald Everhart, Wendy A Hoskin (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Justine Mastin</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Justine Mastin</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Adam J. Whitlatch</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>  <i>Adam J. Whitlatch</i></p>
10:00am - 11:30am	<p><b>King of New York</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b>  There?s *always* something to do in the Big Apple. Is it the lights? Is it the energy? ? or is it the giant monsters trying to demolish everything? Come play as your favorite monster and dish out some mayhem in the City that Never Sleeps!  <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
10:00am - Midnight	<p><b>CVG Teen Room</b>  <i>Hours, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>Community Safety Programs</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>Twin Cities Geek</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>2D Con</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>NiCoral</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>UGO Podcast</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 5</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>Fearless Comedy</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 6</b></p>
10:00am - 6:00pm	<p><b>Nerd Dads</b>  <i>Hours</i>  <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7</b></p>

10:00am - 6:00pm	<b>Just Enough Trope Media</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8</b>
10:00am - 11:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #13</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned
10:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Klingon Bat'leth Tournament</b> <i>Star Trek</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> Calling all Warriors! Come join the battle! Lift high the Sword of Honor and battle your frenemies in this tournament. Class and certification for all participants starts one hour before the event. Entry fee of only \$10. All proceeds go to battle DiCom. <i>George Richard</i>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>The Kessel Run</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b> Can *you* do it in less than 12 parsecs? Star Wars X-Wing meets MarioKart power-ups ? ready? set? GO! <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table F</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one. <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i>
11:00am - 5:00pm	<b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!
11:00am - 7:00pm	<b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table C</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!
11:00am - 10:00pm	<b>Artemis and Valkyrie Bridge Simulators</b> <i>activity, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2204</b> Come play in our Artemis Bridge Simulator! This is a cooperative game in which up to 6 players assume the role of different crew members on a starship bridge.. Two bridge simulators are running, offset by a 30 min. In-person sign-ups are required.
11:00am - 4:00pm	<b>MTG - M19 Pre-release (sealed deck)</b> <i>gaming, tourney</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206</b> Bring your playmat, your game face, and your life counter up to 22nd floor on Saturday morning. Join Dreamer's Vault Games for some M19 pre-release love! Only 24 seats available. (\$30 - Event tickets at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer Booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>LAN - League of Legends</b> <i>computer, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2208</b> 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>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Rose of Versailles - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> In 1755, Marie Antoinette is born in the royal family of Austria and raised in luxury. In France, a girl is born in the family of the Commander of the Royal Guards and raised as a man. Marie Antoinette and Oscar meet as the clock ticks toward the end of the French royalty.
11:00am - Noon	<b>Bad Player, No XP</b> <i>gaming, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> How can you as a game master ensure a safe space for your gaming group and deal with troublesome players without creating additional tension? <i>Brian Casey (mod), Cam Banks, Joseph Jay-Dixon, Maddie P Coulter, Mark Redacted</i>

11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Star Trek: Discovery Panel</b>  <i>Star Trek, TV, current</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  New Trek on TV! What do we love and what do we think could be better?  <i>Ben Walker, Gabriela Santiago, Joan Marie Verba, Michael Scott Shappe (mod), Shawn Scott Smith</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>How to be a Citizen Scientist</b>  <i>STEM, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  How you can help scientists do their work?  <i>Jessica Wynd Miller, PZ Myers, Richard Hurley, Sarah Molasky (mod), michelle squeeky cadieux</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Taylor Cisco</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Taylor Cisco</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Mark McPherson</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Mark McPherson</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Patrick S. Tomlinson</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>    <i>Patrick S Tomlinson</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b>    <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Remembering "The Iron Giant"</b>  <i>GoH, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  Looking back at one of the best films from 1999.  <i>Adam Lueck, Dave Margosian, Elizabeth Bear, Vetrina Anderson (mod), Vincent Truitner</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Thor: Ragnarock Fan Panel</b>  <i>GoH, current, fan, movie, superhero</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  What did we love and hate about Thor: Ragnarock?  <i>Allyson Cygan, Amal El-Mohtar, Emma Bull, John Michael Seavey (mod), Todd Murray</i></p>
11:00am - 1:30pm	<p><b>Assassin's Guild Boffing Tournament</b>  <i>gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>  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>David Bianchi</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>It Was a Different Time</b>  <i>TV, gaming, inclusivity, movie, music, social, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  You don't have to go back far to find blatantly racist, sexist, or homophobic moments in otherwise great media. How do we reconcile with our non-woke pop culture past? What in today's pop art will we look back on with similar discomfort decades from now?  <i>AlyssaRose Jordan, Cat Choy, David John Rust (mod), Miss Shannan Paul, Tim Lieder</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Cardboard Table Top Pinball</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  Be a wizard! A pinball wizard! We will make our own pinball machines out of cardboard.  <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Love Letters to the Ancestors from Chicago</b>  <i>GoH, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  Guest of Honor Ytasha Womack screens the short film she directed.  <i>Ytasha Womack</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Reading - Scott Lynch</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> <i>Scott Lynch</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Ravenscroft Musicke Guild</b> <i>music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> We're just like Voltron, except we have violins, viola, cello, harp, and recorders instead of robot lions. And we mix covers of TV and movie themes with Renaissance ballads, instead of defending the planet Arus. Okay; I guess we're nothing like Voltron. <i>Chris Mortika, Eve Zabronsky, Katherine Kilde, Kathleen O'Laughlin, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Stephanie Claussen</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Unit 418: An Adventure in Comic Making and Story Writing</b> <i>art, comic, current, web, writing</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Get a first look behind the curtain into the mind of the madwoman responsible for the web comic, Unit 418. Meet the characters and hear their story followed by how it was developed and produced straight from the mouth of the author and illustrator! <i>Lauren Addy</i></p>
11:30am - 1:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #14 w/live riff - Rex Movie #14 - with live Riff by Duck Washington, Bill Stiteler, and Jeremy Stomberg</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> In honor of Convergence's 20 year anniversary we are celebrating by riffing a film as old as the convention itself! Come prepared to laugh and cringe. <i>Bill Stiteler, Duck Randall Washington, Jeremy Stomberg</i></p>
12:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Mage: the Ascension - Friendship is Magic!</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2201a</b> Play as modern adaptations of the "Mane Five" characters from My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic in this gritty, story-driven adventure to discover the secret behind a teammate's disappearance and a client's narrow escape. <i>Meredith McLinn (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p><b>GLITCH - Play / Test Arcade</b> <i>demo, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2201b</b> Unpredictable prototypes, curious game designs, and exciting works-in-progress! Discover a mix of games not yet released to the public &amp; chat directly with their creators! HyperDot by Tribe Games; Optica by Graveck, ClawBreaker by Team Claw... and more! <i>Katie Simning</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p><b>Betrayal at House on the Hill</b> <i>board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> Design (and explore) a haunted mansion ? the spirits and omens will foretell your fate! But beware the Betrayer ? it could be anyone ? and defeat the Traitor in your midst before it's too late!! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Dominion</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</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)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Comics for Kids</b> <i>comic, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Come discuss titles appropriate for 12 and unders. <i>Cynthia Booth, Gillian Chan, Jennifer L Klumpp, John Michael Seavey, Sean Patrick Casey (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Radio Play Rehearsal</b> <i>GoH, audio</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Rehearsal for Greg Weisman radio play. <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Kristopher Carter, Lee Harris, Marina Sirtis, Natalie Nowytski, Tanya Brody, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Literary Awards</b>  <i>GoH, business, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Does getting a literary award help your career? What's the impact, both positive and negative, of being recognized for your work with a big, heavy, piece of metal or glass?  <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Eleanor Arnason, Lyda Morehouse, Naomi Kritzer (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - phillip andrew bennett low</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Adam Whitlatch</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Adam J. Whitlatch</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Vincent Truitner</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>    <i>Vincent Truitner</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>A Passenger on the Cruise Ship "Mental Health"</b>  <i>inclusivity, social</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  We use fandom as an escape, and as such, we want to see ourselves represented. Panelists will open up about their cognitive disorders and all things geek, including: representation, how different media help us cope, and some creators that are like us.  <i>Barbara Jean Hartos-Hord, Brynn - Berryhill, Kelso Rowland, Maddie P Coulter (mod), Michael Jankowski</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Roles of Women in Entertainment</b>  <i>GoH, TV, inclusivity, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  Women don't just wear pink hats and protest 45. They also make us laugh, cry, and even scream at our TVs. Let's celebrate the ways women are taking over the entertainment world as directors, writers, producers, and on screen.  <i>Alyssa Rose Jordan (mod), Christina DZA Marie, Mary Jo Pehl, Melinda M. Snodgrass, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>ChessWerks</b>  <i>activity, beginner, classic, gaming, kid</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>  See what it's like to play with three foot wood.  <i>Eric Lamansky</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Almost Our World</b>  <i>GoH, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  How do you build a fictional world inspired by our concerns for the real world we live in, be they environmental or political? Come learn from writers who will describe their process.  <i>Elizabeth Bear, Laura Anne Gilman (mod), Satish P. Jayaraj, Tamora Pierce, Wesley Chu</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Personalize Your Water Bottle</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  You volunteered and got a cool water bottle - yay! But how do you keep track of it? By decorating it in the Sandbox, of course! Come on in and make your water bottle truly your own!  <i>Angie Anderson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>NerdCore 101</b>  <i>art, music, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  Love Fandom? Love music? Love WRITING MUSIC? This panel is for you. Local Nerdcore artists walk through their process for creating the music they love to perform. Engage with them in their process and try some of it out yourself, workshops style!  <i>Dante Quinn, Jason Kruger, Maren Aalgaard, Morgan A Strickland, Tim Wick</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Reading - Kelly McCullough</b>  <i>GoH, reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>    <i>Kelly McCullough</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>The Faithful Sidekicks</b> <i>comedy, music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> The Faithful Sidekicks make (mostly) funny acoustic rock music about all the nerdy/geeky things - catchy original songs for all the fandoms we love delivered with a side of snark. <a href="http://www.thefaithfulsidekicks.com">http://www.thefaithfulsidekicks.com</a> <i>Eric Distad, Jen Distad</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Get Off My World! A Doctor Who Live Podcast</b> <i>Dr Who, podcast</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Local podcasters Joshua, Kelvin, Pat, and Ariel are joined by special guest Joseph Scrimshaw for a live recording of their Doctor Who discussion podcast Get Off My World! Join us for deep nerdy discussion, inflammatory opinions, and major Doctor Who love. <i>Ariel Leaf, Joseph Scrimshaw, Joshua Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Pat Harrigan</i></p>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Assassination Classroom - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> When a mysterious creature chops the moon down to a permanent crescent, the students of class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Middle School find themselves confronted with an enormous task: assassinate the creature responsible for the disaster before Earth suffers a similar fate.</p>
1:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #15</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Let's Play D&amp;D 5th ed.</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b> Ever wanted to experience D&amp;D or get your role-playing fix? In this newcomer-friendly game, we create a party of first-level adventurers and take them through a brief adventure. <i>Charles Roberts (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Dialect</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b> Dialect is cooperative storytelling game about a community, their language, and what it means for that language to be lost. <i>Lauren Sindt (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L8)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table F</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&amp;D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one. <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Sword of Air</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table A</b> A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus CONvergence campaign, we start fresh at Level 1 ? players may bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model (3.5 DMG) *or* can play a pre-gen. Humans or demi-Humans only, please! <i>Burl Zorn (mod), Jenna Touchette (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>Open Board Gaming</b> <i>beginner, board, card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table C</b> Boardgame library, courtesy of our friends at The Source, and table open for those looking for a bit of boardgaming with friends.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Dangerous When Bored</b> <i>GPS</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Come and learn about what CONvergence's support enables and the latest workings of GPS and how you can get your geek on the rest of the year. Share your ideas, feedback, and questions. Find out how you can get involved. #EnableAllTheSquee <i>Ann Roubik (mod), Kathye Coyle, Sarah Sexton, Seth Chmelik</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Tamora Hangs with Teens</b> <i>GoH, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b> Guest of Honor Tamora Pierce hangs out in the Teen Room. <i>Tamora Pierce</i></p>



2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Minnesota Herpetological Society</b> STEM, kid, teen <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> 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. <i>Rose Maunu</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Radio Play</b> GoH, audio <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Join Greg Weisman and his CONvergence-assembled cast for a radio play. <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Kristopher Carter, Lee Harris, Marina Sirtis, Natalie Nowytski, Tanya Brody, Windy Bowsby</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>I'll Know What I Want When I See It</b> GoH, art, business <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Talk about the process of creating art and props when those in charge don't really know what they want. How to go about obtaining specifications, requirements, and nice-to-haves. <i>Angela Jones-Parker, Lauren Addy, Lisa A Snellings, Scott Keever</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Mary Jo Pehl</b> GoH, signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>  <i>Mary Jo Pehl</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Kelly McCullough</b> GoH, signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>  <i>Kelly McCullough</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Melinda Snodgrass</b> GoH, signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>  <i>Melinda M. Snodgrass</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Ant Man &amp; the Wasp Fan Panel</b> GoH, current, fan, movie, superhero <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> The movie just came out but we're gonna talk about it. SPOILER WARNING! <i>James Kakalios, Jim Tincher, John Michael Seavey, Keane Amdahl (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Masquerade Registration</b> activity, costuming <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</b></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Disney Version</b> GoH, social <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> What happens to a perfectly innocent property when Disney gets its hands on it? What's lost and what's gained in the translation? <i>Brittany Ann Kerschner (mod), Jei Herald-Zamora, Lindsay Ellis, Rita K Walaszek</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Group Signing</b> social <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> This signing is for Invited and other Participants to sign their work. <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Adam J. Whitlatch, Anthony W. Eichenlaub, Cynthia Booth, Harris O'Malley, Justine Mastin, Laura Anne Gilman, Mark McPherson, Melissa F Olson, Patrick S Tomlinson, Roy C. Booth, Steve Sylvestre, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Death at a Convention</b> GoH, comedy <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> CONvergence partner Fearless Comedy Productions presents a murder mystery at CVG2108! One of our panelists is too annoying to survive. Help figure out who killed them. <i>Andrea Ropella, Angela Fox, Cara White, Dawn Krosnowski, Eric Thompson, Matt Kessen, Paul Cornell, Tim Wick</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Fairy Doors and Space Portals</b> Sandbox, activity, kid, teen <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Create your entry to a whole new world. Miniature wooden doors to decorate the bases of trees, walls, or even your bookcase. <i>Dierdre Schultz</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Gaming and Technology in Education</b>  <i>GoH, edu, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>          Why is my child playing an MMO for math homework?"  <i>Curt Lund (mod), Katarina Ruth Larsen, Kurt Larson, Melanie Reap, Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Elanor Arnason</b>  <i>GoH, reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>    <i>Eleanor Arnason</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Pokemon Pop-Up</b>  <i>Anime, current, gaming</i>  <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b>          Two years ago, Ian and Wendy rolled a natural 20 for love. Now we want you to join us for our handfasting. Come for the vows, stay for the chance to face off with Kanto region's gym leaders and elite 4. All in the name of nerdy love!  <i>Wendy A Hoskin</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Galactic Hot Pants</b>  <i>music</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson</b>          Modular Synth Lord? Orathkar ?emerges from oblivion to put your brain in a blender, joined by? Admiral Astroprobe on vocals and acoustic guitar. ?Each audience member receives a singularity.? Youtube channel: <a href="https://youtu.be/R6mvrY_JqiY">https://youtu.be/R6mvrY_JqiY</a>  <i>Kevin Campbell, Niles Randolph</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Creating with a Multilingual Mind</b>  <i>art, comic, movie, music, social, writing</i>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>          How does speaking and thinking in multiple languages influence the artistic process? Join a panel of multilingual creatives to hear about the advantages, frustrations, and experiences of producing with a multilingual mind.  <i>Dustin Peyton, Josiah John Mannion, Rob Callahan, SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE, Sarah Beth Soderlund (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Kung Fu Fighting</b>  <i>beginner, card, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b>          The geeks of the East and the West must unite and fight, to see whose Kung Fu is better! Come play Kung Fu Fighting the game of cinematic martial arts mayhem. Six will do battle! One will prevail! Ages 13 &amp; up, all materials provided.  <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i></p>
