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WELCOME TO THE 28TH YEAR OF NAN DESU KAN!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- NDK has expanded to two floors! All Panel Rooms, Art Academy and presentation space are now on the Ground Floor of the Gaylord's convention center.
- NDK has a new Cosplay Arts Room! This space is completely dedicated to cosplay panels. Check out the print schedule to see everything it has to offer!
- 18+ Wristbands: All persons wishing to participate in 18+ programming MUST show their ID to get a wristband. Pick yours up at the Security Window or Badge Pickup.
- Locker rental is back! Check out the Security section for more details.

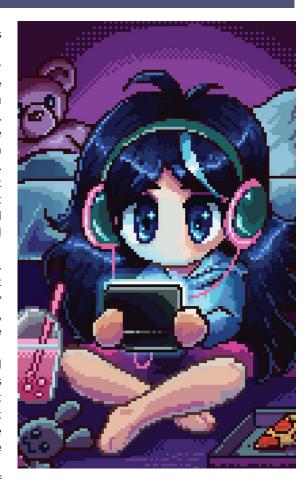
an you feel it? This place, this space is really special.

Whether this is your first NDK or you've been coming for years, we welcome you with open arms. In this place, we want you to feel comfortable, happy, joyous, and safe. More than anything we do, we try to provide that kind of atmosphere for you and bring in people and activities who support that vision. You are the ones who make this place what it is, and we are glad to have each of you as part of this community. 2025 has been a whirlwind on all sides, and we are glad that we have all made it to the NDK weekend at last!

This year we are definitely feeling nostalgic. As we look back every year and think about how much has changed, and how many fantastic people we have met along the way, we always pause to be grateful for all of the experiences we have shared together.

For our 28th year, we are looking back and embracing all things retro. Check out this year's art collection: It is a compilation of what each of our artists remember as retro, as part of their experience growing up with anime and video games. You may spot a few of the things that make you go way back in the day.

To you, my beloved Staff and Board of Directors, I am as always honored to work with you all. I am constantly awed and humbled by the incredible group of people that love this show so very much. I am truly and profoundly grateful for all of the support, dedication, and commitment that they have shown this year. Each and every Staff member has made a huge



difference to NDK, and deserve a heartfelt thank you. It is the hearts of the NDK Staff that make this convention what it is.

Here's to many many more years of Friendship, Anime and Community.

Amanda Liebermann,
 Executive Director

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NAN DESU KAN SOCIAL POLICIES

To support our attendees and ensure a safe and happy convention for everyone, we have created the following social policies. NDK has a single warning system for policy violations. If you break a rule, you will be spoken to about it, and your badge will be punched once. A second offense will lead to expulsion.

HARASSMENT

We have a zero-tolerance approach for any kinds of Harassment: Intentional physical, verbal and sexual harassment will result in permanent expulsion from the convention.

Verbal harassment includes derogatory terms, hate speech, and all manners of verbal abuse. Hate speech is legally defined as: Speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (such as race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status or disability). If you feel as if you've experienced harassment, please report it to the nearest NDK staff member immediately.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

While NDK strives to entertain attendees of all ages, the convention is mostly intended for those 13 years and over. We try to keep daytime programming acceptable for all ages, but there are many events that are intended for an older audience, such as AMVs, Burlesque and anything scheduled after 9 pm.

Children under the age of 13 must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Guardians **maintain complete responsibility** for, liability for, and control over their children's actions and what they see at NDK.

HOTEL

Respect hotel staff and policies. If the hotel kicks you out for trashing your room or going into restricted/construction areas, you will be banned from NDK.

We share the hotel's common spaces with the rest of Gaylord's guests. Please be courteous to other guests of the hotel while you are in the Grand Lodge, the Pool, and other common areas.

Elevators: Do not jump in the elevators, and please be respectful of elevator capacity and your fellow occupants when riding.

If you use body paint, please bring your own towels, and do not use hotel towels. If you ruin hotel linens, you will be charged for it, and the hotel may ban you from staying again.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Marijuana is illegal on hotel property in any form. If you are found with it, you will be charged with a \$250 fine, and may be removed from the hotel.

The police will be involved if anyone is caught providing alcohol to minors.



PHOTOGRAPHY

You MUST ask permission before videoing or photographing anyone. Consent is required.

Photos and Video are not permitted in the Dealers' Room, Artist Alley, Art Gallery or Video Rooms.

All photographers who bring in professional-grade cameras MUST check in to the Security window to sign the Photography Code of Conduct.

GAYLORD ROCKIES PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY FOR NDK

All photographers must have valid Nan Desu Kan credentials (attendee badge). Attendees who violate these rules may be removed from the property.

 Photographers are allowed to take photos in the resort's public space using HAND-HELD equipment only. Equipment cannot extend greater than a 15-inch radius around or above the photographer or subject.

- 2. Free-standing equipment is not permitted. Absolutely no set up of lighting with light stands, ladders, backdrops, large props/signs on the floor, running cords/wires across the floor, etc. will be allowed in public space areas.
- **3.** Photographers and/or equipment cannot block any public area or impede the safe traffic flow of others (entrances, exits, hallways, etc.).
- **4.** The use of drones is not permitted.
- **5.** Attendees and photographers are not permitted in the Back of House (back halls of the resort).
- **6.** It is not permitted to take photos of STARS (resort employees) OR other hotel guests not attending NDK.
- **7.** Photography is NOT permitted in the pool area (Arapahoe Springs).
- **8.** Photographers and their subjects (attendees in costume) must also respect the hotel environment by not being disruptive or doing anything unsafe, including but not limited to:
 - Standing on furniture
 - Climbing on any rock formations or railings
 - Climbing on any bronze statues (horses at the front drive, elk in the Grand Lodge, etc)
 - Hanging items from a light pole or any other part of the building

OPS & SECURITY

At NDK, we have two open windows that handle different types of needs and problems at the convention. Both are open the longest of all NDK departments to help with any issues that arise.

OPERATIONS

Operations is the center of the convention, and can offer general information, can help with directions, and makes the final call on any Dress Code questions. Operations also handles all Lost and Found items, and is our welcome center for new volunteers.

SECURITY

The Security window helps people comply with NDK policy. If you need a weapon peacebonded, need an 18+ band for a panel or have security concerns, this is the place to go. Security also handles our professional photographer codes of conduct. For 18+ bands, make sure to have your ID ready when you get to the window so the lines will go faster.

LOCKER RENTALS

The lockers are back this year! NDK is offering locker rentals from Security for the day and weekend. Here's the scoop:

■ Lockers are located inside the NDK Cafeteria.

■ Lockers are \$10 for the day, \$20 for the weekend, \$5 for use during the Rave.

- Locks are available for rent at the Security Window during their operating hours.
- Lockers size is 15-inches high, 12-inches wide and 15-inches tall.

RULES FOR LOCKER USE:

- 1. Day rentals are good through 2 am of the following day of the locker purchase. If items have not been removed by then, we will hand over the items to the Gaylord's Lost and Found.
- 2. Weekend lockers must have all items cleared after 6 pm on Sunday of the convention. Any remaining items will be turned over to Gaylord Lost and Found.
- **3.** NDK/RMAA is not responsible or liable for items stored in the lockers.
- **4.** No illegal or banned items/ substances are allowed inside the lockers.
- 5. No food is allowed inside the lockers.

ADA & ACCESSIBILITY need to

At NDK, we do our best to look after each other, and we want to make sure that everyone has access to our panels and mainstage events. If you need extra time to seat yourself for events, please see our Operations Desk to get an ADA badge. This badge allows you and one (1) companion access to the following seating priorities:

Main Events lines: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line to find seating first.

Dealers Room line: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line, but do not get access before Dealers Room opening.

Panel Room lines: Everyone,

including attendees with ADA badges, need to get a Panel Room pass. When an attendee with both an ADA badge and a Panel Room pass arrives at the panel room, they go to the front of the line to find seating first.

Autograph lines: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the autograph line ONCE per voice actor/guest. They may not use the ADA badge to skip the same line multiple times.

Any other NDK line: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line.

If you have questions about service animals, please **contact the hotel directly** for their service and companion animal policies, and to fill out the appropriate paperwork.



NORTH AMERICAN GUEST AUTOGRAPH PASSES

Free Autograph Passes are handed out at the Merch Window during these times:

Friday: 4 pm Saturday: 11 am Sunday: 11 am

There are a very limited number of free passes given out per day, and once they are gone, they are gone. Autograph Passes are handed out on a first come-first served basis. You may line up no earlier than one hour before the passes are scheduled to be handed out.

FREE AUTOGRAPH SESSION RULES

- **1.** Free Autograph Passes are only good for North American actors.
- **2.** Passes are good for only ONE item to sign for only ONE Guest. Use your free pass wisely.
- 3. Free Autograph Passes do not have a time limit. They can be used any day of the convention for any time that the guest is at their table. Please check Artist Alley to see if the guest you want the autograph from is there.
- **4.** Please note that Guests can charge for additional signatures, selfies, or prints at the autograph table after the free pass is used.
- **5.** Bootleg items are not allowed in the autograph lines. Ask a Staff member if you're not sure.
- **6.** Do not touch, kiss, or otherwise maultheguests. You may not offer the guests gifts, food, or anything else. You may be removed from the convention if you do.

