

CONVERGENCE 2025: THAT'S HOW WE ROLL

July 3-6, 2025

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis Minnesota

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 2

10:00am - 1:00pm	Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J
3:00pm - 9:00pm	Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J

THURSDAY JULY 3

10:00am - 9:00pm	Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J
10:00am - Noon	Heist at the Bookmaker's Pot (D&D5e) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd Inside a dormant volcano on a remote island a treasure trove of legendary magical items awaits anyone who thinks they can pull off the greatest heist in history. Solve puzzles and avoid traps to pilfer trinkets and make it out alive. <i>Collin Catton</i>

10:00am - Midnight	Video Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D
10:00am - Midnight	Open Board Gaming <i>gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade
10:00am - Midnight	Kartoon Kaiju (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade q Just-for-laughs Giant Monsters (Reptar, Oreo Cookie, Tomato, etc...) stomp and battle among the cardboard towers of Singer City.
10:00am - Midnight	Beer & Pretzels Space Marines (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade r Simple, solo (or co-op) shoot-'em-up miniatures: A squad of grunts (modeled on the USCM in "Aliens") against galactic nasties. Games take about 2 hours (depending on how well/poorly you play!)
10:00am - Midnight	Witches' Quarrel Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade w Fast 2-player Legacy game of best friends learning magic by dueling. A deckbuilder with character driven narrative. Try it before the Kickstarter ends on the last day of CVG! <i>Shanti Pothapragada</i>
10:00am - 10:00pm	CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji
10:00am - 8:00pm	Kids Gaming <i>gaming, kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis

<p>10:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Exploding Kittens with Expansions (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg</p> <p>Exploding Kittens is a kitty-powered version of Russian Roulette. Players take turns drawing cards until someone draws an exploding kitten and loses the game.</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba</p> <p>Legendary is a deck-building game set in the Marvel Comics universe. Select a team of heros to combat the evil mastermind and defeat their scheme.</p> <p><i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Quacks of Quedlinburg (18+) <i>sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb</p> <p>Come play a fun push your luck game! You are a quack doctor, throwing ingredients in your pot to make your next miracle potion. Make sure you don't put too many ingredients in or your pot will explode!</p> <p><i>John Sniadajewski</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Learn to Play Pathfinder 2E (Quests 1 and 2) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb</p> <p>Learn to play Pathfinder 2nd Edition! Our experienced GMs will teach you this awesome RPG and introduce you to organized play! Play a pre-gen or bring your own. Quest 1 Sandstone and Quest 2 Unforgiving Fire.</p> <p><i>Hilary Moon Murphy</i></p>

11:00am - 2:30pm	<p>The Theater (Frictive Architecture) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc Frictive Architecture is a homebrew TTRPG where places have grown: weird, strange, liminal, filled with the horrors. You and your group have chosen to explore these in-between places. Explore this doomed movie theater! Discover its secrets! Survive!</p>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Learn to Play Starfinder 1e (Bounties 3 and 7) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! Bounty 3 Green Place. Bounty 7 Voyage on the River Between. <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
11:00am - 3:00pm	<p>PF2 Quest Series 2 (Quest 14) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 14 Swordlords Challenge. <i>Tom Fenn</i></p>
11:00am - 10:00pm	<p>Dice Tower</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade v A PVP board game that takes elements of RPGs and card games and mashes them with dice. It?s like PvP Yahtzee. <i>Apple</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Bookswap and Coloring Contest</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Come visit the Book Swap shelves in the Sandbox, as we introduce the Book Swap Coloring Contest. Learn about the contest and the wonderful ways and places you can enjoy Book Swap throughout the convention. <i>Erik Nyberg</i></p>

11:00am - 10:00pm	<p>Cosplay Repair Station</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.</p>
11:00am - 10:00pm	<p>Sandbox Lab</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.</p>
11:00am - 11:00pm	<p>Photography</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>
11:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome! <i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
Noon - 4:00pm	<p>Break!! (Kids) <i>RPG, kid, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a Break!! is an award-winning fantasy tabletop RPG about exploration and teamwork. <i>Jordan Peacock</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Introducing Mature Media to Youth <i>kid, social, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A What's the right age to introduce your kid to more mature media, such as Watchmen? How do kids decide what they're ready for? <i>Annie Fleschner, Atlas (mod), Katarina R Larsen, Mackenzie Fleschner</i></p>

I'm Not a Lawyer, But...

GoH, TV, movie

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

We all know that courtroom dramas aren't entirely true to life, but some offenders are particularly bad. What does Hollywood get wrong about law, court, forensic science, and the justice system? Where should you NEVER take your legal advice?

Erica Fair, Jules Porter, Nathan Michael Anderson, Samuel T. Weston (mod)

Worst Adaptations

misc

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Adaptation from one medium to another can be tricky. What are some examples that failed and why?

Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Randee Dawn (mod), T. Aaron Cisco

Anime 101

anime

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

There are vast amounts of anime out there, but how do you find out about any of it to know what you might enjoy? Come learn about the places you can watch and the tools you might use to narrow your search.

Amanda Lynn Bliss, Donald Poleke, Mara DeMers (mod), Viga

Creating a Memorable RPG Character

RPG, gaming, writing

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Dive into the art of character creation with our expert panelists! Discover how to craft unforgettable RPG characters that stand out. Learn how to develop backstories, define distinctive traits, and find balance between strengths and flaws.

Andrea Stephanie Herman, Jamie Riedesel (mod), Jaymie Delia Wagner, John Gary Leppik, Scott Kevin Jamison

<p>12:30pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Dominion: Rising Sun (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd</p> <p>Dominion is back with the latest expansion, Rising Sun! Featuring Shadow cards and Prophecies, along with more Events and Debt cards!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Isle of Cats (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg</p> <p>The Isle of Cats is a competitive, medium-weight, card-drafting, polyomino cat-placement board game .</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Terran Revenge Fleet (3:16 Carnage Amongst the Stars) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca</p> <p>You are a Space Marine sent into the far reaches of space to deliver mankind's revenge on all aliens. An over-the-top game of space marines bringing a fistful of democracy to alien planets. Drop-in/drop-out welcome. 30-second character creation.</p> <p><i>FLipsiDE, Timetwist</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb</p> <p>Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.</p> <p><i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons (2024 Ed.) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch

Get your Dungeons & Dragons fix at CONvergence! Using the 2024 revision of 5th edition, form an adventuring party to take on an exciting mission mixing roleplay, exploration, and combat! Characters will be 1st level with premade options available.

Charles Roberts

Fluffy Goes to Heck (D&D 5E) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci

Yes, cute widdle Fluffy has been dognapped, and you must brave the flames of Heck to save her! A 5e D&D game with pre-generated characters.

Lee Stark

Magic: The Gathering

sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a

All ages welcome. Some knowledge of the game is required. Commander, social, no prizes.

Rocking Elves LLC

Memorializing Your Digital Footprint

social, web

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

E-mails, social media posts, photos, documents, playlists, passwords, subscriptions, etc. What happens to all that when you die? What steps can you take now to minimize the impact to your loved ones? How do you save your intellectual property?

Bob Alberti (mod), Elizabeth Ess, Sarah Barsness

CONvergence 101

con

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

This is a big, busy convention and we can offer suggestions on how to enjoy it without wiping out.

Allen Tipper, Ben Ellis, Kelly Reich, Nick Glover, Rhea Wessendorf (mod)

Dragon's Race (5e 2024) (13+)*RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd**

The Avatar of the Dragon God, Bahamut, calls on you to assist a young dragon from her clutch in a death race against its siblings. Through bottomless canyons into volcanic ruins, it becomes clear there is more at stake than one could imagine.

*Wendy A Hoskin***Kekkaishi - Dubbed PG-13 2006***TV, anime***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

Yoshimura must fight to protect his beloved school and hometown from demons. Although, if it were up to him, he would rather be baking cakes than fighting off the ugly characters that show up at night. Yoshimura must fight to protect his beloved school and hometown from demons. Although, if it were up to him, he would rather be baking cakes than fighting off the ugly characters that show up at night.

Early Birds Get The Ribbon!*con***Hyatt 6 Gymnasium**

Got ribbon? Want to trade? Bring all your ribbons and trade what everyone that has ribbons at the annual Great Ribbon Trading Event. One can never have enough ribbons!

*Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer***Game Jam Experimentation and Analysis***GoH, gaming***Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A**

Prof has worked in the games industry for 17 years and released some big titles, but has also made a multitude of small, weird, experimental games. Join us as we go through Prof's game jam archive and talk about game design learnings from each.

Prof Brown

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Deadpool and Wolverine Fan Panel <i>MCU, current, fan, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p><i>Dave Margosian, Dirk Thomas Ykema, KitKat, Mark Lundberg (mod), Nikki Armstrong</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Being a Content Creator Over 25 <i>GoH, social, web</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Content creation seems to be for the young, but in reality, creators are likely to be older than you think! Many do the Twitch thing, hold down a day job, raise families, and try to have a life. Let's discuss being older and online creating content.</p> <p><i>Brian Forrest, Chris Kluwe, Tanya DePass (mod), Taru Hunter</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Value of 19th Century Sci-Fi <i>book, classic</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Is early science fiction such as Frankenstein, Journey to the Center of the Earth, and The Time Machine still worth reading or has modern science and technology rendered them uninteresting and irrelevant?</p> <p><i>Barbara Gregorich, David Lenander, Renate Fiora (mod), Scott Kevin Jamison</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>From Page to Screen <i>TV, book, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Which TV adaptations of popular science fiction/fantasy books have worked and which have been less successful? What do our panelists think makes a good adaptation? What books do our panelists dearly want to see on screen?</p> <p><i>Annie Fleschner, John Shea, Jonathan Matthew Surdo, Lee Harris, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)</i></p>

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba

You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

Seppy Yoon

Lords of Waterdeep with Skullport Expansion (18+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb

In this worker placement game, you will compete to control D&D's city of splendor, Waterdeep! Recruit adventurers, complete quests, and build the city to score points and earn rewards. Do you have what it takes to become the Lord of Waterdeep?

John Sniadajewski

Sagrada (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk

Roll dice and try to complete your stained glass window in this drafting, sudoku classic. Fun for the puzzle lover and gamer alike.

Stephen Simusa

Learn to Play Pathfinder 2e (Quests 3 and 4)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb

Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 3 Grehunde's Gorget and Quest 4 Port Peril Pub Crawl.

Hilary Moon Murphy

2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Learn to Play SF1e (Bounties 3 and 8) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! Bounty 3 Green Place. Bounty 8 Lost Dragon's Legacy <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Infernal Salon: Negocios Infernales <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Join C.S.E. Cooney and Carlos Hernandez as they host and run an Infernal Salon of writing prompts to ignite your creative spark using a spooky oracle deck from their TTRPG Negocios Infernales. <i>C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez, Kyle B Dekker (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Here's the Story: A Very Brady Panel <i>TV, classic, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Everything Brady Bunch! This sitcom ran from 1969-1974 and in syndication for decades while also generating a myriad of spinoffs. We'll discuss the best and worst episodes, characters, spinoffs, and reunions. Maybe even indulge some fanfic ideas. <i>Melissa J Arbuckle (mod), Wes Huntington</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Old Time Drive-In and DIY Car <i>kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Come and build a cardboard car to drive a short distance to our own private drive-in. Stay to watch a video. <i>Angie Anderson, Dierdre Schultz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meta Panel <i>con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka A panel about panels. How do they work? How would you make them better? <i>Ashley M Mages, Erik Nyberg (mod), Heather Bufkin, Shaun L Larsen, Viga</i></p>

Mad Lib Adventure (D&D5e)(Kids)

RPG, kid, sched

Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis c

Bring your kiddos on an adventure where you help write the story! You start by answering prompts like 'What's your favorite restaurant?' or 'Think of an embarrassing situation' and then we will make a personalized adventure together.

Collin Catton

Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk

Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones.

Stephen Simusa

PF2 Quest Series 2 (Quest 15)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg

Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 15 In the Footsteps of Horror.

Tom Fenn

Ghost Stories - Dubbed PG-13 2000

TV, anime

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Years ago, all of the ghosts in a haunted schoolhouse were banished, but they are being released due to urbanization and they want revenge. The exorcist's daughter is stuck dealing with the angry ghosts. Years ago, all of the ghosts in a haunted schoolhouse were banished, but they are being released due to urbanization and they want revenge. The exorcist's daughter is stuck dealing with the angry ghosts.

<p>3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #1 - PG -1995 - 104 min <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Photo Meetup: Disney <i>Disney, costuming, photo</i> Greenway Stairs This is a photo meet-up for all Disney cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Failure as Your Friend <i>GoH, misc</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Otherwise successful people tell tales about their worst efforts and what was learned and/or earned from them. <i>Chris Kluwe, Kelly Murphy, Stephanie Mariy Dreis, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Ready, Steady, Flash! <i>comedy, writing</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Four authors write complete flash fiction stories in five minutes based on topics suggested by the audience. <i>Duck Washington, Lee Harris (mod), Molly Glover, Stephanie Olson, Tim Wick</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Impact of Technology on Tabletop Gaming <i>STEM, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Discuss how technology is transforming the tabletop gaming experience. From digital tools that enhance gameplay to the rise of virtual platforms, this panel will explore the benefits and challenges of integrating technology into traditional gaming. <i>Eric Zawadzki, Grace Holdinghaus, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Philip D Henry (mod)</i></p>

Geeks & Cats*misc***Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

Back for its third year, Geeks & Cats is a panel where geeks discuss cats. Love cats? Come to this panel. Have cat-related questions? Come to this panel. Don't have anything else going on? Come to this panel!

Donna Louise Cook, Kelly Jo Fredrickson (mod), Mary Rohe, Ren Nonnweiler, Sarah Pierce

Year in Anime*TV, anime, current, movie***Hyatt 2 Northstar B**

What is the best new anime from the last year?

Daren Johnson (mod), Donald Poleke, Jessica Lynn Silver, Samuel T. Weston

Quiet Year (Buried Without Ceremony) (13+)*RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc**

The Quiet Year is a map drawing TTRPG in which you do not play as characters but as societal forces. The map will evolve and change depending on your choices

Diane Perry

3D Printing 101*DIY, STEM***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

Learn how to get started, find the right printer for your needs, and find and/or create useful designs.

Andrea Stephanie Herman, Jeff Winsor, Neal Sorensen (mod), Nick Glover, Todd Murray

Build a Board Game in Under 2 Hours*DIY, STEM***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

Learn rapid paper prototyping and hone your game design skills! We'll race against the clock to move through the phases of development, overcome roadblocks, get feedback, and bond through play and problem-solving. You'll walk away with a functional game!

*Alexandra Eckert, Ben Scaglione, Daniel LaCosse, Thomas Boguszewski***Sandbox on Tour***teen***Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji b**

The Teen Room is hosting current and future teens and guardians to meet each other and make cool jewelry.

*Alessa Boom, Jesse Boom***Renaissance Dance Lessons***art***Hyatt 6 Gymnasium**

Do you enjoy visiting the local renaissance festivals? Have you never been? Join us for some dancing and get a taste of the renaissance era. We teach a variety of English Country dances designed for any from ago 2 to 102, and some other dances, too!

*Natasha Jo Krentz***Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba**

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4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Kites! Keep them Flying (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk Can you keep all the kites flying before the sand runs out across multiple timers? Come join us for this real time, co-op treat which is fun for everyone. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
4:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Shootin Ladders Frag Fest (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg The gingerbread men have left the confines of their sugar-frosted land and let their rage spill over into yet another family favorite board game, where total carnage has its ups and downs. <i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
4:30pm - 6:30pm	<p>Heist at the Bookmaker's Pot (D&D5e)(13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd Inside a dormant volcano on a remote island a treasure trove of legendary magical items awaits anyone who thinks they can pull off the greatest heist in history. Solve puzzles and avoid traps to pilfer trinkets and make it out alive. <i>Collin Catton</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Fantasy / D&D <i>RPG, costuming, photo</i></p> <p>Greenway Stairs This is a photo meet-up for all fantasy/D&D cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>I Once Had To Explain... <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Let's talk about random things we've had to explain to our non-geeky friends, family, and co-workers. <i>AJ Pete, Ben Ellis, Daren Johnson, Heather Bufkin, KitKat (mod)</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Babylon 5 Fan Panel <i>TV, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p><i>Assad Khaishgi, Ben Zamora-Weiss, Jim McMahon, Michael S Shappe, Viga (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Relationship Goals: The Addams Family <i>TV, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>The family dynamics of the Addams Family are often lauded as goal-worthy, especially Gomez/Morticia. Come discuss what you find appealing across the various incarnations of the characters.</p> <p><i>Jaymie Delia Wagner, Kendrick Edmund Cronin (mod), Nathan Michael Anderson, Sarah Moretsky, Tony Artym</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Games as Teaching Tools <i>GoH, edu, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Gaming is most often seen as a leisure hobby but can be used for teaching as well. Many subjects can benefit from using games as a tool and some games are well suited to illustrate certain ideas. Come discuss your go-to games and how they can be used.</p> <p><i>Amanda Larsen (mod), Jules Porter, Kenneth Joel Justiniano, Melanie Reap, Zaydden Johnson</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>I'm Not Watching if the Dog Dies <i>TV, book, comic, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>What will make you decide not to consume a particular book/movie/TV series? What tropes, characters, or events will make you decide something is not for you?</p> <p><i>Kate Dane (mod), Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Sarah Pierce, Scott Kevin Jamison, T'Yanna L Singleton</i></p>

DeejayNeko's Convergence Kick Off Dance Party

music

5:00pm -
6:00pm

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

DeeJayNeko provides the high-energy funky house and breakbeat, you provide the vibe! Now with more glow toys!

Pete Lane

Root

board, sched

5:00pm -
7:00pm

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb

Come play Root, from LEGER Games, along with its expansions.

Carson Young

Learn to Play Spirit Island (13+)

board, sched

5:00pm -
9:00pm

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd

Become a powerful spirit! Work together to remove, destroy, and scare the settlers off your island!

AJ Zozulin

Decorum: Passive Aggressive Home Decorating (13+)

board, sched

5:00pm -
6:00pm

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk

Try to live together in this co-op, home decorating situation where you're unable to express your feelings directly about about how hideous your roommate/partner's lamp is. We'll be running 2 sets of this 2 player co-op.