3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Nisekoi - PG-13 Dubbed</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>          Raku Ichijou is a first year in high school and the sole heir to an intimidating yakuza family. To improve relations with a rival family, he must pretend to date the rival chief's daughter. Unfortunately, they fall in hate at first sight.</p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Inn Fighting</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b>          From the creators of Three-Dragon Ante comes the dice game of the D&amp;D world ? treachery and chaos abound, as every game promises a new (and hilarious) tavern-brawling experience!  <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>          Open gaming time on the PCs in 2208 - come warm up for Overwatch, or try your hand at one of the other games in the LAN library!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Why Can't Composers Be Authors?</b>  <i>GoH, movie, music</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>          While directors, cinematographers, and other artists are lauded for having a distinct style, why is it that composers get a bad rap for scores that sound the same? Maybe it's time to show some appreciation for Zimmer, Elfman, and others?  <i>Kristopher Carter, Kurt Larson, Lindsay Bell (mod), Nathan M Anderson, Scott Keever</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Geeks Without God Live</b>  <i>GoH, podcast</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>          Geeks Without God returns for their sixth anniversary to discuss being godless geeks!  <i>Melinda M. Snodgrass, Molly Cathryn Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Finish Your Book</b> <i>DIY, GoH, business, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Many people have started a book but few ever get finished. What's the secret? Published authors share their tips on getting words written, chapters finished, and books completed. A little tough love for authors stuck on page 57. <i>Elizabeth Bear, Laura Anne Gilman (mod), Lee Harris, Naomi Kritzer, Wesley Chu</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Tamora Pierce</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>  <i>Tamora Pierce</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Greg Weisman</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>  <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Christopher Jones</b> <i>signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>  <i>Christopher Jones</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b>  <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>MST3K Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, TV, current, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Talk about the return of Mystery Science Theater 3000 and classic episodes. <i>Jasmine Gem Marshall, Jeremy Stomberg, John Michael Seavey (mod), Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Mary Jo Pehl</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Blade Runner 2049</b> <i>GoH, current, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> There was a new Blade Runner film. What did you think? Should we get another in the series? <i>Craig Smith, Eleanor Arnason, Michael Grimm (mod), Sarah O'Connor, Walter W Parker</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Group Signing</b> <i>social</i> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> This signing is for Invited and other Participants to sign their work. <i>Adam J. Whitlatch, Anthony W. Eichenlaub, Cynthia Booth, Harris O'Malley, Patrick S Tomlinson, Rob Callahan, Roy C. Booth, Sarah Beth Soderlund, Steve Sylvestre, Taylor Cisco, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Diversity in Role Playing</b> <i>GoH, RPG, gaming, inclusivity</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Does role playing have a diversity problem? If so, what can be done to solve it? <i>David John Rust, Katherine L Berger Tremaine (mod), Maddie P Coulter, Meredith J Gillies, Victor Raymond</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>A Natural 20: Paper Dice</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Cut, fold, and tape or glue paper into a D20 die. <i>Sean Berry</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Genre Fiction for Kids and Young Adults</b> <i>GoH, animation, classic, fan, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Even the oldest fans were kids once. What genre properties did you enjoy in your youth? What properties do you wish existed for young fans today? <i>Dee Eisel, Raederle Sterling (mod), Vetrina Anderson, Vincent Truitner</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #16</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Reading - Melissa F. Olson</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Melissa F Olson</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<b>CONvergence Stand-Up Comedy Showcase</b> <i>comedy</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> An hour of stand-up comedy featuring an all-star lineup of veteran CONvergence performers. <i>Ben San Del, Corey Adam, Joseph Scrimshaw, Miss Shannan Paul</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<b>Year in Anime</b> <i>Anime, current</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> What is the best new anime from the last year? <i>Anthony Ronald Pecoraro, Chrysoula Tzavelas, James Christopher Horvath (mod), Jessica Lynn Silver, Ryan Thomas Placzkowski</i>
4:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>MTG - Chaos Draft</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</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 (mod)</i>
4:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>MTG - Modern Constructed</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b> Modern Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Modern-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$10 - Event tickets available at Dreamer's Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Betrayal at Baldur's Gate</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> The Shadow of Bhaal has fallen on Baldur's Gate? work as a team to defeat the monsters? until some horrific evil turns one (or more) of you against the others! <i>Bob Wagner (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Para-thulu-zombi-noia!</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table B</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! OH THE INSANITY! <i>Robert Ski Cudinski (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Firefly (board game)</b> <i>board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b> Based on the Firefly TV series: Start with a captain and a ship. Hire and equip a crew to find and complete jobs to keep flying while avoiding deadly Reavers, Alliance Patrols, and other captains who may be pirates, or even do some pirating yourself. <i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 9:30pm	<b>Dungeons and the Binding of Dragons (L9)</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table F</b> Rapid-fire dungeon crawl features D&D 3.5 ed. + chaotic rules inspired by the Binding of Isaac game. Come rebel against the demon overlords and free your enslaved people! Play in one session or all sessions. Bring your own character or we'll supply one. <i>Andy Mullin (mod), Darin Vincent (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 10:00pm	<b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!
5:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>LAN - Overwatch</b> <i>computer, gaming, tourney</i> <b>DoubleTree 2208</b> Overwatch ended the crisis, and helped maintain peace, inspiring an era of exploration, innovation, and discovery. But, after many years, Overwatch was disbanded. Now, conflict is rising again - are you with us? <b>**PERSONAL ACCOUNT REQUIRED**</b> <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i>

5:00pm - 6:45pm	<p><b>your name - PG-13 Subtitled</b>  <i>Anime, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  One day, Mitsuha awakens in a room that is not her own and suddenly finds herself living her dream life in Tokyo - but in another body! Elsewhere, Taki finds himself living Mitsuha's life in the humble countryside. In pursuit of an answer to this strange phenomenon, they begin to search for one another.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Thoughts on Patreon</b>  <i>DIY, GoH, art, web</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Patreon is a crowdfunding platform that has allowed a new generation of creative minds to live off their work, but just how potent is Patreon? How else can we support our favorite artists?  <i>Elise Anna Matthesen, Jay Seevers, Lisa A Snellings, Steve Sylvestre (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Klinton Christmas Carol 2018</b>  <i>Star Trek, current, demo</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>  Find out what's new and different this year! Discussion will be lead by a veteran KCC actor and the panel will include the artistic staff. May include a bat'leth fight demonstration and/or group singing.  <i>Angela Fox, Dawn Krosnowski, Gregory Parks, Jena Young, Lana Rosario (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Legacy of Star Trek</b>  <i>GoH, Star Trek, TV, classic, current, inclusivity, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  What is the lasting impact of one of the longest-lasting franchises in science fiction?  <i>Donavon Indovino Cawley, Joan Marie Verba (mod), Melinda M. Snodgrass, Michael Scott Shappe, Rory Ni Coileain</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Introduction to GMing</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  Join us and our panel of experienced GMs as they guide you through the do's and don'ts of running your own tabletop role-playing game. It does not matter if you are new or experienced in gaming, there is always something to learn. As always, roll well.  <i>Aaron Michael Berndt, Brian Casey, Cam Banks, David John Rust (mod), Sarah Ravelly</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Eleanor Arnason</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Eleanor Arnason</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Cynthia Booth</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Cynthia Booth</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Signing - Melissa F. Olson</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>    <i>Melissa F Olson</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Know-It-All Panel</b>  <i>comedy</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  The Know-It-All Panel doesn't know what they are going to talk about until the audience tells them! From Solving the Millennial Problem to Explaining Gravitational Theory, this erudite team of improvisers and their special guests are ready to enlighten.  <i>Andrea Ropella, Eric Thompson, James Fairbairn, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Movie Year in Review</b>  <i>current, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  A lot of movies that came out in the last year. What were the highs and lows?  <i>Kt M Schaefer, Mark McPherson, Michael May (mod), Niles Joseph Schwartz, Nolan Montcalm</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Matrix Tag</b>  <i>activity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>  Will you help Neo win the war for Zion or Agent Smith to subjugate humans? Red pill or blue pill? Do both! Matrix Tag is played in the hallways of the con and is designed for adults and teens. But what is it? You must experience it for yourself.  <i>Shannon Green</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Geek Slink Belly Dance</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> Come learn a geeky-slinky choreography that ANYONE can do! All abilities, all ages, sizes, and character classes are welcome. Geek Slink director Shannon Townsend invites you to come shake it and learn some of her geek-tastic moves. <i>Shannon Townsend</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Junkfood Cinema Live!</b> <i>fan, movie, podcast</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Junkfood Cinema, the weekly cult and exploitation filmcast so good, it just has to be fattening. Hosted by Brian Salisbury and novelist/screenwriter C. Robert Cargill (Doctor Strange), JFC is devoted to the unabashed love of movies of all quality levels. <i>Brian Salisbury</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Sewing 101: Bag of Holding</b> <i>Sandbox, activity</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Brush up on your hand sewing skills, or come learn for the first time, while making a small pouch to carry dice or other treasures. <i>MythJulie</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Meteorites! Coming to a Planet Near You!</b> <i>STEM, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> 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>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Rob Callahan</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Rob Callahan</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>On Point: How Weapons &amp; Violence Tell the Story</b> <i>TV, movie</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> Learn from actors, fight coordinators, historians, and martial artists how the story is told with fighting and weapons; how the character is made; how the performances remain safe while being entertaining and see the weapons from your favorite movies. <i>Amanda Germaine Day, Lee Andrew Fillingsness, Luis Rosa, Nick Klaus</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Understanding the Hugo Awards</b> <i>book</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the Hugo Awards for the last few years. What's it all about? <i>Lyda Morehouse, Scott Lynch (mod), Shaun M Duke</i></p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p><b>SlytherPuff</b> <i>comedy, music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> SlytherPuff is a local Wizard Rock Duo who perform original and cover songs about their favorite fandoms, including Harry Potter, Marvel, Mad Max, and more! Maren brings the Slyther, and Morgan brings the Puff! <i>Maren Aalgaard, Morgan A Strickland</i></p>
6:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open Use</b>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b></p>
6:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #17 w/GoH Lindsay Ellis</b> <i>GoH, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> Guest of Honor Lindsay Ellis will be on hand before the film to compare and contrast this film and its sequel. <i>Lindsay Ellis</i></p>
6:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open</b> <i>misc</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b></p>
6:45pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Barefoot Gen - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> In the summer of 1945, Gen is a young boy living a difficult yet satisfying life in the city of Hiroshima. He spends most of his time helping his family to survive. Little do they know, on the 6th of August, their lives are about to change dramatically.</p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Munchkin Tournament - FINALS</b>  <i>card, gaming, tourney</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2201a</b>  Tournament-flavor Munchkin, but this one is the FINALS! Come up to Open Gaming (2201) to watch if you'd like, but play is by invitation only based on the results of previous rounds (preliminaries played TH / F).  <i>Andy Mullin (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>PFS - Heroes for Highdelve!</b>  <i>RPG, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table C</b>  Highdelve is in danger, and only true heroes can save the day!</p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><b>Red Dragon Inn - Saturday Night 21+ Edition</b>  <i>beginner, board, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</b>  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!  <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Friends of Bill W</b>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p><b>tech - Art Auction</b>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue</b>  <i>British, GoH, comedy</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>  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!  <i>Lee Harris, Marina Sirtis, Paul Cornell, Scott Lynch, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>State Of Horror</b>  <i>horror, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>  The horror genre is an oft overlooked genre within fiction. Let's talk about why there's so much appeal for sci-fi/fantasy fans.  <i>Ann Laabs, Kelso Rowland, Michelle Curtis, Roy C. Booth (mod), Stephan N Stomberg</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Whitewashing</b>  <i>TV, inclusivity, movie, web</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  In what ways do we see progress in how TV, movies, and streaming are changing their representation of people of diversity in key roles? Let's talk about positive shows like "Atlanta", "Blackish", and others while noting whitewashing as a real issue.  <i>Cat Choy, Christina DZA Marie, Jess Banks, Miss Shannan Paul (mod), Morgan A Strickland</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Obsessed Podcast: MCU</b>  <i>comedy, podcast</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  A live recording of Joseph's hit comedy podcast about liking things a lot. This episode, Joseph and his guests obsess over the Marvel Cinematic Universe! Who will be the most obsessed????  <i>Ben San Del, Joseph Scrimshaw, Sara Scrimshaw, Tim Wick</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Open Use</b>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b></p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Mega Panel</b>  <i>comedy, misc</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>  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 Sue Kaercher, Molly Cathryn Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>DIY Spectrometers</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  Bring your cell phone for this activity, and we will use it to view and measure the properties of light. Presented by Spark Y.  <i>Destiny Ziebol</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Writing Your Own Character</b> <i>GoH, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> When you are a character in your own work, there needs to be a separation between your persona and the real you. What do you want your fans to know about you, what do you keep private, and how do you make those decisions? <i>Aaron Rahkola, Craig Smith, Lindsay Ellis, Melissa F Olson</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Tyler Tork</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Tyler Tork</i></p>
7:00pm - 7:30pm	<p><b>Peter the Great (18+)</b> <i>comedy</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Peter the Great is a stand-up comedian and cosplayer who takes an innuendo-fueled and whimsically dark spin on geek fandoms and nerd culture at sci-fi, fantasy, comic, anime, and gaming conventions! Follow him on social media @PetertheGreatMN <i>Peter the Great</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p><b>Grant Writing for Artists</b> <i>DIY, art, business</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Funding your artistic projects can feel overwhelming, but it's an important piece of bringing them to life. This panel of grant recipients will provide their tips, tricks, and personal experiences on funding their art through grants. <i>Carl Zachmann, John Heimbuch (mod), Katie Simning, Natalie Nowytski, Scott Keever</i></p>
8:00pm - 10:00pm	<p><b>Empire of Corpses - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> By the 19th century, reanimated corpses are programmed by humans to act as laborers. Medical student John Watson is on a hunt to obtain Doctor Victor Frankenstein's notes, which he believes hold the key to the secrets of the soul currently missing from reanimation technology.</p>
8:00pm - 9:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #18</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> with English subtitles</p>
8:30pm - 1:00am	<p><b>MTG - Dominaria Draft</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</b> Booster draft with Dominaria. Come Home to Dominaria ? a plane with its own deep and storied past. (\$15 - event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 1:00am	<p><b>MTG - Standard Constructed</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b> Standard Constructed Magic: the Gathering. Standard-legal decks only, please. Players are responsible for knowing current banned and restricted lists! (\$10 ? event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Polyamory 101</b> <i>inclusivity, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Configurations, lexicons, myths, and resources. Polyamory means ?many loves? - but there is not just one way to be poly. Come discuss polyamory, what it means, and ways to navigate more than one love. <i>Carl Zachmann, John Heimbuch (mod), Justin Edward Grays, Kelso Rowland, Kerry Teckla Peterson</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Black Panther Movie Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, TV, current, movie, superhero</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> What did we love and hate about the Black Panther film? <i>Damarra Atkins (mod), Jonathan Palmer, Keane Amdahl, Morgan A Strickland, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Licensed Comic Books</b> <i>GoH, art, business, comic, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Working with licensed comic book properties has some unique challenges and constraints. How does one get this kind of work and keep within those boundaries? <i>Christopher Jones, Erik Evensen, Gordon Purcell</i></p>