** These policies are enforced by NDK and not the guests. Asking the guests to bypass and ignore our policies may lead to ejection from the autograph area.



Lisette Monique Diaz began her anime career as a fan first – watching anime, collecting manga, and attending conventions ... From making magic at the Disney and Universal Studios theme parks, to playing pretend in the booth; Lisette has managed to turn her passion for all things Disney and Weeb related into a career. She'll forever be grateful for the opportunities she's been given and all the wonderful people she's met along the journey.

You might recognize her as the voice of JAHY from "The Great Jahy Will Not Be Defeated," MINI YAEMORI from "Rent-A-Girlfriend," O-SOME from "One Piece," HELLCAT ULIMINAS from "Chillin' In Another World With Level 2 Super Cheat Skills," as well as from other popular shows like "SpyXFamily," Blue Lock," and many more!

AUTOGRAPH



Amanda Gish is an accomplished actress, model, cosplayer, singer, and voice actor. You can hear her as Kinoko Komori in My Hero Academia, Witch in Goblin Slayer, Hanabi in Senran Kagura, Mariah in Hatena Illusion, Hop in Dragon Ball Super and many more. She has also lent her voice as Inara the Stone Warden in the video game Paladins and Lucy's Mom in the Horror Game Visage.

When Amanda is not acting, you can find her creating K-pop music videos and English covers under the name Black Rose Garden on Spotify and Black Rose Garden Productions on Youtube. You can also catch her on her personal youtube, AmandaGish0802, where she vlogs and creates content for lifestyle videos.



Barbara Goodson is an American voice actress who has done voice-over work in live action, cartoons, video games, audiobooks, anime and foreign dubbing movies and episodic shows into English. Her best-known role was providing the English dub voice of the main villain Empress Rita Repulsa in the Power Rangers franchise.

Her other notable roles include Granny Chiyo from Naruto, one of the first Kid Goku's aka Zero in Dragon Ball Z, Naota in FLCL, Laharl in Disgaea, the Queen of England in Kung Fu Panda: The Dragon Knights, and Enhatu in the soon to be released video game Asgard's Wrath. Barbara also voiced Tom in HBO's Adventures of Tom Sawyer and classic anime shows such as Doris in Vampire Hunter D, Takashi and Kaori in Akira and Marie Crystal and Sera in Robotech.

AUTOGRAPH



Brian Mathis has appeared in over 140 titles with CRUNCHYROLL, OKRATRON 5000 , SENTAI FILMWORKS and many others!

His first anime appearance was in HELLGIRL in 2007. Current and most popular characters Elias Ainsworth (Ancient Magus Bride), Admiral Garp (One Piece) Macao (Fairy Tail) along with Priest in Black Clover, Honda in Fireforce, Jormanngund in Sacrificial Princess and King of Beasts, Chukyu A in Natusme's Book of Friends, along with roles and appearances in Salaryman's Club, Estab Life, Chainsaw Man, Vinland Saga, Land of the Lustrous and many many more!

AUTOGRAPH



Marcus M. Mauldin started his career on stage in Musical Theater and then moved to more dramatic plays and roles, winning awards for Best Lead Actor, Best Supporting Actor, which include a Dallas Area Critic's Award and an Irma P. Hall Black Excellence Theater Award.

Marcus then moved on to television where he landed recurring and co-star roles on such shows as The Good Guys, Dallas, Walker Texas Ranger, Breaking Bad, American Crime, Chase, and Queen Sugar. Anime came calling next with Appare Runman and Kuma, Kuma, Kuma Bear. But the character that is beloved all over the world is in Borderlands... So please welcome The Doorman, The Meat Slab, Evil Genius Crusher, Berserk Merc, Prettiest Siren of them all, The Slab King himself...BRICK!!!



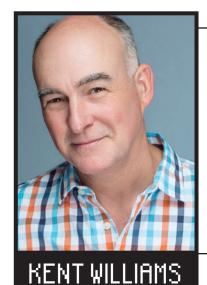
Wendy Powell absolutely loves what she does, performing in all forms of media: film, television, radio, narration, and video games. But where her character-creating skills truly come to life is in anime! Mirroring the shapeshifting abilities of her iconic Fullmetal Alchemist role Envy, she changes her voice into anything and everything imaginable, including quirky robots, mysterious



Wendy's passion for acting is matched only by her passion for teaching. For over a decade, she has taught middle school theater, grateful for the opportunity to educate and encourage young actors. She also loves meeting people at conventions, which lets her share her love of acting in person.

omnipotent aliens, little old fox ladies, wispy exorcists, and everyday human beings.

AUTOGRAPH



Kent Williams, a native Texan and long-time Dallas resident, received a BFA in acting at Southern Methodist University in 1987, and has since cultivated a dynamic career in the performing arts. A Telly Award winning puppeteer, Kent currently serves as Producing Director with LTDM Entertainment and regularly performs its repertoire of storybook classics and high-intensity variety shows at Geppetto's Marionette Theater at the Hilton Anatole Hotel and at the State Fair of Texas as a featured performer in 2019.

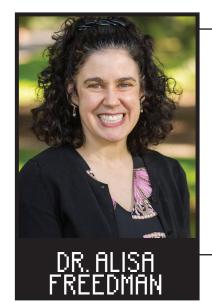
Kent has a host of voice acting credits in over 200 video game and anime titles. Some of Kent's most notable roles are, Dr. Gero, Tao, Supreme Kai, Kibito Kai, and Elder Kai as seen on DBZ, Blue Ogre (Jorge Sao Tome) and Chuu on Yu Yu Hakusho, Hatori Soma on Fruits Basket, and many more!

AUTOGRAPH



Barry Yandell Nominated for Best Supporting Actor by BTVA for his iconic role as William T. Spears in Black Butler, Barry Yandell is a well-known and very busy regional stage actor and voiceover artist based in North Texas.

Most recently, Barry lends his voice talent to the characters of Conehead in Fire Force, Zelada in Cop Craft and Kodai in Yu-No. Fans will recognize his voice contributions in some of the most popular Anime series to date including Alexis Kerib in SSSS Gridman, Yoki in Fullmetal Alchemist, Mr. 2 Bon Clay in One Piece, Little Demon in Soul Eater, Dwarf Shaman in Goblin Slayer, and Popuko in Pop Team Epic. Additional roles include an array of characters from Dragonball Z, Ghost in the Shell, Fairy Tail, and Attack on Titan to name a few.



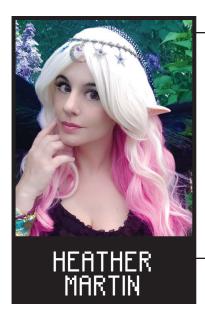
Alisa Freedman is a Professor of Japanese Cultural Studies and Literature at the University of Oregon. Her books and co-edited volumes include *Introducing Japanese Popular Culture* (40-chapter textbook), Tokyo in Transit: Japanese Culture on the Rails and Road, an annotated translation of Kawabata Yasunari's *The Scarlet Gang of Asakusa*, and *Modern Girls on the Go: Gender, Mobility, and Labor in Japan*. She is currently writing a book about the forgotten story of Japanese women who studied abroad at American universities between 1949 and 1966 and became professors and pioneers of historically male-dominated professions. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *U.S-Japan Women's Journal*.

AUTOGRAPH



Jason Martin is a professional illustrator with 25+ years experience. Jason began his career as an artist for Dark Horse Comics, and his work quickly caught the eye of other publishers. Before long he was a creating art for Marvel, DC, Image, Wildstorm, IDW, Dreamwave and a number of independent comic publishers. Over the years Jason branched out from the comic industry. His work has been published by a variety of companies including Topps Trading Cards, White Wolf, Xbox, Playstation, Disney, Hasbro, Ziff-Davis, IGN, Official U.S. Playstation Magazine, PSM, Play Magazine, Polyhedron, Computer Gaming World, Motorsports, Wizard and many more! Movie credits include Gramery Pictures Mallrats and Universal Pictures Paul. Jason can be contacted through his official website MartinArt Studio, which also features a more detailed list of publications/credits.

AUTOGRAPH



HeatherAfter Cosplay is an artist, model and longtime cosplayer. A part of the convention scene since 1996, Heather quickly won her way to becoming a Master cosplayer. By 2000 she had achieved Professional status. Sony Entertainment's video game department, Marvel, Image Comics, Ziff Davis, Amazon, and Google are just a few of the companies Heather has worked with. She has created over 300 cosplays to date, and her cosplay and artwork have appeared in numerous publications worldwide!

Heather is honored to be featured as a cosplay judge, host and guest at conventions throughout the country, as well as represent various businesses and charity organizations. Visit her Facebook and Instagram accounts for daily updates!



Teca is an award-winning cosplayer who has won more than twenty craftsmanship and presentation awards and judged more than a dozen competitions across the country. She's worked at official industry events as Sailor Jupiter from Sailor Moon and Sailor Moon Crystal for VizMedia, America from Hetalia for FUNimation, Kyouko Sakura from Puella Magi Madoka Magica for Aniplex, Marida Cruz from Gundam Unicorn for Bandai as well as having worked with bands such as Kalafina and CHEMISTRY. She has attended several cosplay events in Japan, including Comic Market (Comiket) and Osaka's Comic Event.