Stephen Simusa

Parathulhuzombinoia (Daggerheart) (13+)

RPG, sched

5:00pm -
9:00pm

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca

Stay alert! Trust no one! Keep your elder sign handy! Mother computer send YOU, an elite troubleshooter, on a mission of utmost importance, to repel the communist threats from beyond space and time. Eat eel-flesh! Guzzle Bubbly Beverage!

FLipsiDE, Timetwist

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<p>5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island. <i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder 2e Playtest Shards of the Glass Planet <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! <i>Katie Berger</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Rust Wings: Wrench & Propeller <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch In Rust Wings, you'll take the role of a member of Rust Wing crew-- misfit teenagers who build and pilot their own planes from the scrap around them. Rust Wings crews explore ancient robot-filled ruins of a failed corporation. <i>Watt</i></p>

Hobby Swap aka "Buy Nothing CONvergence"

DIY, art, costuming, theme

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Drop off your abandoned, clean, and organized hobby tools/materials and go fishing for new ones amongst the donated goods. Any leftovers can be recollected, donated to Costume Wars/Sandbox, or leave an "In Search Of" sticky note with your room number.

Ashley Haapapuro

Drones 101

misc

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

The fundamentals of flying, operating, using, and, most importantly, being safe and legal about using drones.

Terry O'Brien

Dallos - Subtitled PG-13 1983

anime, classic, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Rebellion brews among dissatisfied, third-generation moon colonists, beholden to an Earth they've never known. Meanwhile, Dallos sleeps, a massive metal face in a crater whose origin no one remembers. Rebellion brews among dissatisfied, third-generation moon colonists, beholden to an Earth they've never known. Meanwhile, Dallos sleeps, a massive metal face in a crater whose origin no one remembers.

Magic of Style Guides for Writers and Editors

business, writing

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Two publishing pros introduce and discuss the style guide: your go-to lorebook for documenting important writing decisions, from the spelling of a superhero name to the fictional astronomy of a fantasy novel, and a must-have tool for any writer or editor.

J.M. Lee, Madeleine Vasaly (mod)

<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #2 - PG - 1985 - 95 min <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>6:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Big Fun Radio Funtime <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Big Fun Radio Funtime is a staged performance of audio comedy featuring new comedy sketches spoken into microphones for your laughing pleasure. Created especially for CONvergence, this soundscape of humor is a great way to start off the convention! Big Fun Radio Funtime is a staged performance of audio comedy featuring new comedy sketches spoken into microphones for your laughing pleasure. Created especially for CONvergence, this soundscape of humor is a great way to start off the convention! <i>Angela Fox, Charles Hubbell, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Stearns, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
<p>6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Obsidian Vault (D&D 5e) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci A mansion escape horror game. <i>Cheston Otterness</i></p>
<p>6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Simplicity for Younger Players (Kids) <i>RPG, kid, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a Simplicity is a fun d10 roleplaying game that kids 8 and up can learn to play. <i>Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>

Kyousougiga - Subtitled PG-13 2013

TV, anime

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A priest can make anything he draws come to life, so he created a family and then a secret world where they could live. His three children are stuck when he and his rabbit goddess partner leave them behind. A priest can make anything he draws come to life, so he created a family and then a secret world where they could live. His three children are stuck when he and his rabbit goddess partner leave them behind.

6:30pm -
8:00pm

Old School Anime

anime

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

What are your favorite pre-2000s anime?

Bryon D Stump, Donald Poleke, Mara DeMers, Scott Kevin Jamison (mod), Viga

7:00pm -
8:00pm

Opening Ceremony

GoH, con

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

C.S.E. Cooney, Chris Kluwe, Dawn Krosnowski, Jules Porter, Prof Brown, Tanya DePass

7:00pm -
8:00pm

David Lynch Memorial Fan Panel

TV, fan, movie

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Ann Laabs, Garrick A Dietze (mod), Jason V Hemming, Nathan Michael Anderson, Noel Thingvall

7:00pm -
8:00pm

Romantasy*book***Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH**

Romance/fantasy books are all over bestseller lists and social media. What makes a good romantasy? What about other related subgenres like paranormal romance, gothic romance, and sci-fi romance? Let's pick some tropes and name names.

Atlas, Kate Dane (mod), Mary Elizabeth Sterling, Paige Elisabeth Erickson, Samuel T. Weston

Not All RPGs Are D&D*RPG, gaming***Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

Looking to explore new worlds beyond D&D and Pathfinder? Join our panel as we delve into a variety RPG games that offer unique mechanics, settings, and storytelling opportunities. Come discover games that can bring fresh experiences to your tabletop!

Chris J Mortika, Edward Eastman, John Gary Leppik, Kayla McGrady (mod), Kurt Fleschner

Fans of Fountain Pens Meetup*art, demo, fan***Hyatt 2 Northstar B**

Veterans and newbies are welcome! Bring yourself and any extra fountain pen supplies you may want to share, and let's enjoy geeking out over our favorite writing tools. We'll have a demo table with pens for people to try and a swap area.

Andy Dunn, Hedge Yoder, Tania Richter (mod)

Wilson Parc*music***Hyatt 2 Regency Room**

With 50 years of musical experience, Wilson Parc's music ranges from classics and mash-ups to originals with influences from metal, folk, bluegrass, and jazz.

Annette Larson, Eric Neuville, Jac Martins, Ren Riga

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<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome! <i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Mothership - Die Menschenjager (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch Conduct a safari to the restricted world of Centopath. Keep ultrarich hunters alive while they hunt bioweapons of an extinct alien species. Get them and their trophies back to the base to collect a considerable bounty. Be careful and you're golden. <i>Fred Wagener</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Is the Home File Server Dead? <i>DIY, STEM, computer</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Cloud storage is cheap and plentiful, but it's on the internet, and your photos or other valuable files aren't guaranteed to not be lost or used for others' ends. We'll talk about why/how you can build your own file server, even for non-techies! <i>Scott Saunders</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Photo Meetup: Bridgerton / Historical <i>costuming, history</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a This is a photo meet-up for all Bridgerton/historical cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>

<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #3 - PG-13 - 2023 - 134 min <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Practical Self Defense For Humanoids <i>DIY</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Self defense involves more than punches, kicks, and pepper spray. Come take a two hour class that will go over basic de-escalation, smart/safe environmental choices and self defense maneuvers to survive a dangerous encounters. <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>
<p>8:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>PFS Quest Series 2 (Quest 16) <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 16 Winter Queen's Dollhouse. <i>Kyler</i></p>
<p>8:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Pilot Candidate - Dubbed PG-13 2000 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Humans are left with only one colony planet after aliens wipe out the rest of their space empire. To save this last planet, they train boys as pilots for five giant fighting robots. Humans are left with only one colony planet after aliens wipe out the rest of their space empire. To save this last planet, they train boys as pilots for five giant fighting robots.</p>

These Stories Survive for a Reason

art, myth, writing

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

We often go back to older works of fiction, mythology, and folklore to inspire current work. Why do these stories still appeal to us and teach us things?

Crystal Lynn Kelleher, John Shea, Kenneth Joel Justiniano, Lisa Hario, Randee Dawn (mod)

Smackdown 2025: Battle of the Bands

GoH, comedy

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

See a symphony of Smackdown as our sonic specialists sound off about which bogus bands succumb or survive! See a symphony of Smackdown as our sonic specialists sound off about which bogus bands succumb or survive!

Chris Kluwe, Christopher Jones, Duck Washington, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Rian Vellichor, Tim Uren, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby

Pitch Meeting: Movies that Shouldn't Exist!

misc

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Join our interactive pitch meeting for the most outrageous movies that probably should never exist! Help us decide as a benefactor if these reboots and sequels should make it to the big screen or go straight to VHS!

Alicia Beck, Anne Rementer, Christi Farris, Christina Gregerson, Lindsey Wollan (mod), Tyronne Davidson

Let's Chew on Nosferatu

horror

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

A remake of a 1922 German silent film shouldn't have been the smash hit of 2024-2025. Yet somehow a wheezing, mustachioed, comb over vampire was exactly what people needed. Let's talk about how to interpret the film and the varied reactions to it.

Brian Forrest, Bricklyn Holtgrave, Kirsten Hazel Roepke-Larsen (mod), Nathan Michael Anderson, skazka 9000

CONvergence is Volunteer Powered

con

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

8:30pm -
9:30pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how ConSuite keeps filling up the bags of chips or how badging can be a great way to make new friends? Come find out from the CONvergence Volunteers Department how you can become volunteer powered.

Ben Ellis, Heather L Heim, Rachel Lubich, Samantha Bitner (mod)

OCD and Me

inclusivity, social

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

8:30pm -
9:30pm

This panel aims to spread awareness and understanding about OCD. Society often has an inaccurate view of OCD and how it affects those suffering from it. Hear from those diagnosed and living with OCD, talk about representation in the media, and more.

Dani Mayville, Hedy Rand-McKay (mod), Jen Rogachevsky, Ren Nonnweiler

Lyritics

music

8:30pm -
9:30pm

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

The nerdcore hip-hop trio is saying farewell with one last set at their favorite venue. Come watch them jam!

Dee Quinn, Jason Kruger, Jauston Campbell, Wednesday Ezaki

Seas of Strife (18+)

board, sched

8:30pm -
10:00pm

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba

Come play this interesting trick taking game where the lead suit can change during the hand. A must play for anyone who loves playing trick-taking card games.

John Sniadajewski

Cats and Caverns*board, sched*8:30pm -
9:30pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk**

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

*Rowan Fischer-Hoeft***The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+)***RPG, sched*8:30pm -
11:30pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb**

Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.

*Liam MacDonald***Janelle, Did You Know You Talk Really Fast?***TV, comedy, movie, music*8:30pm -
9:30pm**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1**

A pop culture/reference behemoth of a show perfect for the CONvergence audience! This one woman variety show brought to you by Janelle Kloth was previously performed at the 2024 Minnesota Fringe Festival. Come see how many references you know!

*Janelle Kloth, Ryan Klima***Writers Meetup***GoH, writing*8:30pm -
9:30pm**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

A gathering of people who are either published authors, aspiring authors, or just in it for the pure joy of it. This is a way of networking with others who enjoy writing in any form or level of experience.

C.S.E. Cooney, Jackson Vanguard, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Kendrick Edmund Cronin

You Were Lucky to Have Dice!*gaming***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

The early days of the tabletop RPGs...some of us were there! What were the experiences of those early gamers by comparison to the current state of the industry?

Bob Alberti, Don Kaiser, Edward Eastman, Eric Zawadzki (mod)

Cardboard City*kid, teen***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

Join the world-building to create towers, vehicles, and more to turn the Sandbox into a mini cardboard city. We will use this city for kids and members to cosplay and go for maximum damage on Friday morning. All ages, under 8 may need assistance.

Lisa Wallin

Photo Meetup: Barbie*costuming, movie, photo***Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a**

This is a photo meet-up for all Barbie cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.

Space Lounge*misc***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C**

Resist the deep space doldrums and join the vibrant resistance in the most transmutational bar known to fully energized beings. Nourish your senses, chill to sonic harmonizations, bathe in our ultra-luminescent atmosphere. Open nightly.

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9:30pm

9:00pm -
2:00am

Last Caravan/Storytelling Game (18+)

RPG, mature, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci

Mature, story-focused game for narrative roleplayers. Group consensus will set rule system & content limits. Players beyond 4 will be split across 2 GMs. Last Caravan (alien apocalypse) system preferred. Alternatives: Fiasco or Trophy Dark. ****mature content****
FLipsiDE, Timetwist

Cinema Rex Movie #4 - PG-13 - 2016 - 99 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Thursday Crafting Social Hour

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Bring a craft and come hang out with friends in the Holodeck! During our Crafting Social Hours, the Holodeck will be an open space to meet up and craft! We have plenty of tables and chairs! BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT (ex: Crochet, knitting, Drawing, etc.)
Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer

Hazbin Hotel and Helluva Boss Fan Panel

TV, animation, comedy, fan, mature

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

****mature content****

Cetius d'Raven (mod), Kerry Teckla Peterson, Lisa Marie Deguiseppi, Paige Elisabeth Erickson, Sonni de Soto

9:30pm -
12:30am

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11:00pm

Live Dungeons and Dragons RPG!

GoH, RPG, gaming

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Come watch a live play through of a Dungeons and Dragons campaign with past and present Guests of Honor! They will jump right into an active campaign and what happens next is your best guess. Come watch a live play through of a Dungeons and Dragons campaign with past and present Guests of Honor! They will jump right into an active campaign and what happens next is your best guess.

C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez, Chris Kluwe, Colette Feehan, Kyle B Dekker (mod), Shannan Paul, Victor Jason Raymond

10:00pm -
Midnight

I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue

comedy

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Four panelists play increasingly silly games for your host, Lee Harris. Based on the longest-running British panel game show in history.

Lee Harris, Matthew Kessen, Nick Glover, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby

10:00pm -
11:00pm

CONvergence Does Jackbox

comedy, computer

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Come vote for your favorite nerdy answers in the audience as you watch the panel play a variety of JackBox fill-in-the-blank games.

Amanda Nerud, Arthur Ray Armstrong, Caitlyn McGrath, Duck Washington, James Fairbairn, Kelvin Hatle, Nikki Armstrong (mod)

10:00pm -
11:00pm

Murderbot Diaries Fan Panel

book, current, fan

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Allison Dean (mod), Christopher J. Daniels, Eric Zawadzki, Jesse Abrahamson, Justin Edward Grays

10:00pm -
11:00pm

Polyamory Representation or Just Wishful Thinking?

social

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

As we see more canonical polyamorous representation in media, it seems like some media properties hint at throuples and polycules that are almost, but not quite, canon. Are these legitimate explorations of non-monogamy or are we being polyamory baited?
John Heimbuch, Katherine Jo Pysick, Lathan Murrell, Patti Anne DeMay (mod)

Dissociate

music

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Noisy science fiction electronic instrumental music that is spontaneity personified with crunchy beats, soaring synths, and otherworldly noise.

Dissociate

Cats and Caverns

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

Rowan Fischer-Hoeft

Cursed Tomb of Nefertari (D&D 2024) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca

Prepare for a classic tomb raid where you'll have to fight undead, avoid traps, and look for treasure.

Come Play Simplicity

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc

Come play a system that is a cross between a traditional dice RPG system and a storyteller game. Come play a system that allows you to create any kind of character, play in any kind of world, and develop an organic unique story. Come check it out!

Kenneth Joel Justiniano

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Nerd Name that Tune <i>gaming, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1</p> <p>Fellow nerds, I promise you that there is no trick in the title. This is trivia about songs and tunes. Movies, TV shows, video games--all are fair game. Have you got an ear for victory? Let's find out!</p> <p><i>Cory Damone Enriquez</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p>Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Topless T'Pol <i>Star Trek, inclusivity, mature, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Nudity, sexual innuendo, and sexual fantasies are the hallmarks of Star Trek: Enterprise. Something NSFW happens in 46% of all 98 episodes! 20 years after the finale, let's watch a few clips to see if Enterprise has aged well. **mature content**</p> <p><i>Brittany Ann Kerschner, Frost Simula, Mike Dee, T'Yanna L Singleton</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>A Wind Named Amnesia - Dubbed R 1990 <i>anime, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>In 1999, a mysterious wind wiped out humanity's memories. After relearning basic human functions, young people attempt to navigate a post-apocalyptic wasteland ruled by scraps of technology. In 1999, a mysterious wind wiped out humanity's memories. After relearning basic human functions, young people attempt to navigate a post-apocalyptic wasteland ruled by scraps of technology.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play, or just listen.</p>

Rocky Horror Picture Show 50th Anniversary

classic, mature, movie, social

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Come celebrate one of the first great midnight movies on its 50th anniversary! What was your first RHPS experience? What did it awaken in you? ****mature content****

Cetius d'Raven (mod), Katherine Jo Pysick, KitKat, Nathan Michael Anderson, Sean Eber

Killer B's Improv Movie Show

comedy, movie, music

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

As clips of strange movies play on screen, 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!

Caly McMorrow, Duck Washington, Jerry Belich, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover

Hot Takes!

comedy

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

We've seen panels where a hot dog's pedigree as a sandwich is up for debate, but what other topics in SFF/H are worth batting around? Panelists bring their controversial takes and present them for debate, with a moderator declaring resolutions at the end.

Elizabeth Ess (mod), John Thomas Bliss, Nikki Armstrong, Randee Dawn, Shaun L Larsen

Nerdlesque: Roll for Risqué (18+)

mature

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Grab your dice and get ready to accept a quest to watch nerd-infused burlesque where every performance is a critical hit!