8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Star Trek: The Original Series Fan Panel</b>  <i>Star Trek, TV, classic, fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>  OK, we have new Trek, but it all started with the original series. Let's look back at the reasons this series has lasted as long as it has.  <i>Aaron Coker, Alexandra Howes (mod), Jasmine Gem Marshall, Steven Baumgartner, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Vampire Movies</b>  <i>horror, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>  The best and worst of movies about bloodsuckers.  <i>Elisa Hansen, Josiah John Mannion, Matt Gamble (mod), Tim Lieder, bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Mini Nebula Jars</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>  Have you ever wanted your own personal nebula? Now you can make one to wear everywhere!  <i>Nikita Woltersen</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Writing Violence in Violent Times</b>  <i>social, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>  Creating science fiction and fantasy offer an escape from the real world, but what if the real world is more scary than your imagination?  <i>Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Gabriela Santiago (mod), Melissa F Olson</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Reading - SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>Feng Shui Ninjas</b>  <i>Performance</i>  <b>Sheraton Gibson</b>  FENG SHUI NINJAS are provided AS IS. No warranty expressed or implied. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS. Listen at your own risk! Click "I agree" to listen to this concert.  <i>Dave Stagner, John Kentner, Justin Hartley, Tami Murck</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p><b>The Tick Fan Panel</b>  <i>GoH, TV, comic, current, fan, superhero</i>  <b>Sheraton Whalon</b>  The new Tick and, of course, the classic Tick. All about the Tick. Spoon!  <i>Elizabeth Bear, Jeff A Spain (mod), Kristopher Pflipsen, Lara Richardson</i></p>
9:00pm - 1:00am	<p><b>Art Auction</b>  <i>art, buy</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b></p>
10:00pm - 1:00am	<p><b>Fiasco!</b>  <i>card, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table E</b>  Inspired by cinematic tropes, Fiasco is a group storytelling game in which character ambitions run high, impulse control is low, and chaos reigns supreme. Characters will lose, die, and fail despite or because of their well laid plans and schemes.  <i>Lauren Sindt (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>LAN - 18+ Open Gaming</b>  <i>computer, gaming</i>  <b>DoubleTree 2208</b>  Saturday-night grown-up time in LAN - come check out the Five Nights at Freddy's pack and get your spooky animatronic on! Other games also available for your LAN enjoyment!  <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:30pm	<p><b>Afro Samurai - R Dubbed</b>  <i>Anime, TV</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b>  The only way to claim the godly powers of the Number One headband is to win the Number Two headband and challenge the current owner to a duel. Years ago, Afro's father was killed for the Number One headband. Now, Afro must fight through a myriad of foes to gain his revenge.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Kristopher Carter Listening</b>  <i>reading</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b>  Kristopher Carter will present his new EP for CONvergence attendees!  <i>Kristopher Carter</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Bond, James Bond</b> <i>GoH, book, fan</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> A look at 007 through the lens of Ian Fleming's works. We will be focusing heavily on the book series, with some discussion of how the films contrast. <i>Alee Baker, Jeremy Stomberg (mod), Paul Cornell</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Stepping Out of the Shadows</b> <i>current, fan, horror, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Every few years a horror film makes it way to the general public and is loved, accepted, and even awarded in the mainstream; however, the stigma on the horror genre remains. We will discuss the impact of this negative view on fans and the genre itself. <i>Andrea Ropella, Caleb Joseph, Garrick A Dietze, Matt Alex, Megan Slawson</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>British Comedies</b> <i>British, GoH, TV, movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Looking beyond Monty Python. No bad accents allowed! <i>Damarra Atkins, Elizabeth Ann Jankowski (mod), Lee Harris, Tim Liebe, Walter W Parker</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>50 Shades of NOPE!</b> <i>movie, social</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Sex and romance tropes in fiction--why do they work in movies and NOT in real life? <i>Cat Choy, Harris O'Malley, Jim Radloff, Michelle Farley (mod), Sonni Grace de Soto</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Reflecting on Black Mirror</b> <i>TV, current, fan, horror</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Black Mirror fans reflect on the show's four seasons. What are its best episodes? Sharpest insights? Scariest moments? Coolest ideas? Audience input encouraged! <i>Charlene Holm, Curt Lund (mod), Kiah Nelson, Laura E Bidgood, Taylor Cisco</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p><b>From Canvas to Connie</b> <i>Sandbox, activity</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> You know and love CONvergence's Connie. Now have your own painting of her! Our expert will walk you through the steps from a blank canvas to a masterpiece that you create yourself. <i>Lauren Addy</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Fermentation</b> <i>DIY, STEM</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Fermentation spans the globe and all of human history, but our focus is your kitchen. Panelists will discuss how bacteria, yeasts, and other microorganisms ferment plant and animal matter to create delicious food and drink. <i>Doug Yoder, Jessica Silk, Lauren Lenzen</i></p>
10:00pm - Midnight	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #19</b> <i>movie</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> This showing is captioned</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Lovecraftian Horror</b> <i>book</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Ames</b> There is a lot of writing about the elder gods HP Lovecraft could have never envisioned. Let's look at some of our favorites. <i>Craig A. Finseth, Michelle Curtis, Skazka 9000</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Fearless Stand-Up Showcase (18+)</b> <i>comedy</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Gibson</b> Laugh along with four local comedians from Fearless Comedy Productions, a non-profit company bringing comedy to the Twin Cities. Nothing is off limits at this 18+ showcase. <i>Aiden In A Kilt, Cara White, Jason Kruger, Pher Sturz</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>Gotham Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan, superhero</i></p> <p><b>Sheraton Whalon</b> <i>Craig Smith, Kevin Eldridge, Nick C Thyres (mod)</i></p>
11:00pm - 2:00am	<p><b>A Roundabout with Zombies</b> <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p><b>DoubleTree 2201a</b> Ever want to not just kill the zombies, but work with a team? If so, this is the late-night game for you! (NOTE: Teams not included, and are found separately ? role-playing happens more often than combat) <i>Quinn Caerwyn (mod)</i></p>

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Nuts and Bolts of Jokes</b> <i>comedy</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> Comedians and comedy writers discuss the mechanics of a good joke. How can something so simple as a setup/punchline prove so complex and unpredictable? How can artists sharpen their joke writing and delivery? What's the funniest joke of all time? <i>Ben San Del, David Otto Walbridge, Elizabeth Ess, Stephan N Stomberg, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Nefarious Vagenda</b> <i>comedy, inclusivity</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Discussions of everything from menstruation in popular fiction to open office layouts. Is Banner a metaphor for perimenopause in Infinity War? Who's going to end up in the Bechdel Box? Find out when we reveal our Nefarious Vagenda! <i>Alee Baker, Amy Stomberg, Bridget Landry, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Cathryn Glover, Sharon Stiteler, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Are Women Responsible for the Horror Film Renaissance?</b> <i>horror, inclusivity, movie, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> Women make up the majority of the horror fan audience and are increasingly being given greater roles both in front and behind the camera in the genre. Could this embracing of diversity be responsible for the recent rise of quality in the horror genre? <i>Jennifer Manna, Lara Richardson (mod), Matt Gamble, Michelle Curtis</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Sex in Sci-Fi/Fantasy</b> <i>GoH, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Sex and sexuality is an important part of the human experience. Let's examine how one creates and consumes fictions when it delves into the most intimate of subjects. <i>Greg Weisman, Jei Herald-Zamora, John Michael Seavey (mod), Lathan Murrell, Lauren Lynn Wells</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Ask a Submariner: Foul Mouthed Sailor Edition</b> <i>military</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Ask submariners everything you wanted to know about working on a submarine. <i>Andrew McKay, Christopher Baye, Dan Stiglich, Doug Kirks, Kyle Dekker (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Late Night Music Circle</b> <i>activity, music</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen. <i>Dave Stagner</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Great Art by Horrible People</b> <i>art, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> So what happens when you find out something terrible about someone you love? Can you still appreciate their art? What about the art of those who worked with them? <i>Duck Randall Washington, James Christopher Horvath, Josiah John Mannion (mod), Sarah Beth Soderlund, Tim Lieders</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Kim Newman &amp; Intertextuality</b> <i>British, book, fan, horror</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> 30 years of pastiche, parody, allusion, and transformative fandom fun in the works of British horror/SFF author Kim Newman. <i>Skazka 9000</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>The Dregs</b> <i>comedy, music</i> <b>Sheraton Gibson</b> The Dregs have performed at CVG almost as long as there's been a CVG! They return with their signature blend of music and stupidity. Enjoy classics like "Pissing off the Geeks" and newer "hits" like "Sharknado!" You won't be sorry unless you aren't there! <i>Molly Zupon, Paul Score, Rachael Salisbury Dimba, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick, Trevor Hartman</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p><b>Indie Wrestling</b> <i>podcast</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Independent wrestling is bigger and better than ever with diverse performers and more options than ever. Join the Married Marks Podcast (and maybe a few guests) for a look at the independent wrestling scene. <i>Richard Townsend, Shannon Townsend</i></p>

**SUNDAY JULY 8**

Midnight - 1:00am	<b>CVG Teen Room</b> <i>Hours, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b>
Midnight - 2:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #20</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>
12:30am - 2:15am	<b>Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust - R Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> The daughter of an affluent family has been mysteriously kidnapped, and several hunters are after the reward. Amidst the chase lurks a sinister evil which has been manipulating their every move and has set a chilling trap that none will expect and few will survive.