AUTOGRAPH



Make way for Queen D! The self-proclaimed southern queen of crossplay! You may recognize her from her wildly unsuccessful YouTube show the Dlist!

Queen D is a fourteen-year seasoned cosplay veteran, emcee, and burlesque performer! Known for her wild antics and insane style of hosting shows, causing general chaos, and eating chicken nuggets! A known makeup artist, she has traveled all over the country blessing peasants...Uh...attendees with her shenanigans. She will be hosting a variety of panels throughout the NDK weekend, teaching general cosplay knowledge, stage presence, posing, and makeup! Known as the queen of late night at conventions, she is infamous for her 18+ panels so be sure to attend if you are of age!

AUTOGRAPH



WHAT'S THE QUIET ROOM?

On the NDK map, you may notice something labeled as "Quiet Room". This is a safe and quiet place that NDK has held for the past 9 years, specifically designed for folks to take a break from the hectic environment that NDK can be. It is outfitted with white noise generators, some coloring books and materials, and plenty of space to sit down and relax.

Please respect the other people in this room and maintain a low volume while visiting. Please do not eat or use anything that can emit strong smells such as glue or nail polish while you are in the quiet room; it can disturb the folks trying to take a sensory break.



Diana The Great is an accomplished cosplayer from the greater Kansas City Metro. She holds ten years of experience in a variety of crafting and creative media; from sewing to foam work, wig creation, makeup, face paint and more.

Entirely self taught, Diana's love for cosplay began with a fierce passion for the office Halloween contests; continually upping the ante every year until that admiration trickled over into the convention atmosphere. As a master level cosplayer, Diana's efforts are geared to empower others. She strives to educate with every cosplay that she creates; from the smallest detail to the biggest prop-- she loves to help! In addition, Diana actively seeks to bring representation and inclusion in all that she does, with a little of her creative flair mixed between. Her overarching goal is to show that cosplay truly is for everyone.

You can find out more about Diana and her endeavors at http://www.dianathegreat.com

AUTOGRAPH



Bridgett has been crafting costumes since she could hold a needle. Her passion for sewing led her to earn a degree in fashion design, complete with a stint studying historical fashion in Italy and working in the Kent State University theatre costume shop.

Today, she's the creative force behind every costume at Seraphim Theatrical Entertainment, the award-winning theatre she runs with her husband. From elaborate stage productions to custom cosplay commissions, wedding gowns, and geek-chic fashion, her work is sought after across the country.

Bridgett's cosplay journey began in 2013 and quickly took off—culminating in a Best in Show win at C2E2 Masquerade Competition 2020. She's turned her love for fandom and fashion into a thriving business. Bridgett is all about magic, detail, and serious cosplay joy.

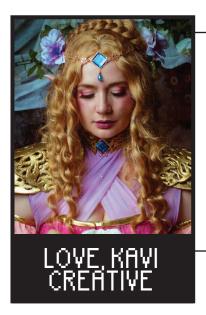
AUTOGRAPH



Regina is the creative force behind FadeToBats, a master-level cosplayer based in Colorado. With over 15 years of experience, she has honed her craft through countless hours of dedication to sewing, pattern drafting, draping, foam work, and embroidery. Her attention to detail and commitment to high-level craftsmanship have earned her numerous awards, including Best Masters and Best in Show titles at competitive conventions.

In 2020, she joined creative forces with Kavi of Love, Kavi Creative to form Love, Bats—an award-winning cosplay duo.

Regina has also worked to expand her presence within the cosplay community. In addition to competing, she now judges craftsmanship contests and leads educational panels designed to help others grow their skills. She's always looking for ways to challenge herself and level up with each new build, bringing passion and a love of learning to everything she creates.



Kavi of 'Love, Kavi Creative' is a Colorado native who has been cosplaying for 17 years and competing for 15. She presently has 16 titles including Best in Show in Kansas City and several Best Masters at her home convention NDK.

Her inspiration to start sewing was to bring characters to life that one simply could not purchase costumes for. It soon tuned into a love of creating grand showcase pieces, challenging herself to continually explore new and interesting techniques.

In 2020, she joined forces with Regina of 'Fade to Bats' and created the cosplay duo 'Love, Bats'! Together they compete and enjoy sharing their craft on and off the stage, looking to continue to grow in their cosplay journey!

Their shared love of cosplay and sewing ignited their next adventure, opening their own fabric store, Sew Haven in Colorado.

AUTOGRAPH



Knovice (any/all) is a California-based performer and maker who loves to pull-back the curtain to share the secrets and joy of cosplay-performing. They use their years of theater and dance training to create resources and tutorials so cosplayers of any experience-level can take the stage! From script-writing, to acting, to set/prop design, and more, Knovice covers it all so cosplayers can be equipped to craft their own captivating performances.

Knovice cosplay has been lucky to both judge cosplay masquerades and compete across the country, notably winning the Crunchyroll Expo 2021 Rising Star award and Anime Boston 2024 Performance Best in Show. This year, Knovice Cosplay is representing their country in a global craftsmanship and performance cosplay contest in South Korea with Bird_King as Holiday Matsuri's GICOF Team USA.

AUTOGRAPH

Photographed by AllisonthePhotographer

undeadtoasty a.k.a. Rouxan (they/he) has been cosplaying since 2013 and judging cosplay competitions since 2017. They have a degree in costume construction for theatre and many years of sewing for Halloween with their family. They have won ten costuming awards with their four most recent wins being Best in Shows and Regional Crown Champion at C2E2! Their specialty is weathering and storytelling through costume detailing, but dabbles in as many areas of costume construction as possible. They love getting to be on the judging side of contests just as much as the competitor side. If you need a hype-man to ease your pre-judging or stage nerves, Rouxan is your person and is stoked that you are here and participating in this amazing craft!



BURLESQUE!













This year NDK brings the finest of the Deep South to dance with the Wild West. Welcome back to our friends from Louisiana and a brand new dance troupe: Deep South Fine! And give a warm welcome to our Colorado performers from Anime Mayhem! Both acts will be appearing live on one stage Saturday night only! This is a very popular event so line up early.

NDK'S PANEL FLOOR

This year, we have moved all of the NDK-powered programming to the ground level floor of the hotel. This gives us plenty of room to move around and line up for panels, and makes the food trucks even easier to get to! Take the elevators or escalators down to the Ground Floor and take in a panel or two!

PANELS

We are located on the ground floor of the convention space this year because we have expanded offerings! Prepare to be swept away into discussions, meet friends old and new, and enjoy the community at the heart of NDK. Panels allow us all to talk, laugh, interact, and craft together and are a staple of the convention experience.

Our panels feature a large number of different subjects including Japanese culture, games, comedy, and historic events. We welcome your attendance at every panel, but please be warned that panel rooms can fill up quickly. We've implemented several rules in order to give both attendees and panelists the fairest chance of having a positive experience.

- All Panelists and Presenters must check in at the Panels Office ONE HOUR before their panel starts.
- Panel rooms will be cleared after every panel.
- Attendees will be required to show a badge to gain entry to a panel. We are unable to hold spots in line for attendees without their badges, so please make sure to keep your badge with you.
- Lines for all panels will begin when the previous panel line has been let into the room.
- For the first panel of the day, the line will form 1 hour before it starts.
- Attendees will be brought into the room in the order of arrival (excepting ADA badges as needed).
- Panel lines are located outside of the panel room's hallway.

ABOUT PANELS AT NDK

The panels listed below are organized by the type of room they are scheduled in, organzied alphabetically. If you see something that you want to attend, grab a copy of the printed schedule pamphlet. It will list all the times and rooms each panel has been scheduled in.

Important! Panels may move locations depending on popularity! If a huge line forms for a panel and the room won't fit everyone, it is possible that we will switch rooms to accommodate big crowds.

Look for the whiteboards on the Panels Floor for the latest panel locations. Feel free to check in with our friendly Line Control Staff on the Panels Floor if you need help finding the panel you're looking for.

MAIN EVENTS

AMV RESHOW

Welcome to the re-showing o f NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world and featuring editors from around the globe. This year we have an unprecedented amount of international entries from Armenia, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Chile, Australia, Finland, India, Germany, the UK, and more. This is one of NDK's most popular

events, so show up early to get in line!

AMV WINNERS

Join us as we announce the winners of NDK's AMV competition! This is a very popular event, so come early to get a good seat!

ANIME MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

Welcome to NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world and featuring editors from around the globe. This is one of NDK's most popular events, so show up early to get in line!

CHARITY AUCTION

Join NDK Jeremy as he auctions off rare art,

anime memorabilia, and signed collectibles for a good cause. This year benefits our friends at Spark the Change Colorado. We have some good stuff up for auction, so be sure to get a good seat for this one!