Whether you're lawful good or chaotically hot, adventure awaits! ****mature content****

Mona Montague, Opiumm Hayze

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Loving Someone with Different Values <i>social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>How do you maintain a good relationship with someone with different views? What are your boundaries or hard lines? <i>Atlas, Charlene Holm (mod), Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Lisa Marie Deguisseppi</i></p>
11:30pm - 1:00am	<p>Legend of the Dark King: A Fist of the North Star Story - Subtitled R 2008 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>Raoh will never go around an obstacle--only through! This prequel series shows his journey to carve out an empire for himself in the post-apocalyptic world of Fist of the North Star. Raoh will never go around an obstacle--only through! This prequel series shows his journey to carve out an empire for himself in the post-apocalyptic world of Fist of the North Star.</p>
11:30pm - 1:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #5 - R - 2022 - 97 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

FRIDAY JULY 4

8:00am - 9:30am	<p>Professor Layton and the Eternal Diva - Subtitled PG 2009 <i>anime, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>A renowned gentleman archaeologist and puzzle-solver receives tickets to the opera from a former student and is drawn into a mystery involving the fountain of youth. A renowned gentleman archaeologist and puzzle-solver receives tickets to the opera from a former student and is drawn into a mystery involving the fountain of youth.</p>
8:00am - 8:00pm	<p>Kids Gaming <i>gaming, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis</p>

<p>9:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>PF2 Quest Series 2 (Quest 22) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 22 Friends in Need. <i>Tom Fenn</i></p>
<p>9:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder 1 (6-11) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! 6-11 Gifts Ungiven. <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
<p>9:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Pathfinder 2e (6-05) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. 6-05 Silver Bark, Golden Blades. <i>Hilary Moon Murphy</i></p>
<p>9:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Open Board Gaming <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Masquerade 101 <i>con, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Get your questions answered about participating in the Masquerade by the Masquerade director and staff. <i>Ben Livingston, Don Kaiser (mod), Patrick Cool</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Manifesting the Future We Want <i>inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>We all have a vision of a beautiful future. How do we get there? <i>Ashley M Mages, John Shea, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Melissa J Arbuckle</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Influence of AI on Art <i>STEM, art, business</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>What does it mean to be an artist with the rise of AI? How do you protect your work? How do you market your skills against a machine? <i>Amber Raden (mod), Charles Urbach, Geoffrey D Williams</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>The Heroine's Journey <i>TV, book, movie, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Learn about how the archetypal heroine's journey differs from the hero's journey and how to spot it in the wild in your favorite books, TV shows, and movies. <i>Dana Baird, Jody Wurl (mod), Randee Dawn, Sherry Merriam, Stephanie Olson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Rise of the Cozy Board Game <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Popularity of the "cozy" board game has risen over the last couple of years. What constitutes a cozy board game? Why are they so popular? What are some go-to titles? <i>Brandy McQueen, Erik Nyberg, Philip D Henry, Renate Fiora (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Dixit <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd</p> <p>Let's play Dixit, the card game with adorable abstract art! Give clues so people guess your card, but don't make it too easy (or hard) or you'll miss out on points! <i>Carl Patten</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Learn to Play Spirit Island (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Be Become a powerful spirit! Work together to remove, destroy, and scare the settlers off your island! <i>AJ Zozulin</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>8th Star (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bf 8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races. <i>Ryan Backstrom</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Exploding Kittens with Expansions (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg Exploding Kittens is a kitty-powered version of Russian Roulette. Players take turns drawing cards until someone draws an exploding kitten and loses the game. <i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island. <i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>

Living with Solar, Batteries, and an EV

STEM

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Explore the basics of having solar installed on your property and how they are enhanced by batteries. How to find reliable installers and accurate information. How EVs fit into the mix & how my car performed during this last winter's sub-zero cold snaps.

Mickie Erickson

Puss n Boots - Dubbed G 1969

anime, classic, kid, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A sword-wielding cat-in-boots sentenced to death for sparing a mouse escapes and embarks on a journey. Along the way, he teams up with a company of bandit mice and Pierre, a gentle orphan who has been cheated out of his inheritance. A sword-wielding cat-in-boots sentenced to death for sparing a mouse escapes and embarks on a journey. Along the way, he teams up with a company of bandit mice and Pierre, a gentle orphan who has been cheated out of his inheritance.

Move It Like Water

misc

Hyatt 6 Pool

A 45-minute, low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+

Christina Neitz

Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table

Hours

Hyatt 2 Greenway J

<p>10:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Sagrada (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi Roll dice and try to complete your stained glass window in this drafting, sudoku classic. Fun for the puzzle lover and gamer alike. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Arc: Doom (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd Take on the roles of heroes that stand against doom - are you up to the task? <i>Jordan Peacock</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00am</p>	<p>Video Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Kartoon Kaiju (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade q Just-for-laughs Giant Monsters (Reptar, Oreo Cookie, Tomato, etc...) stomp and battle among the cardboard towers of Singer City.</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Beer & Pretzels Space Marines (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade r Simple, solo (or co-op) shoot-'em-up miniatures: A squad of grunts (modeled on the USCM in "Aliens") against galactic nasties. Games take about 2 hours (depending on how well/poorly you play!)</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Witches' Quarrel</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade w Fast 2-player Legacy game of best friends learning magic by dueling. A deckbuilder with character driven narrative. Try it before the Kickstarter ends on the last day of CVG! <i>Shanti Pothapragada</i></p>

Cosplay Repair Station

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba

A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.

Sandbox Lab

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb

The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

CVG Teen Room

Hours, teen

Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji

Cinema Rex Movie #6 - PG - 2012 - 101 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Historical Costuming: Beyond Accuracy

costuming, history

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Historybounding, historically-inspired fantasy settings, "[character design] but make it [time period]", sheer flights of fancy--let's talk about the joys of purposefully playing around with historical authenticity in the service of art and storytelling.

Alex V Bender (mod), Dana Baird, Elizabeth Merritt, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, skazka 9000

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>The Bad Batch Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, animation, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p><i>Bryon D Stump, Elsie Whitcomb, Henry Avalon Kaldhusdal, Jeff Grapevine (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Comfort Media: The Appeal of Long-Lived Franchises <i>TV, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>What's the appeal of TV and films that never end? How much is our need to ease into a familiar place without a season of worldbuilding and how much of it is about a shared social experience? What are other reasons we like long-lived shows and franchises?</p> <p><i>Assad Khaishgi (mod), Janelle Kloth, Nathan Michael Anderson, Randee Dawn, Wes Huntington</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>CVG as a Resume Builder <i>business, con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>How can you use your volunteer experience on your resume or college application? What skills are transferable?</p> <p><i>Ashley M Mages, Cat Beltran, Cetius d'Raven, Heather L Heim, Katarina R Larsen (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>All Bodies are Good Bodies <i>con, inclusivity</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Let's talk about being fat at CVG! What are the intersectionalities that come with being a fat nerd/geek, and how does the media we love represent and demonize us? What does CONvergence do well to support us, and what can it do better?</p> <p><i>AJ Pete, Jessi Fox, Mordecai Mika, Nikki Armstrong (mod), Renate Fiora</i></p>

The Devil and Lady Midnight: Selected Readings and Music

GoH, music, podcast

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

A selection of songs and stories from the original SFF musical podcast by authors and musicians C.S.E. Cooney, Tina Connolly, and filk-maven Dr. Mary Crowell.

C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez, Jeremy Cooney, Kyle B Dekker, Mary Crowell, Tina Connolly

Stagecraft

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba

Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!

Nate Metcalf

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc

You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

Seppy Yoon

Lorcana Learn to Play

beginner, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd

Learn to play Lorcana, an introduction to the game for any and all players.

Brandon

11:00am - Noon	<p>Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Quiet Year (Buried Without Ceremony) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch The Quiet Year is a map drawing TTRPG in which you do not play as characters but as societal forces. The map will evolve and change depending on your choices <i>Diane Perry</i></p>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Magic: The Gathering <i>sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a All ages welcome. Some knowledge of the game is required. Commander, social, no prizes <i>Rocking Elves LLC</i></p>
11:00am - 10:00pm	<p>Dice Tower</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade v A PVP board game that takes elements of RPGs and card games and mashes them with dice. It?s like PvP Yahtzee. <i>Apple</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Heart of Iron Sneak Peak <i>current, myth</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 C. M. Alongi's urban fantasy TikTok series CaFae Latte has gained hundreds of thousands of followers across social media. The first CaFae Latte novel--Heart of Iron--will be published in Oct 2025, but she'll read you a chapter today. <i>C. M. Alongi</i></p>

CONvergence 101*con***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

This is a big, busy convention and we can offer suggestions on how to enjoy it without wiping out.

Brian Etchieson, Hawthorne Fasching, Rachel Poleke, Rhea Wessendorf (mod), Samantha Bitner

Streaming for Fun and Rarely Profit*DIY, GoH, computer, gaming, podcast, web***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

A lot of people think streaming is easy, just turn on the console, PC, camera, and go! We'll have some real talk on what actually goes into streaming and the harsh reality that you need to be in it for the love of it, and if you earn some money...bonus!

Chris Kluwe, Tanya DePass (mod)

Monster Smash*kid, teen***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

Get your kids, get your costumes on, and come cosplay in our miniature cardboard city. Choose your character and join the fun, no need to roll for damage! Parents, join as a NPC and enjoy the commentary by Molly and Nick Glover. Ages 12 and under

Molly Glover, Nick Glover

Space Lounge: Splounge Game Meetup*misc***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C**

Fight the Doldrums in Splounge?s real-world adventure game. New adventurers and seasoned rebels can join forces to complete mysterious and important missions.

11:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Comic Party - Dubbed PG-13 2001 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>When a friend drags him to his first convention, Kazuki discovers his destiny: fan comics. His childhood friend tries to pull him back to his normal life, but how long can she fight his fate?When a friend drags him to his first convention, Kazuki discovers his destiny: fan comics. His childhood friend tries to pull him back to his normal life, but how long can she fight his fate?</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Freelance Illustration for Games <i>art, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>Step by step walk-through of a typical art assignment for tabletop game companies like Wizards of the Coast, Fantasy Flight Games, Wizkids, and other major game publishers. A basic introduction for students, aspiring pro artists, and curious gamers. <i>Charles Urbach (mod), Christine Mitzuk, Lauren Addy</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Outfoxed! (Kids) <i>kid, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a</p> <p>A cooperative whodunit game where players gather clues to figure out who stole Mrs. Plumpert's prized pot pie. (Ages 5+) <i>Raina Kelly</i></p>
11:00am - 11:00pm	<p>Photography</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>
Noon - 1:00pm	<p>Kites! Keep them Flying (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk</p> <p>Can you keep all the kites flying before the sand runs out across multiple timers? Come join us for this real time, co-op treat which is fun for everyone. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>

Beastmorphers (Child + Soldier)*RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc**

You're a group of rad 90s teens who just got the power to shapeshift into any animal you can touch. As cool as it sounds, you are also the last line of defense against and invading alien species. Your mission: save humanity and stay undetected.

*Jackson Hoemann***Cinema Rex Movie #7 - PG - 2005 - 102 min***movie***Hyatt 5 Lake Superior****Assassins' Guild Boffing Practice***DIY***Hyatt 6 Gymnasium**

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.

*Amanda Jacobsen***Photo Meetup: Marvel***MCU, comic, costuming, photo, superhero***Greenway Stairs**

This is a photo meet-up for all Marvel cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.

Meet and Greet - Chris Kluwe*GoH, signing***Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A*****prices may vary****Chris Kluwe*

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Jules Porter <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B <i>**prices may vary**</i> <i>Jules Porter</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>You Don't Have to be Good <i>art, writing</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Practice makes perfect, but why is perfection the goal? Art is about self-expression and you don't need perfection to be able to speak your truth. Learn how to appreciate where you are in your artistic journey with those who've already walked that road. <i>Erin Wilaby, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Sarah Pierce, Sonni de Soto, Viga (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>CONvergence Taskmaster <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom A panel of comedians compete to complete the strange tasks set forth by a megalomaniacal game show host and their assistant. Who can complete the challenges with the most creativity and panache? Based on the British game show. A panel of comedians compete to complete the strange tasks set forth by a megalomaniacal game show host and their assistant. Who can complete the challenges with the most creativity and panache? Based on the British game show. <i>Duck Washington, Jeremy Stomberg, Lee Harris, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Nick Glover, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Andor Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE <i>Amber Raden, Boris Leonidovich Smelov, Erik Nyberg (mod), Jeff Grapevine, skazka 9000</i></p>

Crafting Characters Readers Care About

GoH, writing

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

12:30pm -
1:30pm

What makes readers love a character? Let's discuss some of our favorite stories and why the characters live on in our minds. Are series characters more likely to stand out?

Barbara Gregorich, C.S.E. Cooney, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Prof Brown, Randee Dawn (mod)

Being a Geeky Professional

business, social

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

12:30pm -
1:30pm

How can you incorporate geeky things into your professional life? How can you decide whether it's safe to share your authentic self with your coworkers?

Alex V Bender (mod), Keith Rose, KitKat, Natalya Rose, Renate Fiora

It's All Jane Austen's Fault

book

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

12:30pm -
1:30pm

The works of Jane Austen have been translated into multiple other contexts--Regency romance, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies*, *Clueless*, and others. How is this still relevant today?

Elizabeth Merritt (mod), Kirsten Hazel Roepke-Larsen, Sarah Barsness, Stephanie Cranford, Tina Connolly

The Meaning Program

music

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

12:30pm -
1:30pm

Two-person alternative acoustic songwriters having fun while using instruments to explore psychology and nonsense through songs.

Logan Hale, Vance Crowley

12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb</p> <p>Legendary is a deck-building game set in the Marvel Comics universe. Select a team of heroes to combat the evil mastermind and defeat their scheme.</p> <p><i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Endangered Orphans (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg</p> <p>A deplorable game devoid of joy, hope, or humor, which regrettably, is also far more awesome than it has any right to be. Players move around the board, playing options to either help their orphan survive, or make their opponent's orphan suffer.</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Dracula 1897 (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bj</p> <p>A new semi cooperative game. Van Helsing, the Harkers, and their friends must work together to foil Dracula's move to London. But has he influenced some to his side?</p> <p><i>David Allison</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Terran Revenge Fleet (3:16 Carnage Amongst the Stars) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca</p> <p>You are a Space Marine sent into the far reaches of space to deliver mankind's revenge on all aliens. An over-the-top game of space marines bringing a fistful of democracy to alien planets. Drop-in/drop-out welcome. 30-second character creation.</p> <p><i>FLipsiDE, Timetwist</i></p>

The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb

Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.

Liam MacDonald

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons (2024 Ed.) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci

Get your Dungeons & Dragons fix at CONvergence! Using the 2024 revision of 5th edition, form an adventuring party to take on an exciting mission mixing roleplay, exploration, and combat! Characters will be 1st level with premade options available.

Charles Roberts

An Hour with T. Aaron Cisco

comedy, current, inclusivity, social

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

Award-winning author, TV producer, and musician T. Aaron Cisco shares excerpts from their latest novel, as well as wild tales from a lifetime of being an awkward, ugly, lonely nerd who made it their mission to bring much-needed squee into the world...

T. Aaron Cisco

Writers Meetup

writing

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

A gathering of people who are either published authors, aspiring authors, or just in it for the pure joy of it. This is a way of networking with others who enjoy writing in any form or level of experience.

Cat Beltran, Justin Edward Grays, Justin Octavian Rose, Milli Gilbert, Stephanie Olson

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Intermediate Corsetry <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Made your first corset or two and now you're hooked? Come learn about different construction methods and how to perfect the fit of your corset!</p> <p><i>Hardly Plastic, Sara Spookystitch (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Riker Beards</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>Riker's iconic beard: a thing of beauty or an unfortunate choice? Find out for yourself as you make your own Riker Beard.</p> <p><i>Christina Gregerson, Jesse Boom</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Space Lounge: Adventuring Party: Just-One-Hour-Rave <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p> <p>Put on your +3 Boots of Dancing and come to our Transdimensional Tavern. DJ Gunn will conjure a midday Space Lounge dance party for all characters and classes to level up. All ages welcome; some songs might have adult language or themes.</p> <p><i>Cole Sarar</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Teaching RPGs to Beginners <i>RPG, beginner, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>The world of role-playing can sometimes be overwhelming for newcomers. How can we teach the genre in a way that's fun instead of confusing? How can a Storyteller adjust the rules to the players' comprehension level?</p> <p><i>Amanda Larsen, Chris J Mortika, John Gary Leppik, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Molly Elizabeth Cornelius</i></p>

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc

You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

Seppy Yoon

Decorum: Passive Agressive Home Decorating (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi

Try to live together in this co-op, home decorating situation where you're unable to express your feelings directly about about how hideous your roommate/partner's lamp is. We'll be running 2 sets of this 2 player co-op.

Stephen Simusa

Learn to Play Pathfinder 2 (Quests 8 and 10)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb

Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 8 Shadows of the Black Sovereign. Quest 10 The Broken Scales.

Jon Amos

Cybersix - Subtitled PG-13 1999

TV, anime

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A super-soldier created by a Nazi's experiments after WWII is trying to live a normal life. By hunting down her creator's latest evil creations, she inadvertently becomes a superhero. A super-soldier created by a Nazi's experiments after WWII is trying to live a normal life. By hunting down her creator's latest evil creations, she inadvertently becomes a superhero.

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Science Fiction <i>costuming, photo</i></p> <p>Greenway Stairs</p> <p>This is a photo meet-up for all Science Fiction cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Briana Lawrence <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A **prices may vary** <i>Briana Lawrence</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Christopher Jones <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B **prices may vary** <i>Christopher Jones</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Charles Urbach <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Tabled</p> <p>Former Guest of Honor Charles Urbach will be signing materials at his Dealers Room stall. The Meet and Greet table will have directions. **prices may vary** <i>Charles Urbach</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Reading as Rebellion <i>book, edu, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>Why do books get banned? Why should you read the stuff people are trying to ban? <i>Crystal Lynn Kelleher (mod), Danith McPherson, Elizabeth Ess, Renee Petersen, nick a jaworski</i></p>

The Physics of Kicking a Football

GoH, STEM

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Dr. Jim Kakalios, physicist, and Chris Kluwe, retired NFL punter, will discuss and demonstrate the physics of kicking (punting) a football. Dr. Jim Kakalios, physicist, and Chris Kluwe, retired NFL punter, will discuss and demonstrate the physics of kicking (punting) a football.

Chris Kluwe, James Kakalios

Villains With Good Publicity

TV, book, comic, movie, social

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

If you want to get away with evil deeds, you have to seem virtuous to outsiders. We discuss our favorite fictional villains who spun their public image to hide their intent, the tactics they used, and how we can learn from them to avoid real propaganda.

Lathan Murrell, Lauren Crabtree, Naomi Kritzer, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)

Avatar: the Last Airbender Universe

TV, animation, book, comic, current, fan

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Are you an Avatar fan? No, not the blue people one--Avatar: the last Airbender. Cartoons, comics, books, and the live action...but not *that live action! Get together with other fans and discuss what you like about the series and hope to see!

Cetius d'Raven (mod), Lisa Marie Deguisseppi, Michael S Shappe, Samuel T. Weston

Royal Manticoran Navy: Who Are They?

LARP, costuming, fan

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

By now, you've probably seen folks in black shirts and berets wandering around the con. Ever wondered who they are, what they do, and what organization they belong to? We'll share what the TRMN is all about and explain how you can participate.

Cate Hesser, Chuck Kelly (mod), John Fairbairn, John Neitz

Inclusive Gaming: Creating Welcoming Spaces

GoH, gaming, inclusivity, social

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

A discussion on how to create inclusive and welcoming gaming environments. Learn about the importance of diversity in games, strategies for fostering inclusivity at your gaming table, and how to address and prevent toxicity in gaming communities.