12:30am - 1:30am	<b>Signing - Information Society</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>
2:00am - 4:00am	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #21</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b>
7:00am - 8:30am	<b>Swan Lake - G Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> When Prince Siegfried spots a beautiful swan with a crown on its head, he feels compelled to follow it. The swan is a princess named Odette, who is under an evil wizard's curse, and the only thing that can break the spell is a man who truly loves her.
8:30am - 10:30am	<b>Space Battleship Yamato - PG-13 Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> By 2199, the inhabitants of earth have been forced underground to escape the irradiated surface. An emergency transmission from a neighboring galaxy offers a glimmer of hope to save the doomed planet. To make the perilous journey, the World War II era battleship Yamato is reborn as Space Battleship Yamato.
9:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Northwest</b>
9:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southeast</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	<b>Open</b> <i>misc</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Merging Work and Play</b> <i>social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> How can your hobbies influence your professional life, for better or for worse? <i>Diana Fitzwater, John Heimbuch, Kyla McT (mod), Renate Marie Fiora, Sarah Barsness</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Small Scale World Building</b> <i>gaming, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> Can you create a believable, fictional space in an inn? A room? Learn how to create interesting spaces for gaming and fiction on a micro scale? You know there is an orc in the corner of the pub; but why is there an orc in the corner? <i>Anne Lyle (mod), Brian Casey, Eric Zawadzki, Michael H Carus, Michael jankowski</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Steven Universe Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, TV, current, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> What's awesome about Steven Universe? <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Kiah Nelson, Lee Cygan, Nick C Thyges (mod)</i>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Kid Friendly Board Gaming</b> <i>board, gaming, kid</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> So you're looking to move on from Chutes and Ladders. What tabletop games are for great for families with young children? We'll be talking about some that you might not have thought about. <i>Jason P Dean, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Michael Spaulding, Rachel Traynham (mod), nick A jaworski</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Planet of the Apes 50th Anniversary</b> <i>classic, fan, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Based on French author Pierre Boulle's 1963 novel La Planète des Singes, the film "Planet of the Apes" was released in 1968. Since then, there have been sequels, reboots, a TV show, an animated series, and comic books. Come celebrate 50 years of Apes. <i>Dave Margosian, Laura E Bidgood, Michael May</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Scientists in Fiction</b> <i>TV, book, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> How are scientists portrayed in fiction? When do they get it right and when do they get it wrong? <i>Christina DZA Marie, Colleen Caldwell, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir (mod), PZ Myers</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>YogaQuest Presents Jurassic Park: a Narrated Yogic Adventure!</b> <i>activity</i> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> Hold onto your butts, it's YogaQuest time again. Join Justine Mastin (aka JustiniYogini) for this dino-filled narrated yogic adventure! No previous experience, special clothing, or equipment required. Come exactly as you are and pose nerdy with us! <i>Justine Mastin</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Strange Encounters of the Cosplay Kind</b> <i>costuming, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Cosplayers tell fun stories of their adventures of being in costume out in the real world. <i>Brian Hinshaw, Rae Lundquist</i></p>
9:30am - Noon	<p><b>Armory Building with Adventures in Cardboard</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> Come build armor, weapons, magical items, and anything else you can imagine out of cardboard (with the assistance of our armorers), then use your gear to battle in the Garden Court at 12:30. <i>Brynn - Berryhill, Douglas Saldana, Gaea Dill-D'Ascoli, Julian McFaul</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Frontier Fiction</b> <i>book, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> It's not just "the weird west" out there. Discover what other frontiers can be sought out and explored through science fiction and fantasy. <i>Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Laura Anne Gilman (mod), Patrick S Tomlinson, Tyler Tork</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Jess Banks</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> <i>Jess Banks</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Reading - Anthony W. Eichenlaub</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> <i>Anthony W. Eichenlaub</i></p>
10:00am - 7:00pm	<p><b>CVG Teen Room</b> <i>Hours, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 3</b></p>
10:00am - 3:00pm	<p><b>Community Safety Programs</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 1</b></p>
10:00am - 3:00pm	<p><b>Twin Cities Geek</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 2</b></p>

10:00am - 3:00pm	<b>2D Con</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 3</b>
10:00am - 3:00pm	<b>NiCoral</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 4</b>
10:00am - 3:00pm	<b>Nerd Dads</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 7</b>
10:00am - 3:00pm	<b>Just Enough Trope Media</b> <i>Hours</i> <b>DoubleTree CONvergence Central 8</b>
10:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Cinema Rex Movie #22 w/GoH Vincent Truitner</b> <i>GoH, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> See this with special introduction and post-film Q&A by CVG guest Vincent Truitner discussing his involvement with the film. <i>Vincent Truitner</i>
10:30am - Noon	<b>Magic Users Club - PG-13 Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> One sunny day invaders came from space and defeated the UN forces in seconds. After that, the invaders roamed around and peacefully observed human society. A high school magic club decides to defeat them and free the world.
10:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Open Use</b> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>
11:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Coffee Break of the Damned</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table A</b> 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>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>Roll Player (Minions &amp; Monsters)</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table C</b> Compete to create the greatest fantasy adventurer ? roll and draft dice to assemble character attribute scores. Purchase weapons and armor to outfit your hero. Train to gain skills and discover your hero?s traits to prepare them for their journey. <i>Eric R. Peterson (mod)</i>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>SFS - Starfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table A</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Starfinder Society play!
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>PFS - Pathfinder Society - Quests!</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2203 Table B</b> A series of one-hour quests allowing new and experienced players to try out Pathfinder Society play!
11:00am - 3:00pm	<b>Artemis and Valkyrie Bridge Simulators</b> <i>activity, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2204</b> Come play in our Artemis Bridge Simulator! This is a cooperative game in which up to 6 players assume the role of different crew members on a starship bridge.. Two bridge simulators are running, offset by a 30 min. In-person sign-ups are required.