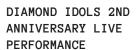
COSPLAY CONTEST

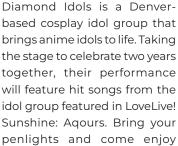
Welcome to NDK's Cosplay Competition! We are so proud of how the Cosplay community shows up for us every year, and we are continually impressed at the love and dedication every one of our Cosplayers showcase in their creations. This is in the top three of the most popular events all weekend, so please show up early for a good seat! NDK's Cosplay competition is considered one of the best in the country for good reason: the quality of entries is truly spectacular and not to be missed!

COSPLAY LIP SYNC

Main character moment: Unlocked. Bring

your friends and your fight for the art of Lip Sync as we battle for glory, bragging rights, oh yeah, and prizes!





cosplay, dancing, and idol music at Diamond Idols' 17th live performance!

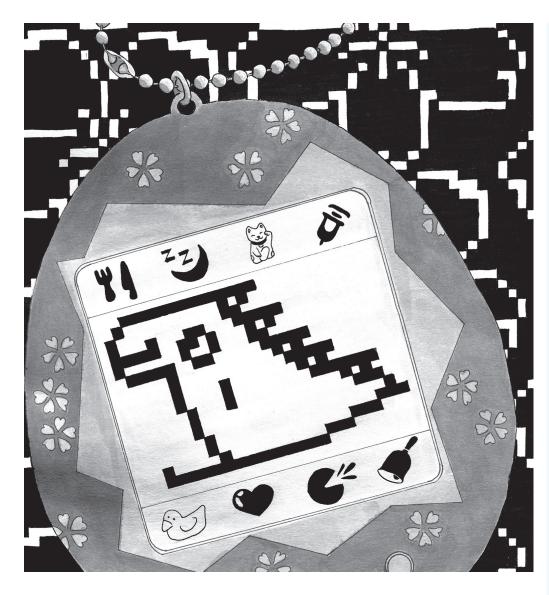
MASQUERAVE

Bring your friends and be ready to dance to the sounds of NDK's own DJ Jeremy, DJ Marcus and Rave Staff pumping out awesome mixes just for you! This one goes all night, so save your energy. The Masquerave is included with your badge and open to all ages!

DEEP SOUTH FINE & ANIME MAYHEM! BURLESQUE SHOW (18+)

When the lights go down, the clothes come (mostly) off and characters come





alive! Welcome back to our friends from New Orleans: Deep South Fine burlesque troupe and local burlesque favorites Anime Mayhem! Bringing to life characters from anime to fantasy to the big screen, this performance features dancers from all over South Louisiana and the metro Denver. Come be entranced by the more sensual side of some of your favorite characters!

PANEL ROOMS ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY AT CONVENTIONS

Accessibility at conventions is something that should be talked about more and that's exactly what this panel is about! Are you a disabled individual yourself or do you know someone who is? Or are you simply just curious to learn more about how cons can provide accommodations to disabled folks alike? All are welcome in this open discussion.

THE ACTORS LAUNCH: ADVANCED VOICE ACTING CLASS W/ BARRY YANDELL

Join voice actor Barry Yandell (One Piece, Black Butler, Spy Family, Borderlands) as he shares his unique method for creating stand out characters whether auditioning or in the booth. His 7 step system, The Actor's Launch, serves as a checklist for developing multi-faceted characters and has proven success in landing voice actors work in numerous recording studios including Crunchyroll! Prizes!

ALL ABOUT PROJECT SEKAI (HATSUNE MIKU: COLORFUL STAGE!)

This panel is all about the vocaloid rhythm game Hastune Miku: Colorful Stage! In this panel, we'll showcase some of the dances you can find in the games, a very short random play dance, competitions, trivia, and more!

- Panel Passes will be collected upon entering the room.
- Panelists must check in with us at the Panels Office **1 hour** prior to the beginning of their panel (Yes. This is so important we want to repeat it!).
- If you have any questions, please ask one of the orange vested staff members in the panel area.

PANEL PASSES

We provide these passes as a way of reserving a spot in a panel without staying in line as long. They're available from the panel pass pickup table located near the panel hall.

- Show up when the line would normally begin for the panel (1 hour prior to the start of the panel). The orange vested staff member for the con will give you a pass.
- 2. This pass reserves your access to the panel **up until the panel begins**.
- 3. Please remember to hand in your pass when you enter the panel!

18+ PANELS

All persons wishing to participate in 18+ programming MUST show their State License or ID to get an 18+ wristband. Pick yours up at Badge Pickup, the Security window, or the Dealer's Info Desk. Wristbands are good for the entire NDK weekend, not just one event, so please keep it on or get a new one when needed if you plan to attend another 18+ event! We can't accept pictures of IDs, High School Diplomas, or texts from your mom swearing you're 18.

PANELS OFFICE HOURS:

The Panel Office's hours are:

Friday: 5 pm – 8:30 pm **Saturday:** 9 am – 8:30 pm **Sunday:** 9 am – 4:30 pm

All Panelists must check in with the Panels Office **one hour** before their panel.

AMV IRON CHEF

Get ready for an all-out AMV showdown - AMV Iron Chef! Two editors, one stage, and just two hours to craft an AMV masterpiece live! With games, prizes, epic AMVs, and our elite judges, it's creativity under pressure. Who will rise, who will fall, and who will be crowned AMV Iron Chef? Don't miss the action!

AMV OVERLOAD

AMV Overload is our ultimate bonus round: a showcase of incredible videos that just missed the main contest but still blew us away. These gems deserve the spotlight, and now's their time to shine.

ANIME AS DISSENT, RESISTANCE, AND REBELLION (18+)

Anime reflects, reimagines, and makes visible alt cultures and values that are traditionally avoided, devalued, repressed, and reviled by dominant and supremacist culture, resulting in discrimination at best and collective punishment or destruction at worst. Come learn how anime themes and stories demonstrate the timeless struggle for understanding, safety, freedom, and self-determination for subcultures under assault.

ANIME KAHOOT!!! :D

Anime Kahoot is an anime-themed game where people can connect their phones to the big screen to play along in an anime themed trivia competition. There will be several different rounds, run by several different hosts, all with their own fun trivia theme. Players will go against each other to win an ultimate prize!

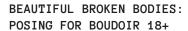
ANIME, IN THIS ECONOMY? JAPANIME GAMES WITH ERIC PRICE

Come for the inside story on how we got here; stay for the sneak peek at what's coming next! Eric Price, the President of Japanime Games, will be presenting on the state of the industry and the future of anime products in the US. Japanime Games works with many anime companies and IP holders to create anime, Japanese culture, and awesome games of all kinds! Visit us at the following webiste: https://japanimegames.com for more information about Japanime games.

SPECIAL EVENT!! NDK COSPLAY COMPETITION MEET & GREET

Whew, what a show! Whether you were in the spotlight or cheering from the crowd, come join us the morning after for a relaxed, community-centered hangout. Cosplay Showcase and Catwalk contestants are invited to share build books, chat about their experiences, ask each other questions, and celebrate the creativity on display. Fans and fellow attendees, this is your chance to meet the incredible talent behind the costumes, give kudos, and connect with the cosplay community!

Location: Summit Room 5 **Time:** Sunday, 10 am – 11 am



Do you have a disability and want to pose sexy for cosplay pictures? Then this is the panel for you! Come learn how to do different boudoir poses using mobility aids and feel more comfortable doing so!

BEST ANIME OPENINGS EXTRAVAGANZA

Openings with a catchy song, great animation, and visuals are a cornerstone of many anime series. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a mix of some of the best anime openings from today and years past. Feel free to sing along!

CELEBRATING THE MAGIC OF KINGDOM HEARTS

In 2002 Kingdom Hearts was released on the PS2 and it has since captured the hearts of many. Come share your experiences with the series and why it is so important to you as we discuss where the series is going and where it has been.

CHARACTER FIGHT NIGHT TOURNAMENT

Witness the ultimate fandom showdown as iconic characters face off in unpredictable, tournament-style battles where the audience decides who comes out on top!

CONSENT CONVERSATIONS - CONSENT CULTURE ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES (18+).

An exploration of consent in cosplay, kink, and life. This discussion offers an in-depth exploration of how consent practices and cultures manifest across diverse social spaces including cosplay communities, dating environments, and alternative lifestyle communities. Participants will examine the principles of enthusiastic, informed, and ongoing consent, and analyze how these principles are integrated or challenged in different contexts. Participants will also gain practical insights into fostering respectful and consent-conscious interactions within various communities, promoting healthier and more inclusive spaces for all.

CULTIVATORS & CHAOS: AN MXTX CELEBRATION

A fun, interactive cosplay panel celebrating the works of MXTX (Mo Xiang Tong Xiu), featuring characters from Heaven Official's Blessing (TGCF), Mo Dao Zu Shi (MDZS), and Scum Villain's Self-Saving System (SVSSS). Join us for trivia, "Would You Rather" games, cosplay, and themed prizes!

DRAMA DESU: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO J-DRAMA MAGIC

Curious about Japanese dramas but don't know where to start? From heart-fluttering romances to over-the-top workplace antics, this panel is your crash course into the world of J-Drama! We'll explore must-watch classics, streaming tips, cultural quirks, and how J-Drama stands apart from K-Drama and anime. Perfect for newbies and long-time fans alike.