Grace Holdinghaus, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Katarina R Larsen (mod), Kerry Teckla Peterson, Tanya DePass

Candles Enough

music

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Female filk and parody group focused on positivity and giggling. Now including a harp!

Kayla McGrady, Kelly Reich, Marina Krinsky, Sarah Ravelly

Viticulture with Tuscany Expansion (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd

Let's make wine! In Viticulture you build your vineyard from scratch, from planting vines all the way to tastings and distribution! The myriad varied visitor cards make every game different.

Carl Patten

8th Star (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bf

8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races.

Ryan Backstrom

Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi

Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones.

Stephen Simusa

Fluffy Goes to Heck (D&D 5E) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc

Yes, cute widdle Fluffy has been dognapped, and you must brave the flames of Heck to save her! A 5e D&D game with pre-generated characters.

Lee Stark

Starfinder 2

RPG, beginner, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf

Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! It Came From the Vast.

Jim Radloff

Pathfinder 2 Quest Series 2 (Quest 20)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg

Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 20 The Dacilane Academy's Show Must Go On.

Kyler

Arkham Horror: The Role Playing Game (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch

In the heart of 1920s New England, nestled among the rolling hills of the Miskatonic River Valley lies Arkham, Massachusetts. Eldritch horrors and grim mysteries lurk in the shadows and someone must stand against the monsters and conspiracies.

Philip D Henry

Magic: The Gathering Commander Social

sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a

Come one, come all! You have been waiting a year and Ross is back with more prizes and two MTG: Commander Social games.

Ross Prosser

Patriotic Pulp (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade s

Fourth of July Pulp Matinee Miniatures. 1938. A mysterious fog settles onto the village green as rival forces converge to seek for hidden talismans that may influence America's destiny in the coming war...or just provide an excuse to shoot stuff!

Don Glewwe

Kyle B. Dekker Presents: StoryBoard

art, comedy, history, movie

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

Touring theater professional and storyteller Kyle B. Dekker (He-Man Is The Devil) presents a Choose Your Own Storytelling Show Experience, with a selection of geeky and fun stories he's crafted and told on stages across the Twin Cities and the U.S.

Kyle B Dekker

Sketchbook Swap Jam*art*2:00pm -
3:00pm**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

Bring your sketchbook and get sketches from others at this sketch jam! This welcomes artists of all skill levels!

*Viga***I'll Be Home For Kahless: Hallmark Movie Bingo!***Star Trek, comedy, gaming*2:00pm -
3:00pm**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

A staged reading of the fan favorite Klingon Hallmark movie mash up...now with bingo! Play along as you watch Samantha, a Klingon warrior, visit "A Minnesota" to find what is missing in her two hearts.

*Alison Anderson, Angela Fox, Charles Hubbell, Edwin Strout, Lana Rosario, Laura Thurston, Samuel Poppen, Stefanie Fauth, Tim Uren***Pet Tie Blankets and Toy Swap***DIY*2:00pm -
3:00pm**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

Pets love comfort. Join GPS and Sandbox in making a fleece blanket or toy for your furry friend. We will also have a pet toy swap, so bring your new or gently used toys to trade. Disclaimer: Used pet toys should be sanitized before being given to your pet

*Denise C Brophy, Jaylynn Speidel, Natasha Jo Krentz***What Are Middle Grade Readers Reading?***book, kid, teen*2:00pm -
3:00pm**Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka**

What chapter books are popular among young readers? Let's hear from the real experts--the kids themselves.

Becca Justiniano (mod), Dani Mayville, Gwen McCabe, Mackenzie Fleschner, Rose Grumdahl

Big Trouble in Little Warlington (Kids)*RPG, kid, sched***Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a**

2:00pm - 4:00pm
 New graduates of "Lord Brindle Fiddlesticks Fantastic Academy for Young Adventurers" (Go Butterflies!) must save the town of Warlington! Are these adventurers up to the task? Come join us, young adventurers, and find out!

*Erik R***Cinema Rex Film #8 - Live Riff - PG -1993 - 103 min***comedy, movie***Hyatt 5 Lake Superior**

2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Live Riff featuring Duck Washington, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Jeremy Stomberg

*Duck Washington, Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover***Dungeons and Dragons Clue (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg**

2:30pm - 5:00pm
 In CLUE Dungeons and Dragons, it's up to you to determine WHO has been replaced by a devil in disguise, WHAT weapon was used in the execution, and WHERE in the Forgotten Realms the Infernal box could be hidden. Classic Clue but DandD themed.

*Eric R. Peterson***S-CRY-ed - Dubbed PG-13 2001***TV, anime***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

2:30pm - 4:30pm
 Twenty-two years ago, an earthquake destroyed the Lost Ground. People with psychic abilities adopt the Lost Ground as their home and a special task force of "law-abiding" psychics attempt to bring them under control. Twenty-two years ago, an earthquake destroyed the Lost Ground. People with psychic abilities adopt the Lost Ground as their home and a special task force of "law-abiding" psychics attempt to bring them under control.

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc

You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

Seppy Yoon

Ghost Town, U.S.A. (Monster of the Week) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd

You are monster hunters searching for your next job when you pull over in a tourist trap that prides itself on the strange spectres that come out at night. Do you play along with the townsfolk or spend the night in a town rumored to be plagued by ghosts?

Jackson Hoemann

Costume Wars

costuming

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Teams of two have an hour to build costumes from unconventional materials.

Ashley Haapapuro, CandyCatCosplay, Dewfeathers, Jesse Homa, Kyle Homa, Nexis Fiskewold, Pippin Panic (mod), ThatsNiceDear

Photo Meetup: Gaming

costuming, gaming, photo

Greenway Stairs

This is a photo meet-up for all Gaming cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.

Meet and Greet - Bridget Landry

signing

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

****prices may vary****

Bridget Landry

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What the Filk!?: SFF Theater And Music

GoH, art, music

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Music and theater for the spec fiction geeks! How does one write and collaborate on such a thing? Find out from writers and musicians who have done just that.

C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez, Jeremy Cooney, Mary Crowell, Tina Connolly

PowerPoint Karaoke

comedy, performance

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense! Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense!

Andrea Ropella, Gregory Parks, Lee Harris, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick

Sports Fandom as Fandom

GoH, social

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

People obsessed with sports are just as nerdy as people into video games or RPGs. Research shows that being a fan fills an innate human need to belong. Why isn't that brand of fandom given the same treatment in society?

Chris Kluwe, Erik Nyberg (mod), Janelle Kloth, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Stephanie Cranford

Sailor Moon Retrospective

anime, fan

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

From the original manga to the new Cosmos movies, it's the series that keeps on giving! Which generation of fan are you? Let's take a quick trip through the legendary series that introduced so many of us to anime.

Heather Bufkin

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Textiles in Costuming <i>DIY, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>What do you consider when selecting fabrics for a costume? How has this changed as you've advanced as a costumer? What tips do you have for beginners (e.g. notoriously difficult materials, things that look good on a budget, etc.)?</p> <p><i>Dana Baird, Elizabeth Merritt (mod), Haruka, Jen Schultz, Sara Spookystitch</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Royal Manticoran Navy Award Ceremony <i>LARP, book, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Awards and promotions earned by members of the Grand Alliance will be presented in a formal ceremony, in dress uniform. Preceded by flag parade. All are welcome to attend. TRMN is the official fan organization of the Honorverse book series by David Weber.</p> <p><i>John Neitz</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Birds of a Feather <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Celtic and North American folk music and traditional tunes performed by a two-piece family band.</p> <p><i>Alex Riga, Ren Riga</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Stagecraft <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba</p> <p>Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!</p> <p><i>Nate Metcalf</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Kelvin Hatle <i>comedy, horror, reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 A collection of short solo performance and reading pieces by local actor and playwright Kelvin Hatle. <i>Kelvin Hatle</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Yellowjackets Fan Panel <i>TV, current, horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Heather K Terrell, Jen Rogachevsky</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Do We Really Need that Backstory? <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 There is a current trend of giving antagonists backstories to make them sympathetic. Is this something we need? Does it add or subtract from their character? <i>Barbara Gregorich, Becca Justiniano, Jamie Riedesel, Kate Dane, Lisa Hario (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Space Lounge: BIPOC Meetup <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C Organized by DEI and hosted in Space Lounge, come together for a social event for us, by us. Bring your friends, your business cards, and anything else you might need to connect and collect with your people.</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Out of the Way, Boomers! <i>STEM, kid, social, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Kids and teens discuss how to save the planet. <i>Dani Mayville, Gwen McCabe, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Mackenzie Fleschner, Rose Grumdahl</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Rivers, Roads, and Rails (Kids) <i>kid, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis e Be the first to use all your tiles while building a continuous network of rivers, roads, and rails. <i>Raina Kelly</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Learn to Play PF2 (Quests 7 and 9) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 7 A Curious Claim. Quest 9 Wayfinder Origins. <i>Jon Amos</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #9 - PG-13 - 2001 - 85 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>4:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Descendants of Darkness - Subtitled R 2000 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Even after death, life is full of paperwork and criminals. Dorky shinigami Tsuzuki Asato is in the worst division with horrible pay, but his new partner just might work out. They investigate a serial killer and bump into Tsuzuki's dark past. Even after death, life is full of paperwork and criminals. Dorky shinigami Tsuzuki Asato is in the worst division with horrible pay, but his new partner just might work out. They investigate a serial killer and bump into Tsuzuki's dark past.</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Meet and Greet - C.S.E. Cooney <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A **prices may vary** <i>C.S.E. Cooney</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Carlos Hernandez <i>signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B **prices may vary** <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Tips for Game Masters <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Dream of weaving tales and guiding adventurers through perilous quests? Join our panel of seasoned game masters as they share invaluable tips and tricks for running engaging and memorable campaigns. This panel is your gateway to the art of game mastering. <i>Alex V Bender, Bob Alberti (mod), Eric Zawadzki, Kenneth Joel Justiniano, Margaret Eastman</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Cirque de L'Aventure <i>misc</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Ready to run away to the circus? Escape to MainStage for a cirque-style celebration of fantastic fandoms and creative cosplays as performers dance, climb, spin and astound! Ready to run away to the circus? Escape to MainStage for a cirque-style celebration of fantastic fandoms and creative cosplays as performers dance, climb, spin and astound! <i>Anjela, Dewfeathers, Foxxi Stiletto, Hot Tang, Jayne Aer, Rev Dominic, Sara Su, Sarah Herda, Sasha Rapacz, Shadowcat Sophie, Thayer Slichter</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Sword Myths and Misconceptions <i>history</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Piercing discussion on the the myths and misconceptions behind swords and fencing. Panelists will discuss good and bad examples of historical fencing in media, and what really happens when you can't roll to hit in real life. <i>Erica Fair, Jamie Riedesel, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Kurt Fleschner (mod), Paul Bates</i></p>

Game Grumps Jeopardy*comedy***Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH**

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Bienvenue! Do you think you know the most about our grump and not so grump? Then come on down to the 2nd Annual Game Grumps Jeopardy! This lighthearted game will feature questions for old and new fans alike! Participation is not required!

*Link Christianson, Tabitha Moore***Making Art without Monetary Motivation***art, business, social***Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

5:00pm - 6:00pm

How do we create art that is authentic while navigating the economic pressure of paying our bills? What are the downsides of monetizing our passions? Is there inherent privilege in participating in artistic hobbies without monetary compensation?

*Amber Raden (mod), Christopher J. Daniels, Elizabeth Merritt, Ren Nonnweiler, Sonni de Soto***Stage Plays and Musicals***misc***Hyatt 2 Northstar B**

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Come discuss some of your favorite musicals and stage productions! How has Broadway changed since Hamilton, and what new shows are taking center stage? What local theaters and productions deserve recognition?

*Crystal Lynn Kelleher, Dawn Krosnowski (mod), Haruka, Melissa J Arbuckle, Paige Elisabeth Erickson***Elisabeth Zarnoti***music***Hyatt 2 Regency Room**

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Pop acoustic and musical theater covers. Hear your favorite throwback songs from the 2000s.

Elisabeth Zarnoti

Spirit Island (13+)*board, sched*5:00pm -
8:00pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb**

Come play Spirit Island against a level 5 or 6 Adversary! Win or lose, we'll do our best to rid the island of the colonizers!

*AJ Zozulin***Shootin Ladders Frag Fest (13+)***board, sched*5:00pm -
8:00pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg**

The gingerbread men have left the confines of their sugar-frosted land and let their rage spill over into yet another family favorite board game, where total carnage has its ups and downs.

*Eric R. Peterson***Parathulhuzombinoia (Daggerheart) (13+)***RPG, sched*5:00pm -
9:00pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca**

Stay alert! Trust no one! Keep your elder sign handy! Mother computer sends YOU, an elite troubleshooter, on a mission of utmost importance, to repel the communist threats from beyond space and time. Eat eel-flesh! Guzzle Bubbly Beverage!

*FLipsiDE, Timetwist***The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+)***RPG, sched*5:00pm -
8:00pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb**

Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.

Liam MacDonald

Quiet Year (Buried Without Ceremony) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch

The Quiet Year is a map drawing TTRPG in which you do not play as characters but as societal forces. The map will evolve and change depending on your choices

Diane Perry

Double-Blind Improv

comedy

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

A random-draw short-form improv show where you never know what might happen because neither do we!

Andrea Ropella, Duck Washington, Eric Thompson, James Fairbairn, Molly Glover, Nick Glover

CONvergence Events Open Meeting

con

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors.

Allen Tipper, CJ Mantel, Charmaine Parnell, Courtney Azar, David Bianchi, Eric Knight, Rachel Poleke, Tim Wick, William Verburg-Cunningham

Geeky Cooking: Everything and the Kitchen Sink

book, cooking

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Join panelists for a discussion about geek-themed cookbooks and getting nerdy in the kitchen. Topics covered may include: what makes a good geek cookbook, where to get your hands on them, and how to use geeky interests to make cooking more fun!

Dani Mayville, KN Hamann, KitKat (mod), Renee Petersen, Scott Grandt

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Fantasy Maps</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Who says a map has to show you real directions? Learn how to let your imagination dictate the places to which you travel and draw a map of the fantasy land of your dreams. <i>Nathan Goree</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Royal Manticoran Navy <i>book, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a This is a photo meet-up for all Royal Manticoran Navy cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #10 - PG-13 - 2018 - 140 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
5:30pm - 7:30pm	<p>Swap Meet</p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Decluttering? Moving on from an old favorite? We've got you covered at the official swap meet hosted by Free Geek Twin Cities! No cash sales, no bootlegs, no 18+ material. (Free Geek Twin Cities is a 501(c)3 non-profit tech rescue) <i>Amanda Jacobsen</i></p>
6:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>8th Star (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bf 8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races. <i>Ryan Backstrom</i></p>

Blue Submarine No. 6 - Subtitled PG-13 1998

TV, anime

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A famous scientist has created a new race of ocean people and declared that humanity's reign on earth is over. It is up to Blue Submarine No. 6 and the Blue Fleet to stop his evil plan. A famous scientist has created a new race of ocean people and declared that humanity's reign on earth is over. It is up to Blue Submarine No. 6 and the Blue Fleet to stop his evil plan.

That Didn't Go Well...

costuming

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

A lot of costumers have had the experience of something not working out as planned. Costumers discuss the things that just did not go as planned and what they learned from it.

Dana Baird (mod), Elizabeth Merritt, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Molly Elizabeth Cornelius, Sonni de Soto

**Reverend Matt's Monster Science: They Might Be Halflings -
Reverend Matt's Monster Science: They Might Be Halflings - A
History of Player Character Species**

comedy

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

2022 CONvergence Guest of Honor Reverend Matt returns to the Mainstage with a compact history of non-human adventurers in role-playing games! From the days when "Elf" was a character class (and Gary Gygax was grumpy about it), through to the modern day, where every single character is maybe a pony! Mutant animals! Moody vampires! Various humanoid ducks! At least two whole games where everybody is a dinosaur in outer space! And much, much more! Tons of information about the history of role-playing games, plus so many comedy jokes, and even PowerPoint!

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Matthew Kessen

Judging a Book by Its Cover

comedy

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Teams of "literary experts" compete to describe the plot of a book, judging only from its cover art!

Eric Thompson, Jerry Belich, Lee Harris, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick

7:00pm -
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7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Jojo Pose Off! <i>anime, costuming, fan, tourney</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Can you dip like Dio? Are your knees as strong as Jonathan's...fists? Does your spine bend like Old Man Joseph when he sees a pretty lady? Come and try your best to pose like Jojo characters! Prizes will be awarded! <i>Amaya Park-Goldsmith, Ellie Lockman, Ian Cross, Laine Schierman, Thomas Lockman</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Psychology of Gaming <i>GoH, gaming, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Explore the psychological aspects of gaming, including why we play, how its impacts our emotions and behavior, and its potential benefits and downsides. Delve into topics such as game addiction, games as therapy, and the social dynamics of multiplayer. <i>Allyson Claire Cygan, John Shea, Prof Brown, nick a jaworski (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Klingon Story Hour <i>kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Special thanks to our Klingon translator: Dapper Dinosaur <i>Angela Fox, Charles Hubbell, Gregory Parks</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Bad September <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room A steampunk rock band using their original music to weave tales of love, loss, and technology since 2009. <i>Charles Borchert, Elizabeth Borchert, John Heimbuch, Keith Prusak, Michael Borchert, Rob Prusak</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome! <i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>

Escape From the Twin Cities (Never Stop Blowing Up) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd

The Twin Cities have been transformed into a battleground of mercenaries, crime lords, & dastardly villains. You're 80s action heroes who've been airdropped in with one goal: infiltrate the Cities, save the MN Twins, and get out alive.

Jackson Hoemann

The Apartment (Frictive Architecture)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf

Frictive Architecture is a homebrew TTRPG where places have grown: weird, strange, liminal, filled with the horrors. You and your group have chosen to explore these in-between places. Explore this cursed apartment! Find it's former occupants! Escape!

Mothership - Die Menschenjager (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg

Conduct a safari to the restricted world of Centopath. Keep ultrarich hunters alive while they hunt bioweapons of an extinct alien species. Get them and their trophies back to the base to collect a considerable bounty. Be careful and you're golden.