11:00am - 3:30pm	<b>MTG - Chaos Draft</b> <i>gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table A</b> Choose from any 15-card-pack set of Magic: the Gathering, draft, and have some fun. This is a casual limited format. (\$10 - Event tickets available at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer booth). <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i>

11:00am - 3:30pm	<p><b>MTG - Commander &amp; Brawl</b> gaming <b>DoubleTree 2206 Table B</b> Bring your decks ? Commander (or EDH) and Brawl (Standard-Legal-Only version). New to Brawling? Pick your Commander, up your Lands, and use Colorless cards to fill out your deck. HAVE FUN! (\$10 - Event tickets at Dreamer?s Vault Games Dealer Booth) <i>Dreamer's Vault Games (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 3:30pm	<p><b>LAN - Open Gaming</b> computer, gaming <b>DoubleTree 2208</b> Come up to 2208 - this is your last chance at Open Gaming on the LAN PCs this convention, but don't worry... they'll be back in 2019! <i>LAN Gaming (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Graphic Novels</b> GoH, art, comic <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> ?Watchmen? is great, but is not the end-all, be-all of graphic novels. Come discuss your favorites, whether or not they've been turned into a movie. <i>Gordon Purcell, Jennifer L Klumpp, Kevin Eldridge, Meghan McManus, Sean Patrick Casey (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Demystifying the Publishing Process</b> DIY, GoH, business, writing <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> So you wrote a book. How do you get it published? Do you need an agent? What about an editor? How do advances work? Is self-publishing the way to go? Get the lay of the land at this panel. <i>Deborah Jane Frethem, Kelly McCullough, Lee Harris, Madeleine Vasaly (mod), Wesley Chu</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>The Last Jedi</b> Star Wars, current, movie <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> That?s right - Star Wars continues on whether you like it or not. Did you like it? <i>Allyson Cygan, Amy Stomberg, Bess Stuvencoxend (mod), Gregory Parks, Jeremy Stomberg</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>GPS Live Auction</b> GPS, activity, buy <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> 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 Sue Kaercher</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Ytasha Womack</b> GoH, signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>  <i>Ytasha Womack</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Kristopher Carter</b> signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>  <i>Kristopher Carter</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Signing - Vincent Truitner</b> GoH, signing <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b>  <i>Vincent Truitner</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Wild Cards Fan Panel</b> GoH, book, fan <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Let's talk about the long running anthology series <i>Melinda M. Snodgrass, Paul Cornell</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Adapting Comic Book Universes to Television</b> GoH, TV, comic, current, superhero <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> Guest of Honor Greg Weisman and Former Guest of Honor Christopher Jones will discuss their experiences in making television out of comic properties. <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Celebrity Science</b> GoH, STEM, social <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> From Carl Sagan and Bill Nye to Neil Degrasse Tyson, how have celebrity scientists expanded our understanding of science? <i>James Kakalios, Jessica Wynd Miller, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir (mod), PZ Myers, Sharon Stiteler</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p><b>20 Years of Table Top Gaming</b> <i>board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> Board games have come a long way in the past 20 years. Panelists discuss the evolving culture of table-top gaming, where it might go from here, and share their favorite games from the last two decades. <i>Joseph Jay-Dixon, Katherine L Berger Tremaine, Kyla McT (mod), Scott White, Taiana Hayes</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>Reading - Patrick S. Tomlinson</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b>  <i>Patrick S Tomlinson</i></p>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<p><b>Run Away and Join the Circus</b> <i>DIY, demo</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b> If you've ever thought about running away to join the circus, this is your chance! Under the guidance of experienced coaches, participants can try a variety of circus skills. (Individuals will be required to sign a waiver prior to participating.) <i>Caitlin Knight, Shadowcat Sophie (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p><b>The Married Marks</b> <i>podcast</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> One couple, two opinions, no countouts! Join local podcasters Richard and Shannon Townsend as they discuss the ins, the outs, the ups, the downs, and the greatest (and worst) of professional wrestling from around the globe. <i>Richard Townsend, Shannon Townsend</i></p>
Noon - 5:00pm	<p><b>Sword of Air</b> <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table A</b> A spinoff of the legendary Sword of Barakus CONvergence campaign, we start fresh at Level 1 ? bring characters generated using the 25-point buy model (D&amp;D 3.5 DMG), *or* play a pre-gen. Humans or Demi-Humans only, please! <i>Burl Zorn (mod), Jenna Touchette (mod)</i></p>
Noon - 5:00pm	<p><b>Open Board Gaming</b> <i>beginner, board, card, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table C</b> Come up and check out the boardgame library provided by our friends from The Source, and sit down for a quick game with your friends!</p>
Noon - 1:30pm	<p><b>Wolf's Rain - PG-13 Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> In a dying world, there exists an ancient legend: when the world ends, the gateway to paradise will be opened, but only wolves can find their way to this mythical realm. Though long thought to be extinct, wolves still exist and live among humans, disguising themselves through elaborate illusions.</p>
Noon - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b>  <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Firefly (board game)</b> <i>board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2202 Table D</b> Based on the Firefly TV series: Start with a captain and a ship. Hire and equip a crew to find and complete jobs to keep flying while avoiding deadly Reavers, Alliance Patrols, and other captains who may be pirates, or even do some pirating yourself. <i>Stan Carlson (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p><b>Red Dragon Inn - Sunday Hangover Edition!</b> <i>beginner, board, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree 2205 Table B</b> 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! <i>Carl Patten (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Great Geek Musicians</b> <i>music</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> If you like your music geeky, what are some good options beyond Weird Al and Jonathon Coulton? <i>Cetius d'Raven, Chase Peterson, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod)</i></p>



12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Representing Disability in Fantasy Settings</b>  <i>TV, book, inclusivity, movie, social, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b>          From "A Game Of Thrones" to "Lord of the Rings" to "How to Train Your Dragon" and beyond, we will examine how disability is dealt with in fantasy settings and have a discussion about the types of representation we would like to see.  <i>Christina DZA Marie (mod), Jennifer Manna, Katarina Ruth Larsen, Kt M Schaefer, Ryn Yee</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Art: Impossible</b>  <i>art</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b>          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!  <i>Christopher Jones, Jerry Belich, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Tools for Writers</b>  <i>DIY, GoH, business, writing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b>          What tools make writing easier? What are the pros using to get faster, stay organized, and ergonomically healthy. A panel of professional writers discusses useful tools: software, hardware, and wetware that works.  <i>Aimee Kuzenski (mod), Anne Lyle, Elisa Hansen, Lindsay Ellis, Tyler Tork</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Greg Weisman</b>  <i>GoH, signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b>    <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Anthony W. Eichenlaub</b>  <i>signing</i>  <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b>    <i>Anthony W. Eichenlaub</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Fan Panel</b>  <i>fan, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b>    <i>Alexis Nordling (mod), Bill Stiteler, Diana Fitzwater, Steven Baumgartner, Walter W Parker</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Cassini: The End is Here!</b>  <i>STEM</i>  <b>DoubleTree Edina</b>          Alumni Guest of Honor and Cassini team member Bridget Landry shows us what Cassini taught us right up to the final plunge into Saturn.  <i>Bridget Landry</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Dueling Circles and Skirmishes with Adventures in Cardboard</b>  <i>activity</i>  <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b>          You've built your cardboard weapons... now go use them!  <i>Brynn - Berryhill, Douglas Saldana, Gaea Dill-D'Ascoli, Julian McFaul</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Unintentional Racism in Science Fiction</b>  <i>GoH, TV, book, comic, inclusivity, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b>          Sometimes science fiction tries to be progressive and fails. Let's talk about some examples.  <i>Lathan Murrell, Nat Morse-Noland (mod), Rita K Walaszek, SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Steampunk Craft Hour</b>  <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b>          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>Susan Claire Claire</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Practical vs. Digital Effects</b>  <i>GoH, TV, art, movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b>          We live in the era of amazing digital effects but sometimes practical effects are still best. Let's talk about some great examples of both.  <i>Adam Momsen, AlyssaRose Jordan, Jacob M Gulliver (mod), Matt Gamble, Vincent Truitner</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #23</b>  <i>movie</i>  <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<b>Reading - Dr. Nerdlove</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> <i>Harris O'Malley</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<b>Gaylaxians Book Discussion Update</b> <i>book, inclusivity</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> 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, Donald Kaiser (mod), Kendra Akin</i>
1:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Open</b> <i>misc</i> <b>Sheraton Garden Court</b>
1:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>Record of Lodoss War - R Subtitled</b> <i>Anime, TV</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> An ancient witch aims to preserve the island of Lodoss by creating political unbalance and preventing any one kingdom from gaining control. Only six young champions stand between this new threat and Lodoss' descent back into the darkness of war and destruction.