THE DUNGEON MASTER'S GUIDE TO RESUME WRITING

Learn how to put D&D campaigns, AMV editing, cosplay, moderating fan pages, MMO guilds, fan art, fanfiction and other anime related passion projects on your resume! Led by a professional career consultant!

THE FLUFFY WORLD OF DAKIMAKURA COLLECTING!

Thinking about buying an anime body pillow? Wouldn't be caught dead with one? Either way, come learn about the Japanese dakimakura industry and the grassroots artists who power it! Learn how to avoid bootlegs, where to find and bid on legitimate covers, tips for taking care of your pillow, and what it's like to commission your own design.

FROLICKIN' THROUGH AO3

Want to look for the perfect fanfic but don't know where to start? Are you a writer who is overwhelmed by all of AO3's flashy forms and categories? Stop by for a crash course on how to become fluent in the databases' native language, be you a novice or fanfiction veteran.

FROM THE MIND TO REALITY

Accomplished fashion designer Euphoria Cosplay is here to show you how to create original designs inspired by your favorite characters.

FROM SCROLLS TO SCUM VILLAIN: THE LITERARY ROOTS OF DANMEI

Join Shen Qingqiu (and *sigh* Shang Qinghua) for a scholarly journey through the roots of danmei! From ancient poetry and Daoist mysticism to TGCF, MDZS, and SVSSS, discover how history shaped your favorite



tropes. Expect romance, chaos, and maybe a little Binghe. It's part literary lecture, part cosplay chaos — cultivators welcome!

GAME NIGHT AT HAZBIN HOTEL! (18+)

You know what this Hotel needs? A team building game night! It's a great idea! Come join Charlie and crew for a great evening at the Hazbin Hotel!

GOING (DIGITALLY) MERRY: WHY ARE PIRATES STILL A THING?

For as long as software has existed, software piracy has existed as well. Before the release of the Nintendo Famicom, video game publishers were waging a secret war against digital pirates all over the world with increasingly elaborate systems. Come learn about the history of digital piracy and how it affects gaming to this day.

GRAB BAG SHUFFLE

Turn your hoarded anime goods into new surprise items! We will be creating and swapping grab bags made with merch participants bring. Items must be all-ages, new or like new and anime related. No DVDs, manga or fan art please.

GUESS THAT ANIME! KAHOOT TOURNAMENT

Come test out your library of anime knowledge in this multi-round tournament that will test how many shows you've REALLY been watching! Play alone or in a team, and win prizes for placing in the top 5 (top 10 in the last round). ALL categories of anime will be in this one so you might want to study up beforehand!

HOW ANIME SPEAKS TO VETERANS AND HOW ANIME COMMUNITIES CAN SUPPORT THEM

Why do vets like anime? Join Retired Michael Jackson Jr., Lt. Col USAF, as he discusses some of the many military themes in anime. Find out how these stories appeal to veterans, and how the anime community can help support and welcome veterans in return.

HOW IT'S MADE: ANIME EDITION

Have you ever wondered how anime is made? Join us for a look behind the scenes and learn more about all the hard work it takes to bring your favorite stories to life. We will be discussing the entire process in-depth, from creating a storyboard to how each frame is compiled together.

HOW PRO WRESTLING TRANSFORMED JAPANESE POP CULTURE

Join us for a discussion about the origins of Japanese wrestling! We will discuss the origins of this phenomenon starting from Mildred Burke traveling to Japan to train what would become the first Joshi wrestlers to how that single act transformed the landscape of Japanese Pop Culture from TV to the big screen, video games, and more!

HOW SHOJOU GASLIT THE WEEBS (18+)

Why did the world love the Nosferatu remake? Why do weebs salivate at the idea of monsters being their love interest? You might think the answer is we are broken. The actual answer is Shojou love triangles. Want to explore how broken you are? Then feel free to listen as we talk about romance, edginess, and most importantly, monster girls.

HOW TO RUN AN ANIME CLUB

Enjoying anime and connecting with fellow weebs doesn't have to be restricted to one weekend a year! Outside of con week, one of the best ways you can get the con atmosphere going year round is with anime clubs! Come join us as we give a crash course on how to run a successful club.

IMMP MEETS G-FORCE MEETS GATCHAMAN!

You may know them as SCIENCE NINJA TEAM GATCHAMAN. But middle-schoolers in the 1970s knew them as G-Force from BATTLE OF THE PLANETS! This special live edition of the Inter-Millennium Media Project podcast will discuss the classic anime, its Americanized release in the USA, and how it appealed to a generation of fans.

INFINITY AND BEYOND: A CELEBRATION OF 30 YEARS OF TOY STORY

Disney fans and theater nerds unite! Join us for a look back at Toy Story, featuring a singalong, readings of the script, and discussion of how much Toy Story means to all of us.

INTRODUCTION TO LIVE2D FOR VTUBER MODELS

Join us for an introduction to Live2D as it relates to use in vtubing and VTuber



models. Learn about this incredibly cool and powerful piece of technology that can enable anyone to be a content creator.

INTRO TO JAPANESE THEATER

Join us as we discuss the four types of Japanese Theatre: Noh, Kabuiki, Bunraku and Takarazuka. We will go over a brief history with video clips to illustrate the amazing history and rich culture of these arts.

IT TAKES TWO - ANIME

Test how well you know your friend's or partner's anime interests by guessing their written answers at this highly interactive event. Compete against each other in duos and pairs. Presented by SHOE - Super Happy Otaku Entertainment.

JPOP IDOLS: A HISTORY

Japanese Pop and Idols have become a staple in Japanese pop culture and anime, but many Western fans have only passing knowledge of Idols and Idol culture. We aim to change that! This panel will highlight the different generations of Japanese Idols, their impact on the scene, and what makes them worth cheering for.

KABUKI THEATER 101 W/ SHAREECE

This more in-depth panel covers the deep and varied world of Kabuki Theatre. Learn how it works, how it influences anime even now and how it influences other cultures including American' pop culture.

KARAOKE QUEST

Calling any and all con-goers! Join us in this choose-your-own-adventure through song; a fantasy battle karaoke! The path is determined by audience participation, all choices are yours. What enemies to face, friends to meet and evil to vanquish is up to song!

KARAOKE WITH DJ MONIQUE

Wind down your Saturday evening at NDK

with DJ Monique and Mo' Fun Entertainment by belting out some of your favorite tunes in our Karaoke room. In past years, we've had over 120 singers on the role, so be sure to show up early and get your song in!



KEI-JIDOSHA THE CULTURE OF LITTLE VEHICLES!

Governor Polis just legalized them here in Colorado, but what ARE Kei-Jidosha? These happen to be a pet love for Guy Sensei, so let's talk about Kei cars and trucks; why they exist in Japan, the history and culture surrounding them, and why you just might find them rolling around the streets of Colorado.

K-POP LORE LECTURES: WHY IS TWILIGHT IN HYBE?

K-pop Music videos hold a lot more than just aesthetically pleasing camera work. Many groups tell a long and complicated storyand perhaps one of the most infamous is Enhypen – the 7 member vampire centric hit boy groups whose fate intertwines with their junior group and team through the ol' vamp vs wolf dispute.

KYUDO - ZEN ART OF ARCHERY

Kyudo (archery) dates back to the Yayoi era of Japan (around 100 BCE). The Japanese long bow (Yumi) is among one of the most interesting and uniquely designed bows in history. Guy Sensei, a 2nd degree black

belt – and the person who fires the arrow at opening ceremonies – talks about the fascinating history behind this ancient and distinguished martial art.

LIVE OKINAWA SANSHIN PERFORMANCE

Sanshin is a three stringed instrument local to Okinawa, Japan. You may have heard its nostalgic gentle tone in several different anime. Join the local Japanese duo Mamiko and Mayumi for their music and lecture of this interesting instrument!

MAGICAL GIRL TRIVIA

A game panel themed around magical girls. With fun questions about characters, theme songs, and overall magical girl awesomeness.

NERD COURT!

Is Demon Slayer better subbed or dubbed? Who would win in a fight: Cloud Strife or Roronoa Zoro? Does Gunpla only allow Gundam mechs, or are other franchises allowed to get kits? Have you had a similar argument with a friend? Take them to Nerd Court, and let the jury decide who is right once and for all!

OLD SCHOOL ANIME - HOW IT WAS DONE BEFORE THE ERA OF COMPUTERS

From days of long ago, from uncharted regions of the universe...comes a legend... Okay, so maybe not Voltron, but how was anime done before the age of computers? Cels and cameras: Guy-Sensei will discuss the lost art of traditional animation, with examples of cels and backgrounds and techniques. From ADR to Film-How it was made.

ON BEING 'OTAKU' IN A MUNDANE WORLD (TV-MA+ EDITION) (18+)

You're all too aware of how peers, strangers, and family members respond when they learn you enjoy anime/manga (which is why you don't tell them). They're clueless about "hentai" or "ecchi," but you know that's

what they imagine. So what?! Let's have a rousing discussion of what we find in adult anime and its fandoms that the mundane world lacks

QUEERS NEVER DIE!