Fred Wagener

Negocios Infernales with GoH Alumni Carlos Hernandez (13+)

GoH, RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci

What if aliens interrupted the Spanish inquisition? A DM-less, diceless, collab RPG casts players as wizards who contend with alien handlers and their progress toward joining the Cosmic Consciousness. Pre-con characters await in this exciting new RPG!

C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez

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11:00pm

Pathfinder Society Season 4 Special: Blessings of the Forest

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade k

Kyonin's Queen asks the Pathfinders to investigate a demon-obsessed elf noble's plans. In return, the Society can operate in Kyonin. Upon arrival, they find the town under siege by a greater power. Pathfinders must unite to save the town!

Katie Berger, Samantha Korson

Fantasy Barroome Brawle (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade s

JFL saloon fight in the Prancing Peony during the Fourth (boring) Age of Man. Be the last man, woman, or troll standing in a no-holds-barred fight.

Don Glewwe

Would I Lie to You?

GoH, TV, comedy, current

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

Get ready for an evening of outrageous stories, quick wit, and hilarious deception as six of Minnesota's sharpest performers go head-to-head in a live version of Would I Lie to You? Can you spot the truth among the tall tales?

Bob Alberti, Chris Kluwe, Eric Knight, James Fairbairn, Kelvin Hatle, Mike Dee, Nikki Armstrong, Stephanie Hammon

Friends of Bill W

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

All the President's Vampires*history, horror, myth***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

In 1867, a convicted killer received a presidential commutation. Known as the vampire pardon, how did the breathless reporting on a bloodthirsty vampire with friends in the White House come to be? Original research will try to crack this coffin case open!

*Brian Forrest***Catapults!***kid, teen***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

You can't assault your neighbours with large projectiles, but what about pom-poms? Build an assortment of craft stick catapults ranging from a trebuchet to mangonel to a ballista. And create your pom-pom ammo. All ages, under 10 may need assistance.

*Renee Petersen***Space Lounge: Teens Only***misc***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C**

Teen Room hijacks Splounge for a Teens-Only (ages 13-20) cooperative event. Run the sensory bar, DJ, or just have the glowy space for yourselves! Space Lounge never serves alcohol, but during this event, no alcohol will be allowed in the room.

Dos and (Mostly) Don'ts of Board Game Design*DIY, business, gaming***Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka**

Ever have dreams of designing your own board game? That's awesome. So did we. But it's harder than it looks. Come learn from our mistakes and let us help you take your game from a mere idea to a finished product.

Brandy McQueen, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Martin Grider, Nate Metcalf, Philip D Henry

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Halloween / Horror <i>costuming, horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a</p> <p>This is a photo meet-up for all Halloween/Horror cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
7:30pm - 10:30pm	<p>Obsidian Vault (D&D 5e) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc</p> <p>A mansion escape horror game. <i>Cheston Otterness</i></p>
8:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Fate Stay/Night - Dubbed R 2006 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>A boy loses his family in a suspicious fire and learns magic to compete in a tournament for the Holy Grail. His ideals clash with the reality of competing in a deadly battle royale. A boy loses his family in a suspicious fire and learns magic to compete in a tournament for the Holy Grail. His ideals clash with the reality of competing in a deadly battle royale.</p>
8:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #11 - R - 1999 - 97 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Writing Fanfiction <i>GoH, fanfic, mature, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>Discussing the ins and outs of writing fanfiction. **mature content** <i>Allison Dean (mod), Dirk Thomas Ykema, Erica Fair, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Tanya DePass</i></p>

Comedy Through the Chaos: Roll With It

comedy

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

What happens when real life goes full critical fail? You roll with it--laughing all the way. Join Miss Shannan Paul and her special guests as they turn life's chaos into comedy gold with hilarious, heartfelt, and geek-approved tales that celebrate fandom, resilience, and the joy of embracing the unexpected. What happens when real life goes full critical fail? You roll with it--laughing all the way. Join Miss Shannan Paul and her special guests as they turn life's chaos into comedy gold with hilarious, heartfelt, and geek-approved tales that celebrate fandom, resilience, and the joy of embracing the unexpected.

Diane Sieber, Joe Cocozzello, Matt Dooyema, Shannan Paul, Wendy Maybury

Funniest Japanese Commercials

anime, comedy

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Pasta Aliens, grade school Crash Bandicoot, and the long long legend of Segata Sanshiro are just scratching the surface of the funniest commercials from Japan. Come see a curated hour of oddities.

Viga

Voyage to an Ocean World

STEM

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Come hear about the exciting Europa Clipper mission that launched last year. The talk will cover the spacecraft, its instruments, and the fascinating questions it seeks to answer.

Bridget Landry

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Scaring for Fun and Profit*DIY, costuming, horror***Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

Behind the scenes at a haunted house. What's it really like to work as a zombie at a haunted attraction? Share stories, makeup and costuming tips, and our favorite scary phrases.

Beva Steinberg, Carla Hennes (mod), Catherine Hansen, Cherelle-Renee Childs, Todd Murray

Queer in an Ever Changing Climate*inclusivity, social***Hyatt 2 Northstar B**

Do you still feel safe to be "out and proud"? This panel is an opportunity for us to come together to discuss that very issue and find comfort in one another's identities.

Eiryn Katherine, Erin Wilaby, Kiki Joy Latham (mod), Mordecai Mika, Sean Eber

Scott Keever*music***Hyatt 2 Regency Room**

Award-winning fingerstyle guitarist with Celtic, Balkan, and American Roots styles, sometimes all at the same time.

Scott Keever

Stagecraft*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba**

Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!

Nate Metcalf

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome! <i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island. <i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Running Pains <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 A candid narrative of one bookworm's journey from hating running to running while hating it. <i>Elizabeth Ess</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Comics as a Medium <i>GoH, art, comic, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Comics are a unique medium that allow for techniques that don't work elsewhere. What are they? How do comics use them effectively? What types of story work better in comics than anywhere else? <i>Amber Raden, Jules Porter, Lathan Murrell, Madeleine Vasaly, Mark Lundberg (mod)</i></p>

Video Gaming in Cinema: Best and Worst Movie Adaptations

computer, gaming, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Join us for a lively discussion on the highs and lows of video game movies. We'll cover what makes a successful adaptation, analyze some of the best and worst examples, and speculate on upcoming releases.

Henry Avalon Kaldhusdal (mod), Jackson Vanguard, Jason V Hemming, Wes Huntington

Sing-A-Long Karaoke

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

There are those who love to sing karaoke, and those who love to watch karaoke! We have a fun party for you, come to sing, watch OR Sing-A-Long! Come wrap up an amazing evening at CONvergence with some karaoke and friends.

Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer

Space Lounge

misc

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C

Resist the deep space doldrums and join the vibrant resistance in the most transmutational bar known to fully energized beings. Nourish your senses, chill to sonic harmonizations, bathe in our ultra-luminescent atmosphere. Open nightly.

Requiem from the Darkness - Subtitled R 2003

TV, anime

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A struggling author travels Edo-period Japan compiling ghost stories to turn his career around. Deep in the mountains, he accidentally witnesses a murder by paranormal investigators. A struggling author travels Edo-period Japan compiling ghost stories to turn his career around. Deep in the mountains, he accidentally witnesses a murder by paranormal investigators.

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Folk Horror

TV, book, horror, movie, myth, web

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

The documentary "Woodlands Dark and Days Bewitched" hit streaming and ignited renewed interest in folk horror. These stories focus on how outsiders collide with folk religion, paganism, and the dark side of nature. Let's talk about some of our favorites.

Andrea Stephanie Herman, Ann Laabs, Bryon D Stump, Lathan Murrell (mod), skazka 9000

Vilification Tennis

comedy

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Vilification Tennis is a horribly offensive show that isn't appropriate for anyone. Least of all the discerning attendees of CONvergence. However, if you don't mind a bunch of geeks insulting each other, that's exactly what you are going to get! Vilification Tennis is a horribly offensive show that isn't appropriate for anyone. Least of all the discerning attendees of CONvergence. However, if you don't mind a bunch of geeks insulting each other, that's exactly what you are going to get!

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Tipsy Treats: Board Game Edition!!!

comedy, gaming

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Connie and MKII need help! The sisters are competing to design the perfect board game and will need the assistance of six audience members to help (or hinder) their creations. Don't worry! Only Pam and Dawn (sisters) will be involved in the messy process.

Cory Damone Enriquez, Dawn Krosnowski, Pam Germ

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>What We Do in the Shadows Retrospective Fan Panel <i>TV, comedy, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p><i>AJ Pete, Auggi May, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Charlene Holm (mod), Dave Margosian</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Harley Quinn (TV) Fan Panel <i>TV, animation, current, fan, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p><i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Justin Edward Grays, Mark Lundberg, Sarah Moretsky</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Fairy Godmother's Fantastical Fiasco <i>animation, comedy, mature</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Join your favorite Villainess from Far Far Away during a night of inappropriate hijinx and debauchery as she celebrates her win over that hideous ogre Shrek. Party games, prizes, and NO OGRES ALLOWED. **mature content**</p> <p><i>Bailey Workman, Jennifer Golbuff</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>burnunit <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Country-fried trans folk punk that puts weirdo, twangy electronica in a big blender and pushes crush ice.</p> <p><i>Johanna Stark</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi</p> <p>A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!</p> <p><i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>

10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Doctor Magnet Hands (18+) <i>RPG, mature, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca</p> <p>Doctor Magnet Hands is a game where you play superheroes looking to save the world from destruction. Stop the devious Doctor Magnet Hands from firing his rocket-powered radioactive castle on the moon into the White House on CHRISTMAS EVE! **mature content** <i>Tim Patton</i></p>
10:00pm - 2:00am	<p>Come Play Simplicity <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb</p> <p>Come play a system that is a cross between a traditional dice RPG system and a storyteller game. Come play a system that allows you to create any kind of character, play in any kind of world, and develop an organic unique story. Come check it out! <i>Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
10:00pm - 2:00am	<p>Cursed Tomb of Nefertari (D&D 2024) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch</p> <p>Prepare for a classic tomb raid where you'll have to fight undead, avoid traps, and look for treasure.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Alan Moore and the Working Out of Ideospace <i>book, comic, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Alan Moore is known for such graphic novel classics as Watchmen, V For Vendetta, and From Hell, but recently he's focused more on prose works such as Jerusalem and The Great When. Let's gather and listen to the Voice of the Fire! <i>Matthew Kessen, Patrick G Harrigan (mod), Tim Uren</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play, or just listen.</p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #12 - R - 2021 - 97 min <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>10:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Space Lounge: Caly McMorrow <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Live electronic music <i>Caly McMorrow</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Cheesy Good Fun <i>TV, movie</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Some movies and TV series are not cult classics or so bad they're good. Instead, they're a little cheesy and a lot of fun. Streaming services are responsible for creating or resurrecting properties that qualify. Let's talk about our favorites. <i>Jason V Hemming, Katherine Jo Pysick, Kay Ericson (mod), Nathan Michael Anderson, Ren Nonnweiler</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 3:30am</p>	<p>Dance Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom The usual suspect DJs along with a special guest or two will help you keep moving into the wee hours.</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>"Hear Me Out" Cake - CVG Edition <i>art, comedy, inclusivity</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Ok...so...hear us out. Is there better place to share your "unique" crushes than at Convergence? NOPE! Join us for this interactive "adult craft" experience where the stranger the crush the more we want to Hear YOU Out! <i>Christina Gregerson, Cory Damone Enriquez, Dawn Krosnowski</i></p>

<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Sinners (movie) <i>horror, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Ryan Coogler and company gave us a vampire movie that incorporates lore and ties it in with American experiences of "the other", assimilation, and resistance. Let's talk about this ish!</p> <p><i>Charlene Holm, Damarra Atkins, Gregory Parks (mod), Lathan Murrell, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi</p> <p>A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!</p> <p><i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Magnus Protocol Fan Panel <i>current, fan, horror, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p><i>Cetius d'Raven</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Video Games After Dark <i>computer, gaming, mature</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Video games have had adult content since forever, but with online game stores opting to carry more adults-only games, we are in a renaissance of adult content. Join the discussion about the whats, wheres, & WHY?! **mature content**</p> <p><i>Jaymie Delia Wagner, Roger Morse (mod), TheRealGChu</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Space Lounge: Dissociate <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1</p> <p>Live electronic music</p> <p><i>Dissociate</i></p>

Nescaflowne - Parody Dubbed R 2003

anime, comedy, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

A high school track star is transported to another world to defeat the evil Starbach Empire. If you can recognize all of the references in this classic fan parody dub, you've probably seen a mind-boggling amount of anime. A high school track star is transported to another world to defeat the evil Starbach Empire. If you can recognize all of the references in this classic fan parody dub, you've probably seen a mind-boggling amount of anime.

11:30pm -
12:30am

Cinema Rex Movie #13 - R - 2002 - 100 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

11:30pm -
1:30am

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Space Lounge: Solar Object

misc

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1

Live electronic music

Solar Object

12:30am -
1:30am

Masquerade Performer Orientation

costuming

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

8:00am -
9:00am

Medabots - Dubbed PG 1999

TV, anime, kid

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Medabots - intelligent robots - serve at the whims of their human owner. Medafighters use their Medabots to qualify for the World Tournament and fight amongst the elite to gain the title of champion. Medabots - intelligent robots - serve at the whims of their human owner. Medafighters use their Medabots to qualify for the World Tournament and fight amongst the elite to gain the title of champion.

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8:00am - 8:00pm	<p>Kids Gaming <i>gaming, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis</p>
9:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Pathfinder 2e 6-18 <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. 6-18 Symposium on a Fallen God. <i>Jon Amos</i></p>
9:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Starfinder 1 (1-15 Save the Renkrodas) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! 1-15 Save the Renkrodas. <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
9:00am - Noon	<p>Learn to Play Starfinder 1 (Bounties 4 and 5) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! Bounty 4 Cat's Cradle. Bounty 5 Witch's Winter Holiday. <i>Hilary Moon Murphy</i></p>
9:00am - Midnight	<p>Open Board Gaming <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade</p>

Cartoons We Miss

TV, animation, fan

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Hop about the nostalgia train and come gush about your favorite cartoons from the 20th century! What do we prefer about them over modern animated shows?

Bryon D Stump, Elizabeth Merritt, Erik Nyberg, Kiki Joy Latham, Shannan Paul (mod)

Business of Tabletop Game Development

art, business, gaming

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Join Talking Cardboard as they dive into the world of board game design and publishing. Get insights from industry experts as we explore their journeys, challenges, and the creative process behind bringing your favorite games to life.

Adam Rehberg, Cory Peickert, Jeremy Geenen, Liz Davidson, Nick Dotzenrod (mod), Sam Shimota

ADHD/Autism: A Journey of Adult Diagnosis

inclusivity

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Ever wondered if you may have ADHD or be autistic? Come hear from panelists about their experiences getting diagnosed as an adult. Learn how to advocate for yourself, what the process may look like, and what benefits a formal diagnosis may hold.

Alyssa Pon-Franklin, Annie Fleschner, Auggi May, Damian Boldizs (mod), Renate Fiora

U of M Raptor Center

GPS, STEM

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

GPS is once again bringing in the U of M Raptor Center demonstration with live birds of prey, a perennial favorite. This year there will be an hour-long meet and greet booth immediately following the 9:30am panel.

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9:30am - Noon

<p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb</p> <p>Legendary is a deck-building game set in the Marvel Comics universe. Select a team of heroes to combat the evil mastermind and defeat their scheme.</p> <p><i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Dominion: Rising Sun (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd</p> <p>Dominion is back with the latest expansion, Rising Sun! Featuring Shadow cards and Prophecies, along with more Events and Debt cards!</p> <p><i>Carl Patten</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Exploding Kittens with Expansions (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bg</p> <p>Exploding Kittens is a kitty-powered version of Russian Roulette. Players take turns drawing cards until someone draws an exploding kitten and loses the game.</p> <p><i>Eric R. Peterson</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb</p> <p>Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.</p> <p><i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Managing Financial Expectations as an Artist <i>art, business</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Deciding whether you can make a business from your art is a difficult process. How do you figure out what will pay your bills? How do you balance time for art with a need for a regular job? <i>Amber Raden (mod), Charles Urbach, Janelle Kloth, John Heimbuch</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Digimon Adventure 02 - Dubbed PG 2000 <i>TV, anime, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>Several years after the original DigiDestined saved their own and the Digital World, Digimon are living in fear of the mysterious Digimon Emperor, who is somehow suppressing their ability to Digivolve! Several years after the original DigiDestined saved their own and the Digital World, Digimon are living in fear of the mysterious Digimon Emperor, who is somehow suppressing their ability to Digivolve!</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Rivers, Roads, and Rails (Kids) <i>kid, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis e</p> <p>Be the first to use all your tiles while building a continuous network of rivers, roads, and rails. <i>Raina Kelly</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Move It Like Water <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Pool</p> <p>A 45-minute, low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+ <i>Christina Neitz</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table <i>Hours</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway J</p>

<p>10:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Sagrada (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi Roll dice and try to complete your stained glass window in this drafting, sudoku classic. Fun for the puzzle lover and gamer alike. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00am</p>	<p>Video Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Kartoon Kaiju (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade q Just-for-laughs Giant Monsters (Reptar, Oreo Cookie, Tomato, etc...) stomp and battle among the cardboard towers of Singer City.</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Beer & Pretzels Space Marines (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade r Simple, solo (or co-op) shoot-em-up miniatures: A squad of grunts (modeled on the USCM in "Aliens") against galactic nasties. Games take about 2 hours (depending on how well/poorly you play!)</p>
<p>10:00am - Midnight</p>	<p>Witches' Quarrel</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade w Fast 2-player Legacy game of best friends learning magic by dueling. A deckbuilder with character driven narrative. Try it before the Kickstarter ends on the last day of CVG! <i>Shanti Pothapragada</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Cosplay Repair Station</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.</p>

Sandbox Lab

10:00am -
10:00pm

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb

The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

CVG Teen Room

10:00am -
10:00pm

Hours, teen

Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji

Cinema Rex Movie #14 - PG - 2024 - 109 min

10:00am -
Noon

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Birding with Nerds

11:00am -
Noon

GoH

Greenway Stairs

Come join GoH Prof Brown, Duck Washington, and other avid birders for a walk down Loring Green and into Loring Park to look at birds! Bring Your Own Binoculars and get ready to geek out on birds. ****canceled if raining****

Duck Washington, Prof Brown

Meet and Greet - T. Aaron Cisco

11:00am -
Noon

signing

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

****prices may vary****

T. Aaron Cisco

Meet and Greet - Christopher Jones

11:00am -
1:30pm

signing

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

****prices may vary****

Christopher Jones

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Guilty Pleasure Television <i>TV</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE It's objectively terrible, but it's fun! What shows do you know are awful but watch anyway? <i>Kiki Joy Latham, Laura Okagaki (mod), Randee Dawn, Ren Nonnweiler</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>World Building and Mythmaking <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Join two-time World Fantasy and Rhysling Award-winning author C.S.E. Cooney in a bazaar of tips, tool, and methods to build the world and myths of your very own story in any medium. <i>C.S.E. Cooney, Kyle B Dekker (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Religious Trauma in Gaming <i>GoH, RPG, gaming, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I What do video games have to say about religious trauma? How can tabletop Game Masters navigate this issue with sensitivity in their campaigns? Is gaming a good tool for recovering from religious trauma? <i>Abigail Sloane Silver (mod), Amanda Larsen, Damian Boldizs, Jules Porter, Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Ravenscroft Musicke Guild <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Nerdy acoustic chamber orchestra performing video game and film soundtrack music. <i>Chris J Mortika, Eve Zabronsky, Kathleen O'Laughlin, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Megan F, Rebecca Durst, Rin Kilde</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Lorcana Learn to Play <i>beginner, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba Learn to play Lorcana, an introduction to the game for any and all players. <i>Brandon</i></p>

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb**

11:00am - 1:00pm You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

*Seppy Yoon***Tales from the Red Dragon Inn (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc**

11:00am - 1:00pm It's time to sharpen your weapons as we delve into dangerous dungeons battling dastardly foes! This is a 1-4 player cooperative dungeon crawler board game set in the universe of the highly successful Red Dragon Inn (2007) by Slugfest Games.