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Corsets 101</b> <i>costuming</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> First: YES, corset wearers can breathe and not damage organs. New to corsets? Learn how to: differentiate between a bustier, corset & faja; measure for a proper fit for hip- and rib-spring; lace yourself in; properly store & clean; and stealth. <i>LauraJean Krueger, Melissa Joy Sowers, Michelle Farley (mod), Sara Huebschen</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>White Supremacy and Speculative Fiction</b> <i>GoH, myth, social</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> White supremacists claim Tolkien, Norse mythology, military SF/F, and more beloved books and sub-genres as supporting their ideology. What does that mean for authors and fans? Are we complicit? How can we fight against it? <i>Amal El-Mohtar, Eleanor Arnason, Gabriela Santiago, Sarah Beth Soderlund (mod), Sarah Molasky</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>The Good Place Fan Panel</b> <i>GoH, TV, current, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b> The Good Place has had two great seasons of being a mix of philosophy, comedy, and fantasy. Let's talk about our favorite moments, the twists and turns, and where we want Season 3 to go! Warning, there will be spoilers! <i>Allyson Cygan, James Kakalios, Kiah Nelson, Laura Okagaki-Vraspir (mod), Lee Cygan</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Signing - Tamora Pierce</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table A</b> <i>Tamora Pierce</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Signing - Michael "Knightmage" Wilson</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table B</b> <i>Michael Knightmage Wilson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Signing - Dr. Nerdlove</b> <i>signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table C</b> <i>Harris O'Malley</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Bond Villain Retrospective</b> <i>book, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b> Who had the best diabolical plans and who didn't require the efforts of the world's greatest spy to thwart them? <i>Bill Stiteler, Brian Salisbury (mod), John White, Michael May, Wendy Fossum</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Escaping the Pigeon Hole</b> <i>GoH, business</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b> When you become known for a single aspect of your work, how do you let people know about all the other wonderful things you can do? Conversely, how do you embrace type-casting and make it work for you? <i>Anj Olsen, Art Allen (mod), Greg Weisman, Kurt Larson, Marina Sirtis</i>

2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Doctor Who Tea Party - We're All A Little Mad Here</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Garden Court - Southwest</b> The Victorian Lady Doctors invite you to join us for an Unusual Tea Party. Seems the Doctor landed in Wonderland and things have gotten a bit confused. So come wearing whatever suits your fancy. There will be fun and tomfoolery. But will there be tea? <i>Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>What is Afrofuturism?</b> <i>GoH, book, comic, inclusivity, movie, superhero</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Black Panther is putting afrofuturism into the mainstream. Learn more about this genre and about some good resources to explore it further. <i>Lathan Murrell, Miss Shannan Paul (mod), Taylor Cisco, Ytasha Womack</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Table-top Catapults</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b> 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. <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Enjoyable Trash</b> <i>social</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b> What trashy things do we love and why? What makes them trashy and why are they still appealing? <i>AlyssaRose Jordan, Hertzey Hertz, Lauren Lynn Wells (mod), Matt Gamble, bricklyn holtgrave</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Reading - Laura Anne Gilman</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b> <i>Laura Anne Gilman</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p><b>Dark Matter Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, current, fan</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b> Discuss this Canadian sci-fi show and what the crew of the Raza means to you. Can your identity be rewritten or are we hardwired to be good or bad? <i>Jamie Riedesel (mod), Jon Stark Olsen, Josiah John Mannion</i></p>
2:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #24</b> <i>movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b> with English subtitles</p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Dragon Age: Dawn of the Seeker - R Dubbed</b> <i>Anime, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 1</b> In a time of darkness and barbarism, a religious order is seeking to bring stability to a world corrupted by sinister magic. The Templar warriors ruthlessly restrain the Mages and their magical cabals. But when the Templars fail, the elite order of the Seekers takes charge.</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Inhabiting Your Character</b> <i>RPG, demo, gaming</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 2</b> It's easy to roll dice, but to truly play the role of your character is challenging. Using accents, voice work, improvisation, &amp; thinking in character, you will learn to role play like a pro. Led by actors &amp; game masters, we will discuss &amp; demonstrate. <i>Amanda Germaine Day (mod), Dawn Krosnowski, Jim Radloff, Jon Enge</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Film Noir &amp; Hybrid Noir</b> <i>book, classic, comic, movie, podcast, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 4</b> From neon-lit future noir to hardboiled fairy tales, we discuss the influence of classic noir and hardboiled fiction on other genres, including speculative fiction. <i>Emma Bull, Matt Gamble (mod), Melissa Sue Kaercher, Skazka 9000, Tim Liebe</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>May The Blank Be With You: A Star Wars Comedy Quiz</b> <i>GoH, comedy</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 6</b> Joseph Scrimshaw, comedian and co-host of the Star Wars podcast, Force Center, presents a fast, fun, and absurd quiz show about that galaxy far, far away. <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Cathryn Glover, Paul Cornell</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Kick-Ass Female Spies of World War II</b> <i>inclusivity, military</i> <b>DoubleTree Atrium 7</b></p> <p>If Agent Carter were real, she would have been recruited for Churchill's Special Operations Executive, or the Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare. Some went missing in action or identities were kept secret for years. Come hear about these real life heroes. <i>Christopher Joe Daniels, Elspeth Skyler Lee, Michael Allen Kingsley (mod), Todd F Powell, Wendy Fossum</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Signing - Marina Sirtis</b> <i>GoH, signing</i> <b>DoubleTree Autograph Table D</b></p> <p><i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Avoiding Tokenism in Literature</b> <i>GoH, inclusivity, social, writing</i> <b>DoubleTree Bloomington</b></p> <p>Creating actual diversity requires a great effort to avoid unintentionally tokenizing your characters. Tokenism, even when unintentional, is what leads to adding "diversity" for the sake of diversity. How do we engender true diversity in our literature? <i>Jei Herald-Zamora, Justin Edward Grays, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Tamora Pierce</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Guy Fieri Fan Panel</b> <i>TV, fan</i> <b>DoubleTree Edina</b></p> <p>Last year we celebrated Alton Brown. This year, we celebrate Guy! <i>Donavon Indovino Cawley, Jon Stark Olsen (mod), Kristina Winn</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Movie Machine Podcast</b> <i>TV, comedy, movie, web</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b></p> <p>Join the crew of Hot Chocolate Media as they improvise the concept of a movie based on a random suggestion from the internet. <i>Ben Lifson, Brian Salisbury, Jacob M Gulliver, Kyle Dekker</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Make Paper Fly!</b> <i>Sandbox, activity, kid, teen</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 2</b></p> <p>Learn to fly with a real pilot! Sean Berry will teach different methods of folding and flying paper airplanes. Come learn what makes a plane fly well, and what might not work so well. <i>Sean Berry</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Cosplay Mash-Ups</b> <i>DIY, costuming</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 3</b></p> <p>What do you do when you want to put together a costume that will show off two of your favorite things at once. <i>Jacob Royce Schornak, Lara Richardson (mod), Melissa Joy Sowers, Rachel Cleveland, Steven Dale Theiss</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Reading - S. P. Jayaraj</b> <i>reading</i> <b>Sheraton Ames</b></p> <p><i>Satish P. Jayaraj</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>The Bible as Literature</b> <i>myth, writing</i> <b>Sheraton Whalon</b></p> <p>The Bible is one of the most popular books of all time but does it hold up as literature? Is it well crafted? Interesting? Engaging? Let's look at The Bible as a work of art and commerce. <i>Amanda Larsen, Barbarajean Hartos-Hord, Danielle Robinson, Tim Lieder</i></p>
4:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Cinema Rex Movie #25 w/GoH Mary Jo Pehl</b> <i>GoH, movie</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 4</b></p> <p>Guest of Honor Mary Jo Pehl will do a Q&amp;A session about her work before we roll this film! <i>Mary Jo Pehl</i></p>

**MONDAY JULY 9**

Midnight - 1:00am	<p><b>Michael Sheard Memorial Five Day Panel</b> <i>misc</i> <b>DoubleTree Plaza 1</b> Michael Sheard was the man who suggested CONvergence should be five days. He, like many others in our community, is gone but in his honor, we will make our 20th year last five days with this panel taking place at midnight on Monday! <i>Tim Wick</i></p>
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