An exploration and celebration of gender diversity and other LGBTQ+ themes in the world of One Piece. This series has a plethora of characters that break the mold on gender identity; who are treated with the utmost respect even by "villian" characters. We want to break down the thematic message these characters bring to the One Piece universe.

RACE TO THE FINISH! - SIM RACING WITH PRESTON PLOURD

If racing simulations are your thing, this is the panel for you! Preston Plourd is here to teach you about the history of sim racing, where to buy equipment for racing sims, etc. Buckle up, because you're in for a fun panel!



READING RAINBOW WITH QUEEN D AND FRIENDS! (18+)

This wildly popular and hilarious panel features Queen D and some fabulous Burlesque friends reading and re-enacting the WORST fanfiction available. Guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes one way or another. This one fills up fast, so show up early!

REINCARNATED AS A PANELIST AT THE CON?! A LOOK A FEMALE-LEAD ISEKAI

A look at isekai anime that feature female protagonists. From classics like Fushigi Yuugi to more modern series like My Next Life as a Villainess. This panel will look at common tropes and how shoujo and otome fit into and even shaped the genre.

RETRO ANIME MUSIC VIDEOS

Relive the golden age of AMVs by traveling back to the early 2000s and experiencing all the hits and hidden gems of the music video editing hobby! We have arranged a playlist showcasing an assortment of videos spanning all genres. Hosted by experienced AMV editors who lived the early days of this con favorite hobby!

SO YOU WANNA PUT AN ANIME GIRL ON YOUR CAR

Have you ever seen a car decked out with anime characters and wondered why -or even how- someone does that? Welcome to the world of itasha: the colorful, creative, and sometimes chaotic collision of car culture and anime fandom. In this panel, we'll explore what itashas are.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A VTUBER?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to get off the ground as a VTuber Content Creator? We will cover the different technologies available, what you can do based on your budget, and general tips and resources to help you succeed.

SPIRITS IN THE STATIC (18+)

Allow a horror enthusiast to be your guide to the other side in this spine tingling panel! Horror has been a tool to create commentary on societal issues for decades all over the world. From The Ring to The Grudge, we'll look at the yokai in Japanese media and see what they can tell us about the culture and minds.



STARDEW VALLEY TRIVIA SHOWCASE

Team up with your fellow congoers and see if your combined knowledge is enough to cover even the most obscure lore of Pelican Town. Answer questions, win points, and walk away with a prize!

STORY CRAFT UNLOCKED: HOW TO EDIT YOUR OWN WRITING

Writing a novel? Learn the self-editing powerups you need to defeat writers' block, finish that draft, or prepare your manuscript for publication. We'll discuss the three main levels of editing — developmental, line editing, and copyediting — and share important questions to focus on. You'll walk away with practical techniques that'll save you time and ensure you're telling your best story.

STRIKE A POSE

Join Euphoria Cosplay and Brewed Images in this crash course on the best techniques for Cosplay Photography. You'll learn everything you need to know about the best poses, lighting, and capturing your characters.



SUMMON YOUR GENSHIN IMPACT TEAM!

You've spent your gems! Your team is set! Now send them into battle on a ... game show? Genshin Impact characters compete in front of your very eyes! Who will be taking home the glory?

SUPER MARIO BROS. SUPER PANEL

In 1983 Mario Bros was released in arcades worldwide and nothing was ever the same afterwards. From pioneering the platforming genre, to setting the bar for 3D platformers the Mario series has been revolutionizing the video game genre ever since. Take a trip through the entire series with this fun and immersive panel

TALES WITH TAILS: FOX SPIRITS IN MYTH, LITERATURE, AND MODERN MEDIA

From ancient Chinese tombs to your favorite anime, the nine-tailed fox has enchanted and unsettled for centuries. Explore its evolution from divine deity to seductive trickster in myth, literature, and pop culture. Whether you're into folklore,

classic tales, or cosplay, this panel reveals the rich, foxy history behind one of East Asia's most iconic mythical creatures.

TATSUNOKO UNLEASHED: THE STUDIO THAT MADE ANIME WEIRD (AND AWESOME)

Masked Heroes, Genies, and Robotic pizza cats?: A Retro Anime Mystery Tour. Take a wild ride through decades of vibrant, eccentric, and genre-defining anime from a studio that shaped your favorites — even if you've never heard their name. From the serious to the surreal, Tatsunoko has it all.

TIKTOK FOR LIFE

Lipsync Battle or Dance Battle up a tournament roster to see just who is the best TikTok's star! Different characters compete in a crowd voting battle! Bring your best game, compete as your favorite character, or watch your favorite characters lip sync to fun and upbeat songs!

TODAY YOU BECOME A SCHOOL IDOL!

Join Bunniichii for a chaotic and heartfelt school idol LARP! Form subunits, craft friendship bracelets, learn a dance, and perform to save the club from being shut down. No dance skills needed — just bring your energy and school spirit! It's Love Live! meets improv theater in this interactive, sparkle-filled experience you'll never forget. Idols, assemble!

TOKYO MEW MEW DESIGNS THROUGH THE AGES

An entirely self-indulgent but insanely passionate analysis of how the designs of the "Tokyo Mew Mew" magical girls have changed from their initial serialization in 2000 to their most recent iteration in the 2022 anime reboot "Tokyo Mew Mew New" and how THIS fan thinks it should have been done.

ULTIMATE DISNEY KAHOOT!

Take on the ultimate Disney trivia experience! Go through a gauntlet of the best Disney trivia and prove you know all things in the Magic Kingdom

VOICE ACTOR Q&A WITH ALL GUESTS

Spend some special time with our awesome voice acting guests in this panel. From interesting war stories to insider tips, you can expect to see a unique perspective on the voice acting trade!

VTUBERS, STREAMING AND THE FUTURE OF VIRTUAL OSHI!

Join Eric Price and our special guest VTubers to yap about streaming and all things Oshi! VTuber streaming has become extremely popular both abroad and in the US. Join us for a riveting discussion with info drops, sneak peeks, big personalities, and surprises! (https://japanimegames.com)

WHAT'S IN THE CARDS? CARTOMANCY WITH KUMI AND ALEX

Cartomancy, a divination method using a deck of cards including Tarot and oracle decks, has been depicted in many forms of popular media, but how true to life are these representations? We go over a brief history, the structure of a tarot deck, and a crash course on how to use a deck!

WRITE WHAT YOU LOVE: ANIME-INSPIRED STORYTELLING FOR NOVELISTS

Anime is rich with complex, enthralling stories, so it's no wonder that we're inspired by our favorite shows and movies when we're writing our own books. But anime is a visual medium—how do we translate it into words? Learn the essential writing elements that will help you craft stories that harness the wonder, power, creativity, and emotion of anime.

YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT

Got a deep burning passion for a manga that never received the recognition it deserves? Come spread the gospel about it here! Attendees will share their favorite manga (rated teen and under) that never got an anime, merch, or even an English translation. Together they will form an all-star list of recommendations.

NDK MUSEUM

NDK's Museum is dedicated to showcasing NDK's 28 years of history. Come check out the collection of program guides, badges, photos and other artifacts of years gone by. The museum also hosts a Friday night Memorial session at 9pm to honor those who are no longer with us.

THE JUNIPER DANCE HALL

Welcome to the official dance and movement room of NDK!

This space is specially set up for workshops where you can learn new dances from guests and attendees alike.

DAGORHIR BATTLE GAMES

Dagorhir is a foam weapon fighting game. The panel will feature introductory battle games, tutorials, and light lessons on how to play the game safely and effectively. Weapon selection will be limited to mitigate chaos. A staff of referees or "heralds" will monitor gameplay to ensure a safe environment. Experienced players will demo advanced gameplay.

DOMAIN EXPANSION: DANCE! (A JJK THEMED DANCE LESSON)

An interactive dance lesson where participants of all ages and skill levels can learn the iconic dance moves as seen in Jujutsu Kaisen's first ending, Lost in Paradise.

HAIKYUU!!: DON'T LET THE VOLLEYBALL TOUCH THE FLOOR!

Join Oikawa and Ushijima in a game of don't let the volleyball touch the floor!A volleyball will be provided and the goal is to see how long we can keep a volley going.

K-POP/J-POP RANDOM DANCE

Come show us how much you know as we have a random dance. When we say random we mean it! Older songs, newer songs, girls, boys, groups and soloists, so how much do you know?

K-POP AND J-POP RPD

Get ready to dance and cheer at our K-pop and J-pop Random Play Dance! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just here to vibe, join fellow fans as we celebrate your favorite idols and anime hits. Music, movement, and fun guaranteed!

LET'S LEARN A...J-POP DANCE!

Come out and learn a dance chorus! We will spend this time teaching you a J-pop chorus and want this to be as fun and interactive as possible.

LOVE LIVE RANDOM DANCE!

All skill levels are welcome to participate, wait for the countdown and join in on the dancefloor to perform the choruses of your favorite songs from Love Live! Come hang out with us and have fun dancing!