*Carl Patten, Charles Roberts***Spirit Island (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Be**

11:00am - 2:00pm Come play Spirit Island against a level 5 or 6 Adversary! Win or lose, we'll do our best to rid the island of the colonizers!

*AJ Zozulin***Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi**

11:00am - Noon Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones.

Stephen Simusa

11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Quiet Year (Buried Without Ceremony) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc The Quiet Year is a map drawing TTRPG in which you do not play as characters but as societal forces. The map will evolve and change depending on your choices <i>Diane Perry</i></p>
11:00am - 3:00pm	<p>Negocios Infernales with GoH Alumni Carlos Hernandez (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci What if aliens interrupted the Spanish inquisition? A DM-less, diceless, collab RPG casts players as wizards who contend with alien handlers and their progress toward joining the Cosmic Consciousness. Pre-con characters await in this exciting new RPG! <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
11:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Magic: The Gathering <i>sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a All ages welcome. Some knowledge of the game is required. Commander, social, no prizes. <i>Rocking Elves LLC</i></p>
11:00am - 10:00pm	<p>Dice Tower</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade v A PVP board game that takes elements of RPGs and card games and mashes them with dice. It?s like PvP Yahtzee. <i>Apple</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Exit Velocity by Barbara Gregorich <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Author Barbara Gregorich will read from Exit Velocity, in which working class hero Rowan Pickett fights for her job and her life. She gets help from friends and from an unexpected source--a parrot from another planet, sent to Earth on a mission. <i>Barbara Gregorich</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>CONvergence 101 <i>con</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 This is a big, busy convention and we can offer suggestions on how to enjoy it without wiping out. <i>Brian Etchieson, Heather L Heim, Maya Sutton, Rachel Poleke, Rhea Wessendorf (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Passive-Aggressive vs. Aggressive-Aggressive <i>GoH, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Anger is a natural human emotion, though one that requires more control in expressing positively than many. How does one keep from being toxic while still allowing a healthy expression of their anger? In what ways is anger a good? <i>Charlene Holm (mod), Elizabeth Ess, Jamie Riedesel, Kelly Murphy, Tanya DePass</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Bookbinding Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Is making a book harder than writing one? Let's find out! Learn to make a physical book from scratch the old fashioned way. <i>Aric Stewart</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>How to Introduce Gaming <i>gaming, kid, social, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Want to introduce kids or non-gaming friends to the world of tabletop games? Join our panelists as they share tips and strategies for making gaming accessible and enjoyable for players of all ages and skill levels. <i>Erik Nyberg, Grace Holdinghaus, Kierin McKay, Mackenzie Fleschner, Raina Kelly (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Photography Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Photo Meetup: Kids Cartoons <i>animation, costuming, kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a</p> <p>This is a photo meet-up for all kids cartoons cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
<p>11:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Harisen Daiko Holodeck Preview</p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium</p> <p>A short taiko tasting for fans of the acoustic mayhem that is Harisen Daiko. Can't wait for the Sunday Mainstage show? Need more taiko in your weekend? We've got you.</p> <p><i>Holly Johnson</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Shaman King - Dubbed PG-13 2001 <i>TV, anime, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>The Shaman Fight is held every five hundred years, and the winner can shape the world to make their dream a reality. High schooler Yoh Asakura would rather chill with ghosts and live an easy life. The Shaman Fight is held every five hundred years, and the winner can shape the world to make their dream a reality. High schooler Yoh Asakura would rather chill with ghosts and live an easy life.</p>
<p>Noon - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Kites! Keep them Flying (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi</p> <p>Can you keep all the kites flying before the sand runs out across multiple timers? Come join us for this real time, co-op treat which is fun for everyone.</p> <p><i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>

Gifted Youngsters (MASKS)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd

As a teenager at the Stratus Academy, not only are you fighting emotions, expectations, & relationships, but also supervillains, aliens, & robots. Will you be able to find your place in the world & handle the new supervillain attacking the school?

Jackson Hoemann

Cinema Rex Movie #15 - NR - 1932 - 63 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Photo Meetup: DC

comic, costuming, photo, superhero

Greenway Stairs

This is a photo meet-up for all DC cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.

Meet and Greet - Shannan Paul

signing

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

****prices may vary****

Shannan Paul

Being in the Resistance

DIY, social

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

How do science fiction and fantasy inform our understanding of how to be in the resistance?

Jaymie Delia Wagner, Katarina R Larsen (mod), Kerry Teckla Peterson, Lathan Murrell, Renate Fiora

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Knights of Sportsball <i>GoH, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Geeks and nerds are far more common in the memberships of sports industries than you've heard. Hear some first hand reports from the trenches. <i>Chris Kluwe, Peter Maxwell Avirom, Ryan Kaiser (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Basic Klingon Phrases <i>Star Trek</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Ever wanted to learn Klingon? Our panelists will teach you a few basic phrases and discuss the history of the language. <i>Dawn Krosnowski (mod), Lana Rosario, Laura Thurston</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Ready Player CON(spiracy) <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Your favorite improvisors are back with more COMPLETELY TRUE and DEFINITELY REAL conspiracies! We've been telling you The Truth for over a decade and we're not stopping any time soon. Bring your questions about the world and we'll answer every single one. <i>Jerry Belich, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Countersong <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Original songs and stories from D&D-style bards. Come see them and sing along! <i>Ben Flood, Ben White, Laura Arvidson, Meredith McLinn</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Stagecraft <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town! <i>Nate Metcalf</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>	<p>Ticket to Ride <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bf Race across America building routes and completing your Tickets to Ride <i>Kay King</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dracula 1897 (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bj A new semi cooperative game. Van Helsing, the Harkers, and their friends must work together to foil Dracula's move to London. But has he influenced some to his side? <i>David Allison</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Terran Revenge Fleet (3:16 Carnage Amongst the Stars) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca You are a Space Marine sent into the far reaches of space to deliver mankind's revenge on all aliens. An over-the-top game of space marines bringing a fistful of democracy to alien planets. Drop-in/drop-out welcome. 30-second character creation. <i>FLipsiDE, Timetwist</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island. <i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder 2 Shards of the Glass Planet <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! <i>Jim Radloff</i></p>

12:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Fluffy Goes to Heck (D&D 5E) (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch Yes, cute widdle Fluffy has been dognapped, and you must brave the flames of Heck to save her! A 5e D&D game with pre-generated characters <i>Lee Stark</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Reading with C.S.E. Cooney <i>GoH, reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Join two-time World Fantasy and Rhysling Award-winning author C.S.E. Cooney reads from her prose and poems. <i>C.S.E. Cooney</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Geek Partnership Society and Our Community <i>GPS</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 The local nonprofit GPS exists to support our local fan community. Find out how they can connect you to your fandoms and grow partnerships. Learn about their events and activities. <i>Ann Roubik, Jo Ackerman, Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Wargaming Outside Wargames <i>gaming, history</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Hobby wargaming has existed since the 19th century, but recently many of their design ideas have been repurposed to model non-military subjects in games such as John Company, Root, Cross-Bronx Expressway, and others. How, why, and by whom? <i>Patrick G Harrigan (mod), Tim Uren</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Kids in the Kitchen <i>cooking, kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka What do kids like to cook? What are the epic fails? When should kids start cooking? <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Dani Mayville, Mackenzie Fleschner, Rose Grumdahl</i></p>

Assassins' Guild Boofing Tournament*DIY***Hyatt 6 Gymnasium**12:30pm -
3:30pm

Welcome to the 144th Assassin's Guild Boofing Tournament! We are back post-COVID! Compete against your fellow congoers by hitting each other with foam padded weapons! Trophies will be awarded to the top combatants!

*David Bianchi***Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb**1:00pm -
3:00pm

You are the Agents of the T.I.A.R.A. - Temporal Intergalactic Armed Response Agency! Move, Shoot and Engage with classic space problems in this co-op, crisis management extravaganza. (Medium Weight! Beginners welcome.)

*Seppy Yoon***Decorum: Passive Aggressive Home Decorating (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi**1:00pm -
2:00pm

Try to live together in this co-op, home decorating situation where you're unable to express your feelings directly about about how hideous your roommate/partner's lamp is. We'll be running 2 sets of this 2 player co-op.

*Stephen Simusa***Simplicity for Younger Players (Kids)***RPG, kid, sched***Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis d**1:00pm -
3:00pm

Simplicity is a fun d10 roleplaying game that kids 8 and up can learn to play.

*Kenneth Joel Justiniano***Cinema Rex Movie #16 - PG - 1995 - 104 min***movie***Hyatt 5 Lake Superior**1:00pm -
3:00pm

1:30pm - 4:00pm	<p>Space Lounge: Classic Video Game Tournament <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p> <p>This elimination-style competition on a 2-player glass table-top arcade machine featuring games ranging from the classic to the bizarre. (Space Limited)(1:30pm signup, 2:00pm start).</p>
1:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Inuyasha: The Final Act - Subtitled PG-13 2009 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>After the original 167-episode series, this anime wraps up the final 20 manga volumes in 26 episodes. Feuds are settled, sacrifices are made, the Shikon jewel is completed, and the final battle between light and darkness is fought. After the original 167-episode series, this anime wraps up the final 20 manga volumes in 26 episodes. Feuds are settled, sacrifices are made, the Shikon jewel is completed, and the final battle between light and darkness is fought.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Wicked <i>book, costuming, movie, photo</i></p> <p>Greenway Stairs</p> <p>This is a photo meet-up for all Wicked cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Chris Kluwe <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A</p> <p>**prices may vary**</p> <p><i>Chris Kluwe</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Matthew Kessen <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B</p> <p>**prices may vary**</p> <p><i>Matthew Kessen</i></p>

Meet and Greet - Charles Urbach

signing

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Tabled

Former Guest of Honor Charles Urbach will be signing materials at his Dealers Room stall. The Meet and Greet table will have directions. ****prices may vary****

Charles Urbach

Geeks Without God Live at CONvergence 2025

comedy, podcast

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Your favorite godless geeks are back again, celebrating their 13th anniversary at the place where it all started. Tim, Nick, and Molly will record two episodes live with an audience! Come sit with like-minded folks for geeky atheist nonsense.

Dave Rand-McKay, Lee Harris, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick

Realities of Self-Publishing

DIY, GoH, business, writing

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

The world of self-publishing can be misleading. This will be a discussion about the realities versus the expectations of that process, all the pitfalls to avoid, and all the benefits to be gained.

Barbara Gregorich, Becca Justiniano, Madeleine Vasaly, Prof Brown (mod), Stephanie Olson

Helping Youth Find Gender Expression

inclusivity, kid, social, teen

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

With the broadening of gender expression and the wider acceptance of exploration on that spectrum comes the need for resources and community, especially for younger people. What's out there? How do you find it?

Annie Fleschner, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Kay Ericson, Mackenzie Fleschner (mod), Sarah Pierce

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Dragon Age: The VeilGuard

GoH, computer, gaming

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

After 10 years, Bioware finally gave us a sequel to Dragon Age: Inquisition. How well did they do? What lingering questions do you still have?

Brittany Ann Kerschner (mod), Caitlin Jean Sauve, Janna Seliger, Tanya DePass, Theo Quinlivan

Briar

music

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Flute- and guitar-driven folk noir from a duo performing together for over 20 years with a moody flair.

Anita Kelling, Jay William Koelsch

Zombicide! Second Edition (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd

We'll be playing Zombicide Second Edition with one or more expansions depending on experience level! Help save the last of humanity from the zombie threat!

Carl Patten

Roll Player (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Be

You will compete to create the greatest fantasy adventurer. Roll and draft dice to build up your attributes. Purchase weapons and armor to outfit your hero. Train to gain skills and discover your hero's traits to prepare them for their journey.

Eric R. Peterson

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Learn to Play Pathfinder 2 (Quests 11 and 13) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 11-A Parchment Tree. Quest 13-Falcon's Descent. <i>Jon Amos</i></p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Crows and Cows (D&D5e)(13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc In the small hamlet of Water Rush, farmers have lost all their livestock overnight. Cows, chickens, and pigs have all gone missing. Figure out what's caused this blight on breakfast so the villagers can sleep easy knowing their cattle are cared for. <i>Collin Catton</i></p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Learn to Play Starfinder 1e (Bounties 3 and 7) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Jet across the Galaxy with the Starfinder Society in a game universe that mixes spells, lasers and a plethora of awesome alien cultures! Bounty 3 A Green Place. Bounty 7 Voyage on the River Between. <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Magic: The Gathering Commander Social <i>sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a Come one, come all! You have been waiting a year and Ross is back with more prizes and two MTG: Commander Social games. <i>Ross Prosser</i></p>

Gargoyles! (13+)*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade s**

2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Become a character in a cheesy horror matinee. Bring your best 'pesky kid' vibe as you try to save a small town from an infestation from Hell. Popcorn and candy is optional, but seriousness has no place at the table.

*Don Glewwe***Charlie Bethel's The Odyssey, Book 1: The Journey***classic, myth***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1**

2:00pm - 3:00pm
 John Heimbuch performs part one of Charlie Bethel's adaptation of The Odyssey. John has been performing Charlie Bethel's Beowulf and Gilgamesh around the country since 2019. This is his first public reading of The Odyssey.

*John Heimbuch***Crafting Circle***DIY, art***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

2:00pm - 4:30pm
 Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.

501st Legion, Rebel Legion, Mando Mercs: Info and How to Join*Star Wars, costuming, social***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

2:00pm - 3:00pm
 The 501st Legion+Rebel Legion+Mando Mercs are international non-profit charity groups who make and wear screen-accurate Star Wars costumes to bring joy and raise money for those in need. Want to learn more? Have a question? You've come to the right place.

Jill McTavish, Kayla Beckemeyer

May the Votes Be With Us: Leading with Culture

inclusivity, social

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Diverse geeks in elected office? Yes, please! Join elected nerds--from mayor to school board--as they share how fandom and culture shape their leadership. From Raya to Wonder Woman, we lead with imagination. Q&A included. The future is ours to create!

Amáda Márquez Simula (mod), Heidi Garrido, Laurel Deneen, Michelle Pettway

Big Trouble in Little Warlington (Kids)

RPG, kid, sched

Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis b

New graduates of "Lord Brindle Fiddlesticks Fantastic Academy for Young Adventurers" (Go Butterflies!) must save the town of Warlington! Are these adventurers up to the task? Come join us, young adventurers, and find out!

Erik R

Mouse Guard (Kids)

RPG, kid, sched

Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis c

Enter a fantasy adventure world of cloaked, sword wielding mice who protect the common mouse against the threats of predator, weather, & wilderness.

Jordan Peacock

Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power (13+)

board, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb

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8th Star (13+)*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc**

8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races.

*Ryan Backstrom***Escape from the Twin Cities (Never Stop Blowing Up) (13+)***RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd**

The Twin Cities have been transformed into a battleground of mercenaries, crime lords, & dastardly villains. You're 80s action heroes who've been airdropped in with one goal: infiltrate the Cities, save the MN Twins, and get out alive.

*Jackson Hoemann***Ultimate Muscle - Dubbed PG-13 2002***TV, anime***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

The spoiled son of superhero wrestler King Muscle must take on his father's old enemies and their Demon Manufacturing Plant. The Hercules Factory begins training a new generation of superheroes. The spoiled son of superhero wrestler King Muscle must take on his father's old enemies and their Demon Manufacturing Plant. The Hercules Factory begins training a new generation of superheroes.

Cinema Rex Movie #17 - PG-13 - 2010 - 112 min*movie***Hyatt 5 Lake Superior**

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Photo Meetup: Star Wars <i>Star Wars, costuming, photo</i></p> <p>Greenway Stairs This is a photo meet-up for all Star Wars cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Meet and Greet - Victor Raymond <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A **prices may vary** <i>Victor Jason Raymond</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Meet and Greet - Colette Feehan <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B **prices may vary** <i>Colette Feehan</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Physics of Superheroes: Hollywood Edition <i>STEM, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Former Guest of Honor Dr. James Kakalios gives a talk based on his upcoming book, <i>The Physics of Superheroes: Hollywood Edition: An All-New Exploration of the Multiverse, the Quantum Realm, and Everything In-Between.</i> <i>James Kakalios</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Bad Representation or No Representation? <i>GoH, TV, book, comic, inclusivity, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Creators (esp. film) have a checkered past in portraying marginalized groups accurately, never mind respectfully. But is it better than no representation at all? How can we improve this situation? <i>Assad Khaishgi, Dirk Thomas Ykema, Jules Porter, Laura Okagaki, Shannan Paul (mod)</i></p>

Year in New Trek*Star Trek, TV, current***Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

Several series are running concurrently. Engage in a discussion about Lower Decks, Prodigy, Strange New Worlds, Section 31, and Starfleet Academy.