LOVE LIVE! A SCHOOL IDOL PANEL

With anime shows, mobile games, live concerts, and hundreds of CD releases, the Love Live! School Idol Project is among the top-selling mixed-media franchises in Japan. Join us for a look at the six school idol clubs, their history, and the real-life locations that have been featured in their corresponding shows.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN IDOL FESTIVAL

Whether you are a fan of idol anime, or just love watching amazing J-pop performances, Rocky Mountain Idol Festival has a seat for you! Support your local Idol scene from all around the Rocky Mountain region as they put on a performance all about showcasing their passion for J-pop and Japanese culture.

SHIMMIES 'N' LUV! WITH TAKA

Bellydancing is for EVERYBODY. Come shake, shimmy and slink with Taka. We will tap into our bodies and feel the love through the beautiful art of bellydance!

TODAY YOU BECOME A SCHOOL IDOL!

Have you ever wanted to be a school idol, even for a day? Come join Jules and Magpie for a super special school idol event! Make friends, craft friendship bracelets, and learn a fun dance to get a taste of what it would be like to live your school idol dreams!

THE ULTIMATE J-POP RANDOM DANCE

Grab your penlights then come join us in dancing to some of the most popular and fun idol songs in our randomized setlist of J-pop choruses!

VIDEO GAME-IUM!

Gamers form teams as you compete in this interactive game show with a video game theme. Draw, charade, sculpt, act, and guess trivia and win prizes. This is the video game version of Anime-nium. Presented by SHOE- Super Happy Otaku Entertainment.



THE NEKO CAFE

The fuzzies are back! NDK has partnered up with Denver Cat Rescue to bring some fabulous furry feline friends into NDK space. This room is intended for taking in some fuzzy friend energy, toebeans, and cheek scritches. Recharge and connect with our very own Lucky Cats. Please see the representatives of the rescue for more information about adoption and ways to support them!

WEST COAST SWING WORKSHOP

Step onto the dance floor with this fun, beginner-friendly intro to West Coast Swing! Learn smooth ballroom moves and stylish basics that bring partner-dancing flair to any setting. No partner or experience needed — just energy and enthusiasm! From pop hits to geeky remixes, this versatile dance lights up any con floor. Come dance your feet off!

WOTAGEI: THE ART OF OTAKU

Ever wondered what all those glowsticks were for at J-Pop concerts? Look no further than Wotagei: The Art of Otaku! This panel will teach you the basics of Wotagei through clips of popular anime, a detailed tutorial, and plenty of demonstrations. After learning how to wotagei, attendees will be challenged to cheer for local idols to win a prize!

COSPLAY ARTS

COSPLAY 301: DIGITAL PATTERN DRAFTING FOR COSPLAY

Curious about digital pattern drafting for cosplay? In this live demo panel, we'll compare two different software programs, walk through how they work, and show how custom patterns go from screen to finished costume. Whether you're ready to ditch commercial patterns or just exploring digital tools, come see how tech can level up your sewing game!

COSPLAY HORROR STORIES W/ SHAREECE (18+)

Join Shareece in an after-dark horrific and hilarious tales of cosplay related nonsense. Let's laugh and cry together about some of the most ridiculous encounters, issues, and events that truly make cosplaying an EXPERIENCE. Come ready to share your own experiences in a relaxed open, group therapy session!

COSPLAY ROUNDTABLE

Had a cosplay question that you didn't get answered or have feedback about cosplay at the Kan? Come chat with experienced cosplayers and Cosplay staff to wrap up a great weekend. Whether it's sewing, props, wigs or presentation, our pool of knowledge can help you out!

COSPLAY Q&A LEVEL 0 TO FINAL BOSS

Every con needs a good Cosplay Q&A! Ask questions and get perspectives from Cosplayers at two different levels! Tommy and Ellie have you covered!

COSPLAY WITHOUT LIMITS: ANY CHARACTER, ANY RACE

Cosplay is for everyone! This panel celebrates cosplayers of all races who bring their favorite characters to life, no matter their background. We'll discuss overcoming negativity, finding inspiration, and embracing creativity with confidence. Whether you're new to cosplay or a seasoned pro, join us for an empowering conversation on representation, self-expression, and breaking barriers in the cosplay community.

COSTUMING FOR EveryBODY

Take a detailed look into the proper proportioning of 2D costumes to fit any and all body types in our 3D world. Costuming and

design modifications for cosplayers big and small of every gender.

FOAM CRAFT IN COSPLAY

Foam craft in cosplay is a panel offering tips into foam crafting! It's a beginners guide to Foam crafting, from types of foams to adhesives, paints, etc.

FROM SOLO TO SQUAD: THE CREATION OF LOVE, BATS

Ever wondered how to go from doing it all yourself to building a cosplay group without losing your mind—or your friends? Join Love, Bats, a cosplay collective formed by solo artists Love Kavi Creative and FadetoBats, as we share the journey of merging.

INTERNATIONAL COSPLAY COMPETITIONS

There's never been more options to be Team USA for a cosplay competition abroad but how do you know where to start? Teca Cosplay, part of WCS Team USA 2020/2022, will go over all of the current options, their unique qualities and how to decide if this exciting new frontier of cosplay is for you."

INTRODUCTION TO WIGS FOR COSPLAY (WIGS 101)

Are you starting to get into cosplay and feeling lost when it comes to wigs? Need a refresher course on wigs or want to see what has changed over the years? This panel will go through the basics of wigs including where to get wigs, how to care for them, and general information to get anyone comfortable with the medium.

READING AND UNDERSTANDING COMMERCIAL PATTERNS

Ever look at a commercially made pattern (McCalls, Simplicity, etc) and questioned what it was trying to say, what size you were, or just threw your hands in the air and guessed your way through the pattern? It's time to stop those feelings and start understanding what they're really trying to tell you.

SHINING BRIGHT: FROM FLOOR TO STAGE

You've already strut your stuff in the hallways but now you're ready to be the star of the

stage - but how do you make that jump? Let's go over how you can approach your first time as a competitor from portfolios, to skits, to the ever-present threat of stage fright.

SO YOU WANT TO DATE A COSPLAYER?

Every successful relationship begins with understanding your partner's expectations and passions. Unfortunately, cosplayers are terrible at communicating both. This panel is here to help you by teaching you the tips and tricks to supporting a cosplaying partner, straight from the mind of a cosplayer's husband of 10 years.

WESTERN WEAR FOR COSPLAY AND CHARACTER DESIGN

So you've chosen a character inspired by the Old West. That's great - but your choices are just beginning!

Join us for a hat-to-boots discussion of Western styles and accessories, their origins, and what they might say about your character.



Make Your Costuming Dreams a Reality!

Our team isn't just helpful—we're creators, just like you. Stop by and talk to one of our friendly experts. We're here to guide you, inspire you, and help you find exactly what you need to get started (or level up).

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Spotlight on Cosplay

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- The Cosplay Competition has been split into two separate contests:
 - Cosplay Showcase: Full craftsmanship judging and performance scoring
 - Cosplay Catwalk: Shorter, fun performances with awards and scoring
- **Stage Practice** now available Saturday morning for competitors to test audio and video
- A new Sunday Meet & Greet allows competitors to connect, ask questions, and discuss their work together

COSPLAY CONTESTANT CHECK-IN

Location: Summit Room 4 **Friday:** 6 pm – 8 pm **Saturday:** 9 am – 11 am

- Check-in is **mandatory** for all participants in either competition
- No on-site sign-ups
- Those still interested may sign up for the Cosplay Catwalk Waitlist on the NDK website
- A live waitlist is available through the NDK Cosplay Discord

DISCORD FOR INFO, SCHEDULE, AND WAITLIST

https://discord.gg/BD5q6Jvm8c

COSPLAY COMPETITION STAGE PRACTICE

Location: Main Events

Time: Saturday, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

- Open only to accepted competitors
- Practice is for testing audio, video, and any special tech needs
- Additional practice may be possible in Summit Room 4, but must be scheduled around check-in times and approved by Cosplay Head.

COSPLAY SHOWCASE CRAFTSMANSHIP JUDGING

Location: Summit Room 5

■ Judging is by **appointment only**

- Available Friday and Saturday
- Appointment slots were filled prior to the convention for accepted Showcase participants

COSPLAY GREENROOM GATHERING POINT

Location: Summit Room 4

Time: Saturday, 3 pm - 3:45 pm

- This is the final check-in time for both Showcase and Catwalk competitors
- Anyone not checked in by 3:45 pm will not be allowed backstage or permitted to compete
- Greenroom is in Summit 5 after being checked in.

Competition Time: Saturday, 4 pm – 6 pm

AFTER THE COSPLAY COMPETITION

- **No photos** are permitted on stage following the end of the event
- All photography will take place in the Cosplay Photography Corridor outside of Main Events
- Any leftover portfolios/build books will be available at the Sunday Meet
 & Greet
- Unclaimed items may be discarded or given to the NDK Museum

SUNDAY MEET & GREET WITH COSPLAY COMPETITORS

Location: Summit Room 5

Time: Sunday, 10 am - 11 am

- An informal gathering space for 2025 competitors
- Attendees are encouraged to connect, ask questions, and browse each other's build books
- This is also the time to pick up any remaining portfolios or build books

COSPLAY PHOTOSHOOTS AND GATHERINGS

- Full schedule is available in the NDK
 Cosplay Discord and on the NDK
 Cosplay Facebook Page
- Only gatherings submitted before the convention are listed

THE NDK ART ACADEMY

NDK's Art Academy is back for another awesome year! This room is dedicated to offering fun and interactive arts and crafts panels to NDK attendees. Panels in the Academy have included charm making, cel painting, plushie making, jewelry craft, and much more!