Brittany Ann Kerschner, Jim McMahon, Justin Edward Grays, Kirsten Hazel Roepke-Larsen (mod), Wes Huntington

Art: Impossible*art***Hyatt 2 Northstar B**

Watch as talented artists are given impossible challenges! Could you create a CONvergence-themed amusement park in thirty minutes? How about designing a new Doctor Who costume in five minutes? These artists create the impossible!

Christopher Jones, Danielle Pebbles, Jerry Belich, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowlsby

Filk and SFF Musical Theater Concert with C.S.E. Cooney*GoH, music***Hyatt 2 Regency Room**

A selection of SFF music from the filk musical BALLADS FROM A DISTANT STAR and other music by C.S.E. Cooney's musician alter ego, Brimstone Rhine

C.S.E. Cooney

Stagecraft*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba**

Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!

Nate Metcalf

Tales from the Red Dragon Inn (13+)*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bf**

It's time to sharpen your weapons as we delve into dangerous dungeons battling dastardly foes! This is a 1-4 player cooperative dungeon crawler board game set in the universe of the highly successful Red Dragon Inn (2007) by Slugfest Games.

*Charles Roberts***Rust Wings: Wrench & Propeller***RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb**

In Rust Wings, you'll take the role of a member of Rust Wing crew-- misfit teenagers who build and pilot their own planes from the scrap around them. Rust Wings crews explore ancient robot-filled ruins of a failed corporation.

*Watt***Charlie Bethel's The Odyssey, Book 2: The Homecoming***classic, myth***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1**

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*John Heimbuch***Series vs. Stand-Alones***book***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

Some sci-fi readers revel in reading series and don't really care for stand-alones. Others are the opposite. What attracts readers to series and what to stand-alones? What are the strengths and weaknesses of each?

Barbara Gregorich, Dani Mayville, Kate Dane, Milli Gilbert, Randee Dawn (mod)

Crafting Smorgasbord*GoH, kid, teen***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

Chris Kluwe's career includes a little bit of everything, so who better to help us do a smorgasbord of crafts? Come join us in doing a variety of crafts, and try a little bit of everything yourself! Suitable for all ages

*Chris Kluwe, Dierdre Schultz***Depictions of Kids in Media***kid, teen***Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka**

What portrayals of kids in media do kids like and find realistic?

*Kierin McKay, Mackenzie Fleschner, Peter Larsen (mod), Shaun L Larsen***Outfoxed! (Kids)***kid, sched***Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a**

A cooperative whodunit game where players gather clues to figure out who stole Mrs. Plumpert's prized pot pie. (Ages 5+)

*Raina Kelly***Meet and Greet - Jules Porter***GoH, signing***Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A******prices may vary*****Jules Porter***Meet and Greet - James Kakalios***signing***Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B******prices may vary*****James Kakalios*

Mystery Soda Panel

comedy

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Watch several victims, um VOLUNTEERS, try sodas of mysterious origins. Will they suffer? Can they choke it down? Might they even like it?! Find out! Our misery loves your company. *Pointing while laughing optional.

Dan Schmidt, FLipsiDE, Geoffrey Benson, Kelly Murphy (mod), Michael Benson, Nick Amos, Steve Sylvestre, Viga

Swiss Army Writer: The Art of Multi-Diciplinary Writing

GoH, writing

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Stories are written across many mediums: novels, poems, plays, lyrics, and so much more. In what ways are these processes the same and what are the key ways they are different?

C.S.E. Cooney, Kyle B Dekker (mod)

Year In Horror

TV, book, horror, movie, podcast

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Join us to discuss the highlights of horror media that has come out since CVG2024.

Ann Laabs (mod), Charlene Holm, Jason V Hemming, Molly Glover, Stephanie Olson

Dr. Mary Crowell

music

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Geeky jazz piano and songwriter with music on gaming and mythology. Be regaled with songs of radium girls, devils, and dice.

Mary Crowell

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The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb

Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.

Liam MacDonald

Paranoia

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ci

The dystopian comedy RPG returns! In a world ruled by a mad computer, you must overcome obstacles, including your treasonous teammates, to earn the favor of Alpha Complex. Fun is mandatory. Backstabbing is encouraged. Rules knowledge is treasonous.

Sylvia Holsen

Questionable Choices

comedy

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

Do you like comedy? Do you want to see what happens when we add mousetraps, blindfolds, and lots of other Questionable Choices?

Duck Washington, Eric Thompson, James Fairbairn, Mike Dee, Stephanie Hammon

Poetry Slam Sign-Up

misc

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1

Enter a lottery to perform two three-minute poems as part of the 2025 CONvergence Poetry Slam!

Susanne Becker

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8:00pm

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9:00pm

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6:00pm

5:00pm -
7:00pm

Writers Meetup*writing***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

A gathering of people who are either published authors, aspiring authors, or just in it for the pure joy of it. This is a way of networking with others who enjoy writing in any form or level of experience.

Amber Raden, Eric Zawadzki, Katherine Jo Pysick, Samuel T. Weston, T. Aaron Cisco

Level Up: Legal Considerations in Games*RPG, business, edu, gaming***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

OGL? ORC? IP? IC? Whether you're a game dev, streamer, contractor, or dreamer, this session will equip you with the knowledge to protect your creative work, navigate contracts with confidence, and avoid legal pitfalls in the gaming industry.

Lindsay Lundeen

Needlefelting**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B**

STABBY, Stabby Stabby! Come learn the art of needlefelting. You will be making a coaster to take home. Ages 10 and up

Charlotte Haas

Cromartie High School - Dubbed PG-13 2003*TV, anime, comedy***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

An honor student enrolls at Cromartie High School, notorious for its tough delinquents. The delinquents are a ragtag collection of references and homages including a robot, a gorilla, and a kid who strongly resembles Freddie Mercury. An honor student enrolls at Cromartie High School, notorious for its tough delinquents. The delinquents are a ragtag collection of references and homages including a robot, a gorilla, and a kid who strongly resembles Freddie Mercury.

Youth Speak

kid, social, teen

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Our panel of youth and teen experts will help bring you up to speed with the latest slang so that you might have a chance of understanding it.

Becca Justiniano (mod), John Kline, Katarina R Larsen, Kit Holmboe, Mackenzie Fleschner

Photo Meetup: Ghostbusters

costuming, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a

This is a photo meet-up for all Ghostbusters cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.

Cinema Rex Movie #18 - PG-13 - 2012 - 144 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Get Measured for a Chest Binder!

DIY, costuming, theme

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Safe binding requires a good fit. Stop by for a quick measurement in a private pop up pod and leave with your 2025 gc2b brand size. Sorry, no actual binders to try on. Will have a waitlist app to streamline the wait! Hosted by Sartorial PT and Wellness.

Ashley Haapapuro

Masquerade

costuming

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

House opens

Space Lounge: Cole Sarar's Sci-Fi Reading Hour

misc

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C

New science fiction from Cole Sarar and John Heimbuch, underscored with futurist soundscapes by Caly McMorrow. Hear futures you never imagined, be transported to places you've never been, see yourself and your world in new ways, and be transformed.
Caly McMorrow, Cole Sarar, John Heimbuch

Masquerade

costuming

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Performance

Obsidian Vault (D&D 5e) (18+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca

A mansion escape horror game.
Cheston Otterness

Darktide over Frey Epic Adventure (D&D 5e) (13+)

RPG, sched

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade k

Normalcy in the coastal city of Frey is shattered when the sun is suddenly blotted from the sky and the ocean forms a wall hundreds of feet tall as dark shapes move behind the aquatic curtain. Cooperation is the only way to turn aside the menace.
Jackson Hoemann

Saturday Crafting Social Hour

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Bring a craft and come hang out with friends in the Holodeck! During our Crafting Social Hours, the Holodeck will be an open space to meet up and craft! We have plenty of tables and chairs! BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT (ex: Crochet, knitting, Drawing, etc.)
Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Parasocial Relationships <i>GoH, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>Parasocial relationships (one-way relationships where fans feel they "know" a content creator, media personality or influencer) have always existed. With social media, they take unfortunate, sometimes perilous twists. Let's discuss navigating them.</p> <p><i>Chris Kluwe, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Naomi Kritzer, Tanya DePass (mod), Taru Hunter</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Mega Panel <i>comedy, misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the masquerade, this is the panel for you!</p> <p><i>Jeremy Stomberg, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Agatha All Along Fan Panel <i>MCU, TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p><i>Cetius d'Raven, Charlene Holm, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Noel Thingvall (mod), Renate Fiora</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>MOONZOUT featuring Justin Case, Kareem Oda Qrop, Toxoplasmosis, Eric Karn, Daksh <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Acid-jazz metal prog-rock featuring new original music inspired by friendship, philosophy, and jamming.</p> <p><i>Eric Karn, Jeff Henry, Kareem Abdelrahman, Lauren Moll, Nick Henry</i></p>

Stagecraft*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba**

Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!

*Nate Metcalf***8th Star (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc**

8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races.

*Ryan Backstrom***Cats and Caverns***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi**

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

*Rowan Fischer-Hoeft***Quiet Year (Buried Without Ceremony) (13+)***RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc**

The Quiet Year is a map drawing TTRPG in which you do not play as characters but as societal forces. The map will evolve and change depending on your choices

Diane Perry

7:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Star-room Brawl (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade s Characters from Movies and TV duke it out in this sci-fi saloon fight. A sense of humor a must - or at least a lack of seriousness. After all: Who can fairly adjudicate a fight between Darth Vader and Gort? <i>Don Glewwe</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Improv Storytelling Games <i>GoH, RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Whether you're writing a story, running a TTRPG campaign, building a game or just wanting to have fun, improv games can help boost your storytelling chops. Let's play some together and come up with some great stories! <i>Prof Brown</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Convergence Crop Art</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Are you a fan of crop art at the Minnesota State Fair? Does pixel art hold a special place in your heart? Learn how to turn a pile of beans into art. <i>Kaz Healy</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>Thus Spoke Kishibe Rohan - Subtitled R 2017 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A series of one-shots based on the manga series JoJo's Bizarre Adventure, this follows the bizarre adventures that Rohan Kishibe goes through as he searches for inspiration for his manga. A series of one-shots based on the manga series JoJo's Bizarre Adventure, this follows the bizarre adventures that Rohan Kishibe goes through as he searches for inspiration for his manga.</p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Anime <i>anime, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a</p> <p>This is a photo meet-up for all Anime cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
7:30pm - 9:00pm	<p>The CONvergence Poetry Slam <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1</p> <p>Vogon poetry. Bilbo's Walking Song. Nevermore. The CONvergence Poetry Slam is here to celebrate words and nerds in an exciting competitive format! Show up, sign up, and if the lottery gods are kind, you may be drawn to read two three-minute poems.</p> <p><i>Cole Sarar</i></p>
7:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #19 - R - 2023 - 118 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Truck-Kun's Greatest Hits! <i>anime, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>Beep, here's comes the isekai truck! Why is the trope of getting hit by a truck in so much anime, and how many times this happened?</p> <p><i>Viga</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Perimenopause and Menopause <i>inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Oh heavens, our lovelies, this blows! Let's have a discussion about hormones, oral and otherwise, diet and best practices to get us through these very difficult times.</p> <p><i>Annie Fleschner, Jai Negri, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Renate Fiora, Shannan Paul (mod)</i></p>

Versatile Fluff*music***Hyatt 2 Regency Room**8:30pm -
9:30pm

Internet meme cover band with gender-neutral love songs full of heart and sass that can span multiverses or survive the zombie apocalypse.

*Grenevic Sharladanel Stremski, Reverend Rebecca Nathaniel
Elfprincess*

Red Dragon Inn Saturday Night Special (18+)*board, mature, sched*8:30pm -
10:30pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd**

Come drink, brawl and gamble at the Red Dragon Inn! We'll be including both the newest characters and classic friends. **mature content**

*Carl Patten***Cats and Caverns***board, sched*8:30pm -
9:30pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi**

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

*Rowan Fischer-Hoeft***The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+)***RPG, sched*8:30pm -
11:30pm**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb**

Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island.

Liam MacDonald

Magnus Archives Retrospective

fan, horror, podcast

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Statement of multiple fans of Rusty Quill's horror podcast concerning their enjoyment of said podcast and their post-conclusion head canons. Recorded live during Convergence 2025, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States. Statement begins....

Allison Dean, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Lisa Marie Deguisseppi

Best Movie & TV Scores of 2024+

TV, audio, current, fan, movie, music

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

It's our annual Score-a-ganza! Come hear what we've picked this year!

Dave Margosian, Duck Washington, Kayla McGrady

Papercraft Models

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B

You would be amazed at what you can make with paper. This project will have us building 3D models...with paper!

Elley Murray

Case Closed: Sunflowers of Inferno - Dubbed PG-13 2015

anime, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Detective Conan must foil a plot to steal Van Gogh's Sunflowers paintings from a special exhibition. The plot is much more complicated than one could reasonably expect. Detective Conan must foil a plot to steal Van Gogh's Sunflowers paintings from a special exhibition. The plot is much more complicated than one could reasonably expect.

Korean Dramadeys*TV, fan, inclusivity***Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka**

Netflix has a bunch of Korean dramadeys that are totally addicting! Let's chat about shows we love, what we enjoy about Korean TV, and the various themes/tropes seen. Be ready to jot down some titles to check out later!

*Dawn Krosnowski, KayCee Bucher, Noel Thingvall, Susie Kline (mod)***Hula Hooping Hoopla***DIY***Hyatt 6 Gymnasium**

Learn how to hula hoop! All ages and abilities welcome.

*Jolyn Augesen***Dance****Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom**

The usual suspect DJs along with a special guest or two will help you keep moving into the wee hours.

Art Auction*art, buy***Hyatt 2 Northstar B****Space Lounge***misc***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C**

Resist the deep space doldrums and join the vibrant resistance in the most transmutational bar known to fully energized beings. Nourish your senses, chill to sonic harmonizations, bathe in our ultra-luminescent atmosphere. Open nightly.

8:30pm - 9:30pm

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9:00pm - 4:00am

9:00pm - 1:00am

9:00pm - 2:00am

<p>9:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Space Lounge: DJ Macchines <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Splounge?s resident DJ is ready to bring you another specially curated set to get your antennae waving, your pulsars vibrating, and refill your life meter to full hearts. <i>DJ Macchines</i></p>
<p>9:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Last Caravan/Storytelling Game (18+) <i>RPG, mature, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ch Mature, story-focused game for narrative roleplayers. Group consensus will set rule system & content limits. Players beyond 4 will be split across 2 GMs. Last Caravan (alien apocalypse) system preferred. Alternatives: Fiasco or Trophy Dark. **mature content** <i>FLipsiDE, Timetwist</i></p>
<p>9:30pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Trailer Park - NR - 60 min <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior See what the future holds as Rex dishes out trailers for upcoming releases.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Smash or Pass! <i>mature, misc</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A beloved but questionable decision making game that you all know and love! Join us for the "Smash or Pass" Kahoot! (smart device required to participate but not to enjoy the show) **mature content** <i>Alicia Beck, Anne Rementer, Christi Farris, Christina Gregerson, Lindsey Wollan, Tyronne Davidson</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Interracial Love <i>inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Ebony and Ivory, Black and Asian, etc.--why are we so afraid of this? What can we do to combat that fear and embrace the statement "love is love". Join us as we discuss this topic and more.</p> <p><i>Cyn Sanchez, Justin Edward Grays, Kiki Joy Latham (mod), Lathan Murrell</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>The Pun-El <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>And again, the English language is treated with great violence in a space safe from flying fruit.</p> <p><i>Bob Alberti, Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman (mod), Margaret Eastman</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>The Dregs <i>mature, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Music and comedy collide with The Dregs returning to the place where they have returned to before! Still set list free after all these years. You?ll laugh, you?ll cry, you?ll see them again and again.</p> <p>**mature content**</p> <p><i>Molly Zupon, Paul Score, Rian Vellichor, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick, Trevor Hartman</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi</p> <p>A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!</p> <p><i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 2:00am</p>	<p>Cursed Tomb of Nefertari (D&D 2024) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca</p> <p>Prepare for a classic tomb raid where you'll have to fight undead, avoid traps, and look for treasure.</p>

Come Play Simplicity*RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd**

Come play a system that is a cross between a traditional dice RPG system and a storyteller game. Come play a system that allows you to create any kind of character, play in any kind of world, and develop an organic unique story. Come check it out!

*Kenneth Joel Justiniano***"Welcome to the Ethics Committee"- An SCP play***horror, mature***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1**

A live reading of "Welcome to the Ethics Committee" by Katherine Farmar. This play brings the world of the SCP Foundation from the Internet to the stage. ****mature content****

*Dan Britt, Dirk Thomas Ykema, Echo Payne, Geordan McDougal, Jex Arzayus, Jim Radloff, Katie Berger***Crafting Circle***DIY, art***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2**

Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.

Adulthood, Am I Right?*misc***Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3**

Tasks, meetings, and mental loads will expand to fill available space and time. Let's talk about this thing called "adulthood" how can we keep ourselves from stressing about it.

*Ben Ellis, Charlene Holm (mod), Heather L Heim, Kelly Murphy, Melissa J Arbuckle***Late Night Music Circle***music***Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka**

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

<p>10:30pm - 11:30pm</p>	<p>Bananya - Dubbed G 2016 <i>TV, anime, comedy, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Is it a cat? Is it a banana? It's Bananya! Together with his fellow bananya, this kitten cloaked in yellow enjoys a calm and peaceful existence as he experiences what the world has to offer. Is it a cat? Is it a banana? It's Bananya! Together with his fellow bananya, this kitten cloaked in yellow enjoys a calm and peaceful existence as he experiences what the world has to offer.</p>
<p>10:30pm - Midnight</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #20 - R - 2018 - 93 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Working Out the Kinks <i>mature, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE How does someone explore kink and the kink community safely? What is it like in the kink community? And why are so many geeks so kinky as well? Let's talk about kink and the community surrounding it! **mature content** <i>Heather L Heim, James, Kelly Murphy, Lathan Murrell, Lisa Marie Deguisseppi (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Where Are We Going? <i>GoH, history, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Many have observed striking parallels between recent U.S. history and that of Germany in the late 20s/early 30s. What can we do to ensure history doesn't repeat itself? <i>Abigail Sloane Silver, Boris Leonidovich Smelov, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Jules Porter, Kendrick Edmund Cronin (mod)</i></p>

Caffeine is the Lifeblood of Geekery*STEM, cooking*11:30pm -
12:30am**Hyatt 2 Greenway I**

Why do you feel different drinking tea versus coffee? Let's talk about caffeine in all its different forms.

*KitKat (mod), Laura Okagaki, Robert Gounley, Shaun L Larsen***Cats and Caverns***board, sched*11:30pm -
12:30am**Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bi**

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

*Rowan Fischer-Hoeft***Hundreds of Beavers Fan Panel***comedy, current, fan, movie*11:30pm -
12:30am**Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3***Azron Borchert, Elizabeth Borchert, Jesse Abrahamson, Michael Borchert (mod)***Evangelion Redeath - Parody Dubbed R 2000***anime, comedy, movie*11:30pm -
12:30am**Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

A young man comes of age and pilots a giant robot while his father plots the end of the world. This classic fan parody dub is best enjoyed in loud groups. It doesn't matter if you don't know all the references, come sing along! A young man comes of age and pilots a giant robot while his father plots the end of the world. This classic fan parody dub is best enjoyed in loud groups. It doesn't matter if you don't know all the references, come sing along!

SUNDAY JULY 6Midnight -
2:00am**Cinema Rex Movie #21 - R - 2019 - 95 min***movie***Hyatt 5 Lake Superior**

Ringing Bell - Dubbed PG-13 1978*anime, classic, movie***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

A newborn lamb lives peacefully with his mother until they are attacked by a wolf. Struggling to process his mother's death, the lamb swears to become a wolf and seek his revenge, unaware of what this transformation will cost him.

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8:00am -
8:45am**Kids Gaming***gaming, kid***Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis**8:00am -
3:00pm**Horus, Prince of the Sun - Subtitled G 1968***anime, classic, kid, movie***Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet**

On a journey to his ancestral village, Horus helps a village whose residents are besieged by the Frost King's magic. The villagers feel threatened when he befriends Hilda, a beautiful girl whose haunting songs conceal a dark secret.

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8:45am -
10:00am**Learn to Play Pathfinder 2 (Quests 8 and 10)***RPG, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb**

Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 8 Shadows of the Black Sovereign. Quest 10 The Broken Scales.

*Jon Amos*9:00am -
Noon

<p>9:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder 2 It Came From the Vast <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cf Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. <i>Bret Indrelee</i></p>
<p>9:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Pathfinder 2 (Quest 2) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cg Join the Pathfinder Society for magic, monsters and mayhem in a globe-trotting campaign of mystery and adventure. Quest 2 Tanuki Trouble. <i>Hilary Moon Murphy</i></p>
<p>9:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Open Board Gaming <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade</p>
<p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bb Legendary is a deck-building game set in the Marvel Comics universe. Select a team of heroes to combat the evil mastermind and defeat their scheme. <i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Red Dragon Inn: Latest & Greatest (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bd We'll be playing Red Dragon Inn with the new Adventure is Nigh characters and others! <i>Carl Patten</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Cats and Caverns <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bj A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome! <i>Rowan Fischer-Hoeft</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Move It Like Water <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Pool A 45-minute, low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+ <i>Christina Neitz</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteers Department & Volunteer Information Table <i>Hours</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway J</p>
<p>10:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Sagrada (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk Roll dice and try to complete your stained glass window in this drafting, sudoku classic. Fun for the puzzle lover and gamer alike. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
<p>10:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Heist at the Bookmaker's Pot (D&D5e)(13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ca Inside a dormant volcano on a remote island a treasure trove of legendary magical items awaits anyone who thinks they can pull off the greatest heist in history. Solve puzzles and avoid traps to pilfer trinkets and make it out alive. <i>Collin Catton</i></p>

<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Flabbergasted (13+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cd</p> <p>Flabbergasted is a narrative driven TTRPG set in the roaring 20s. Join an up & coming social club, get invited into secret societies, and work towards leaving your mark by cultivating your reputation.</p> <p><i>Jordan Peacock</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Video Gaming <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Kartoon Kaiju (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade q</p> <p>Just-for-laughs Giant Monsters (Reptar, Oreo Cookie, Tomato, etc...) stomp and battle among the cardboard towers of Singer City.</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Beer & Pretzels Space Marines (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade r</p> <p>Simple, solo (or co-op) shoot-'em-up miniatures: A squad of grunts (modeled on the USCM in "Aliens") against galactic nasties. Games take about 2 hours (depending on how well/poorly you play!)</p>
<p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Witches' Quarrel</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade w</p> <p>Fast 2-player Legacy game of best friends learning magic by dueling. A deckbuilder with character driven narrative. Try it before the Kickstarter ends on the last day of CVG!</p> <p><i>Shanti Pothapragada</i></p>

Cosplay Repair Station

10:00am -
3:30pm

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba

A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.

Sandbox Lab

10:00am -
3:30pm

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb

The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

CVG Teen Room

10:00am -
5:00pm

Hours, teen

Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji

Panda! Go, Panda! - Subtitled G 1972

10:00am -
11:30am

anime, classic, kid, movie

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

In this precursor to Studio Ghibli, a young girl invites a family of pandas to stay with her while her grandmother is away. Meanwhile, zookeepers search for their missing pandas. In this precursor to Studio Ghibli, a young girl invites a family of pandas to stay with her while her grandmother is away. Meanwhile, zookeepers search for their missing pandas.

Cinema Rex Movie #22 - PG - 2019 - 104 min

10:00am -
Noon

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>I Wish School Taught That <i>edu</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>While school can teach a wide variety of subjects and skills, it can't cover everything needed for general adulting. How can we use geekdom to either teach those skills or offer support in finding a teacher or mentor?</p> <p><i>Ashley M Mages, Dani Mayville, Janelle Kloth, Katarina R Larsen, Raederle Sterling (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Wicked (movie) Fan Panel <i>fan, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p><i>Charlene Holm, David Lenander, Jai Negri, Kiki Joy Latham, Nikki Armstrong (mod)</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>How to Have a Hobby Without Turning It Into a Hustle <i>GoH, misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Let's discuss the value in engaging in creative projects without the end goal of turning them into a money-making enterprise, whether it be a full-time career or a side-hustle.</p> <p><i>Amber Raden, Jerry Belich, Kendrick Edmund Cronin (mod), Prof Brown, Tanya Brody</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Evolution of Tabletop Games <i>board, gaming, history</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Explore the history and evolution of tabletop games, from ancient classics to modern masterpieces. Our panelists will discuss how game design, themes, and mechanics have changed over the years and what the future might hold for the industry.</p> <p><i>Brandy McQueen, Chris J Mortika, Eric Zawadzki, Martin Grider, Renate Fiora (mod)</i></p>

Stagecraft*board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ba**

11:00am - 1:00pm

Players take on the role of rival community theatres, competing for Critical Acclaim and Box Office success. Mount productions, hold fundraisers, upgrade your theatre building, or hire experts to make your theatre the hottest ticket in town!

*Nate Metcalf***8th Star (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bc**

11:00am - 2:30pm

8th Star is a 4X sci-fi board game where players expand their territory to acquire vital resources, unlock unique technological advancements, and engage in spaceship combat. Find your path to victory by choosing one of six distinct alien races.

*Ryan Backstrom***Dracula 1897 (13+)***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Be**

11:00am - 3:00pm

A new semi cooperative game. Van Helsing, the Harkers, and their friends must work together to foil Dracula's move to London. But has he influenced some to his side?

*David Allison***Cats and Caverns***board, sched***Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bj**

11:00am - Noon

A D&D-inspired, cat-themed tabletop board game! Personal sets of dice welcome!

Rowan Fischer-Hoeft

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Landmarks! Word Association Treasure Hunt (13+) <i>board, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Bk Guide your team to the treasure and off the cursed island one word at a time in this instant family classic. Think Code Names meets Tome Raider or Indiana Jones. <i>Stephen Simusa</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>The City of Fireflies (Garden in the Sky) (18+) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cb Like stirring from a nightmare, the world that seemed to be slipping through your fingers now is manifest as false before your waking eyes. A distant voice calls out in silence. Raise your head and watch as these souls flee to the golden island. <i>Liam MacDonald</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Magic: The Gathering <i>sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade a All ages welcome. Some knowledge of the game is required. Commander, social, no prizes. <i>Rocking Elves LLC</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Tailoring 101: Structured Jackets <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Learn the basics of making a tailored jacket, like padstitching, making and installing a canvas front, installing a full lining, and more! We'll also discuss how to apply these techniques to other projects and learn some machine sewing shortcuts. <i>Sara Spookystitch</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Crayon's Corner <i>kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>KIDS! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengkeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. Ages 12 and under <i>Caryn Lengkeek</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Photography</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>
<p>11:30am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Reservoir Bears (Honey Heist) <i>RPG, sched</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc</p> <p>You're a group of bears with one simple goal: rob an artisanal honey shop and get out fast. How could you mess it up THIS bad? Someone in your crew betrayed you! Find out who double-crossed you, avoid the cops, and get back to the woods with your honey! <i>Jackson Hoemann</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Earl and Fairy - Subtitled PG-13 2008 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>A rare human who can see and communicate with fairies makes a living as a fairy doctor, but no one believes her. However, Edgar is in need of someone with a vast knowledge of fairy lore, and Lydia is just that person. A rare human who can see and communicate with fairies makes a living as a fairy doctor, but no one believes her. However, Edgar is in need of someone with a vast knowledge of fairy lore, and Lydia is just that person.</p>
<p>Noon - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Movie #23 - PG - 1984 - 100 min <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

Ribbons at the End of the Universe

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Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Got ribbon? Want to trade? Bring all your ribbons and trade what everyone that has ribbons at the annual Great Ribbon Trading Event. One can never have enough ribbons!

Julia Celley

Brainhacks and Burnout: an Author's Musing on the Writing Craft

GoH, writing

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Whether you've been writing for a few months or for decades, the burnout's real. Permission to play and taking pleasure in the process can reinvigorate your joy in the work of writing.

C.S.E. Cooney, Kyle B Dekker (mod)

Harisen Daiko

misc

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

Loud as a nat-20 made entirely of drums, we are Harisen Daiko. Our drummers bring you a selection of pounding visceral rhythms including original compositions, as well as percussive adventure in the finest traditions of ignoring the script in favor of doing something intensely silly. Step inside the blast radius this Sunday, and get a taste of the power, energy and emotions that taiko ignites. Loud as a nat-20 made entirely of drums, we are Harisen Daiko. Our drummers bring you a selection of pounding visceral rhythms including original compositions, as well as percussive adventure in the finest traditions of ignoring the script in favor of doing something intensely silly. Step inside the blast radius this Sunday, and get a taste of the power, energy and emotions that taiko ignites.

Fighting Censorship in Fandom Spaces

GoH, inclusivity, social

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Pro-censorship rhetoric is on the rise both in politics and in fandom. We'll discuss why it's become so prevalent, what forms censorship can take, and how to combat it in the fight to keep fandom a space where expression, not repression, is celebrated.

Assad Khaishgi (mod), Jaymie Delia Wagner, Jules Porter, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Lauren Crabtree

Dealing with the Post-Con Blues

social

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Struggle with going back to regular life after a convention? You're not alone. Our panelists will discuss their coping mechanisms and why it might be good that conventions are usually just vacations.

Heather L Heim, Kelly Murphy, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Renate Fiora, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)

Setting vs. System

RPG, gaming

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

As a GM, what are some options if you love an RPG setting but not the system it was written in? If you convert into another system, how do you maintain balance?

Alex V Bender (mod), Bob Alberti, Chris J Mortika, John Gary Leppik

North Country Gaylaxians Book Review

book

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Each year North Country Gaylaxians chooses one book a month to read. Our charter is to read books either by LGBT+ authors or books with positive LGBTQIA+ content. This panel will discuss the books we have read since CONvergence 2024.

Claudia Slovacek, David Lenander, Don Kaiser

12:30pm -
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Managing Art and Disability

art, inclusivity

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

The creative process can be hard enough, but many of us have disability challenges, both physical and mental, than can make it seem daunting. What strategies can one employ to ease those concerns? Are there mediums that work well for certain concerns?
Eiry Katherine, Erin Wilaby, Katherine Jo Pysick, Neal Sorensen (mod), Ren Nonnweiler

Finish your Fabulous Project

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B

Do you have a Sandbox project that you didn't quite finish? Now is the time to work on it.
Dierdre Schultz

How to Become a Panelist

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Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

You can be on panels. It's easy and we want you to join us. Find out all you need to know about being a panelist.
Becca Justiniano (mod), Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer, Jesse Boom, Pete Lane

Strayed from the Flock (D&D5e)(Kids)

RPG, kid, sched

Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis c

You and your party have been hired to look after a farmer's flock of sheep while they're away. That shouldn't be too hard. How much trouble can three sheep get into?
Collin Catton

12:30pm - 1:30pm	Photo Meetup: Percy Jackson <i>book, costuming, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles a
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Gifted Youngsters (MASKS) <i>RPG, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Cc As a teenager at the Stratus Academy, not only are you fighting emotions, expectations, & relationships, but also supervillains, aliens, & robots. Will you be able to find your place in the world & handle the new supervillain attacking the school? <i>Jackson Hoemann</i>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Simplicity for Younger Players (Kids) <i>RPG, kid, sched</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a Simplicity is a fun d10 roleplaying game that kids 8 and up can learn to play. <i>Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i>
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Battery the Animation - Subtitled PG-13 2016 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet 12-year-old Takumi is a genius baseball pitcher who moves in with his grandfather. He finds another boy who can catch his pitches and joins the school's terrible baseball team. 12-year-old Takumi is a genius baseball pitcher who moves in with his grandfather. He finds another boy who can catch his pitches and joins the school's terrible baseball team.

Everything Old is New Again

misc

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Reimagining classic stories/novels in different settings. What draws us back to these stories?

Craig Smith, David Lenander, John Heimbuch, Noel Thingvall (mod), Randee Dawn

Writing Sci-Fi

writing

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Writers of mystery novels must come up with a mystery to be solved. What "givens" must writers of science fiction come up with? How does this help or hinder writing the story?

Danith McPherson (mod), Jaymie Delia Wagner, Kate Dane, T. Aaron Cisco, Wes Huntington

Best Intentions: Unexpected Triumphs and Cautionary Tales

GoH, misc

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

When we started, we were headed somewhere else, but we got here. Come hear stories of unexpected triumphs and cautionary tales!

Chris Kluwe, Jules Porter, Prof Brown, Tanya Brody (mod), Tanya DePass

Sewing Tips and Tricks for Newbies

DIY, costuming

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Presented by The DreamStitcher (who has over 40 years of professional sewing experience), she will give you information about sewing costumes that you can't always find on the internet. She's done all the "mistakes" so you don't have to!

Elizabeth Sloan, Gerald Dagle, Rae Lundquist (mod)

Gaylaxicon 2025 and CONsole Room 2026

con, fan, inclusivity

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

This panel will introduce the audience to two local conventions: Gaylaxicon 2025, a LGBTQIA+ & allies literary speculative fiction (SF, Fantasy, Horror) and gaming convention in October, and CONsole Room 2026, the Minnesota Dr. Who Convention in January.

Ben Ellis, Don Kaiser (mod), Natasha Jo Krentz

Weird Music Listening Society

audio, comedy, music

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

We've all had a friend expose us to strange music, some of which we've loved and some that left us confused. What happens when a lover of random items, thrift finds, and all things obscure exposes comedians to weird music they've never heard before?

Duck Washington, Jason Kruger (mod), Maren Aalgaard, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick

Everyone Needs Bling!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B

Make some simple earrings or a pendant to take home.

Angie Anderson

Cinema Rex Movie #24 - PG-13 - 1995 - 101 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Star Trek: The Next Improvisation*Star Trek, comedy***Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom**

The continuing adventures of the second-best Galaxy class starship in the Federation fleet: The USS Intrigue! Join the cast for a completely new & totally improvised episode performed in the style of The Next Generation. A show that truly goes where no one has gone before!

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Big Fun, Small Box*board, card, gaming, kid, teen***Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A**

Some games that come in small boxes are a lot of fun to play over and over again. What are some of your favorites?

*Don Kaiser (mod), Ren Nonnweiler, Renate Fiora, nick a jaworski***Galaxy Quest Fan Panel***fan, movie***Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE***Assad Khaishgi, Kayla McGrady, Nathan Michael Anderson, Samuel T. Weston (mod), Sarah Pierce***Is It a Sandwich?***comedy***Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH**

Is a sausage on a bun a sandwich? What about a stroopwafel? Come debate the merits of the sandwich alignment chart.

Nikki Armstrong (mod), Randee Dawn, Tony Harmelink

What Makes a Good Opening for a Novel?

writing

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

When you're deciding to read a book, you might look at the cover, the title, the author, and the back cover blurb. You might also glance at the first page. We'll discuss what openings are most likely to draw an audience in and why.

Danith McPherson (mod), J.M. Lee, Jaymie Delia Wagner, Justin Octavian Rose, Lisa Hario

In Memoriam - Film

fan, movie

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Find out who we lost this year in genre film and get some recommendations from the panel on what work to seek out.

Garrick A Dietze (mod), Kelvin Hatle, Megan M Slawson, Melissa Sue Kaercher

Cinema Rex Movie #25 - PG-13 - 2023 - 134 min

movie

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Closing Ceremony

GoH, con

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

C.S.E. Cooney, Chris Kluwe, Dawn Krosnowski, Jules Porter, Prof Brown, Tanya DePass