HOW CAN I GET TICKETS TO ART ACADEMY PANELS?

We sell the tickets at the Panel Office when it opens. **Tickets will be available on the day the panel occurs ONLY.** No pre-buying or picking up tickets for future days are allowed.

Some classes require a materials fee to cover supplies used in the panel, so be sure to check the program book for each panel's cost!

This fee collected is payable in **cash only** and there will be **no refunds**. Limit 2 tickets per person; a valid state ID is required for 18+ classes.

ART OF INKING BY JASON MARTIN: NO MATERIALS FEE

Brush, pen and quill. Jason will show you how to use inking to enhance your illustrations. From line weight to negative space, learn how to improve your inking skills!

CHARMS MAKE AND TAKE PANEL W/ HEATHERAFTER COSPLAY: LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. \$5 FEE

Charms can be utilized as necklace pendants, keychains, ornaments, zipper pulls, etc. So long as you can trace a picture, you can make a charm. HeatherAfter Cosplay will provide everything you need to create a personalized charm. Choose one of the designs provided, or create something that suits your personality. The charms are sturdy plastic, and there are many designs to choose from! Tools and materials are provided.

CREATE YOUR OWN ZIP TIE CROWNS W/TAKA 10 PERSON LIMIT, \$10 FEE

Learn how to make beautiful, extravagant and lightweight zip tie crowns! Perfect for cosplay, dressing up, or just when you want to feel fabulous. This class will focus on teaching the lotus style zip tie crown.

INTRO TO AMIGURUMI- FORTUNE COOKIES, \$5 FEE

An introductory course on beginner crochet: Learn basic stitches and how to read a pattern. Here we will be making a fortune cookie and learning how to apply the techniques to any crochet projects!

INTRO TO CHAINMAIL W/SCOTT 6 PERSON LIMIT, \$10 FEE

Learn the basics of making chainmail! In this class we will go over all terms you need to know and will learn several styles to get you started. All tools and supplies will be provided.

INTRODUCTION TO MINIATURE FIGURE PAINTING W/LUKE \$20 FEE

A panel where you will paint a simple miniature figurine using provided paints and materials. Once you're finished, you can take your miniatures home with you!

KOI DRAWSTRING POUCH MAKE AND TAKE PANEL W/HEATHERAFTER COSPLAY LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. \$10 FEE

In Japan, the koi is a symbol of luck, prosperity, and good fortune. Why not make your own luck? HeatherAfter Cosplay will show you how to create your very own unique Koi Drawstring Pouch. This fashionable fish will carry small keepsakes while looking fabulous. No sewing necessary! Participants must be comfortable using scissors and hot glue. Tools and materials are provided.

LET'S SHODO WITH MAMIKO IKEDA! 25 PERSON LIMIT. \$10 FEE

Shodo means the art of Japanese Calligraphy. Join the expert Mamiko Ikeda as she talks about Shodo tools, brush strokes, and different Kanji writing styles. Participants will practice Shodo strokes and characters with brush pen and hand-made origami frames.

MINIATURE FIGURE PAINTING W/LUKE (18+) \$20 FEE

A panel on painting a miniature pinup model suitable for adults. Participants will be able to bring their finished miniature home with them! Al

miniature home with them! Although you should probably do so discretely...

MINIATURE FIGURE PAINTING: ADVANCED CLASS W/LUKE \$20 FEE

This is an advanced panel for miniature painting, focusing on techniques useful for RPG and tabletop games. Miniatures and paints will be provided, and participants will be able to bring their painted figures home!

MONOLOGUE WORKSHOP W/WENDY POWELL 30 PERSON LIMIT, NO FEE

Join award-winning theater teacher Wendy Powell in her second intensive monologue workshop at NDK! Bring your A-game acting skills, imagination, and get ready for a deep dive!

MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS: THE ART OF ORIGAMI NO MATERIALS FEE

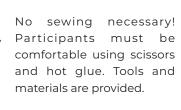
Origami is one of the most accessible art forms out there. With just a sheet of paper and a few minutes of dedication, anyone can make something beautiful. If you want to learn how to make something beautiful, this is the panel for you!

ORIGAMI FOR ORGANIZING NO MATERIALS FEE

Origami isn't just pretty paper. If you have been looking for quick and easy ways to organize your craft room, stash some vendor's business cards or maybe mass produce some cute freebie containers for your next con, join origami expert Squeakers to learn quick but helpful folds for some paper hacks!

PLUSH DRAGON MAKE AND TAKE PANEL W/HEATHERAFTER COSPLAY: LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. \$20 FEE.

Who wouldn't want a pet dragon?! HeatherAfter Cosplay will show you how to create your very own poseable pet dragon. The dragon will happily curl around your wrist, and be a constant companion.



WATERCOLORS IN REVERSE W/EMMIE LIMIT 40 PEOPLE. \$20 FEE

This course explores the innovative technique of reverse watercolor painting, also known as painting the negatives. Students will learn how to approach watercolor from a different perspective focusing on negative space and the areas around their subjects to create dynamic and layered compositions. Through guided exercises and a hands-on project, participants will develop skills in planning, masking, and layering to achieve striking effects. Emphasizing creativity and experimentation, this class encourages artists to think outside traditional methods and discover new ways to harness the fluidity and transparency of watercolor. Suitable for all skill levels, this course opens up new avenues for artistic interpretation.



2025 CHARITY

Spark by Project Helping is rooted in the power of volunteerism. Every simple act of kindness sparks a ripple effect of change throughout our communities. Spark helps connect volunteers looking to give their time and expertise to activities that fit their specific talents, interests and needs. They know that helping your community and building connections through volunteering has a direct, positive impact on your own mental wellbeing. That is why making volunteerism fun and accessible is so central to their mission.

Formerly Spark the Change Colorado, Spark has continued to adapt and grow to serve as a vital part of the Colorado volunteerism landscape and support volunteerservice, training, and engagement in all forms. Spark programs include a Mental Wellness Program, two Empowering Aging programs, Volunteering-In-Person (VIP), and Spark Knowledge, an education & training program.

For more information about Spark or to find an opportunity to volunteer, visit projecthelping.org/spark.

THE TABLETOP GAMING DOJO

Welcome to the Dojo! A Dojo is a hall or space for immersive learning or meditation in the field of martial arts. The term literally means "place of the Way" in Japanese. Our Dojo is a place where you can engage in the study of and practice Tabletop Gaming-Do, or "the way of tabletop gaming". Our Gaming Sensei and Senpai are there to help you.

Come to the tabletop gaming Dojo to indulge in our library of games, learn new games through the demos, classes, and scheduled play, partake in the gaming tournaments, or just to have space to play games or RPGs of your own. Our staff can help you select a game and help you get set up and learn the rules if you would like. We can also help you find players if needed. In addition to our scheduled events we will also have signup sheets available for other games, such as One-Shot RPGs and possible game demos, so be sure to drop by and check out our Announcement table.



Open gaming is also available and encouraged if you have your own game and just need a place to play, so if you are into Collectable Card Games like Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Yugioh, etc... be sure to bring along a deck or two and you might be able to find some opponents to duel.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday: 7 pm – 3 am Saturday: 9 am – 3 am Sunday: 9 am – 3 pm



FIASCO

FIASCO is an award-winning story-telling game inspired by cinematic tales of small-time capers gone disastrously wrong. You'll tell a story about ordinary people with powerful ambition and poor impulse control! Lives and reputations will be lost, painful wisdom will be gained, and if you are really lucky, you just might end up back where you started. You probably won't be lucky. This is a story driven game that will test your improv skills and your ability to act out scenes with other players.

ULTIMATE WEREWOLF

Ultimate Werewolf is an interactive game of deduction for two teams: Villagers and Werewolves. The Villagers don't know who the Werewolves are, and the Werewolves are trying to remain undiscovered while they slowly eliminate the Villagers one at a time. A Moderator (who isn't on a team) runs the game.

Ultimate Werewolf takes place over a series of game days and nights. Each day, the players discuss who among them is a Werewolf and vote out a player. Each night, the Werewolves choose a player to eliminate, while the Seer learns whether one player is a Werewolf or not. The game is over when either all the Villagers or all the Werewolves are eliminated.

KING-SIZED TOURNAMENT

Who will win this year's Dojo giantsized tournament? Stop by the Dojo to learn how to play the game that will be featured Saturday night for the Dojo's King Sized Tournament. This year's game will be a surprise, so be sure to stop by Friday to see what it will be.

ONE-SHOT RPGS

There are a few one-shot **Dungeons** and **Dragons** games in the works including one modeled off of the anime Delicious in Dungeon. Also there may possibly be a Magical Girl One-shot. Day and Time are still to be determined.

ALL C'S COLLECTIBLES

All C's Collectibles will be partnering with the Dojo this year running tournaments. Please check in with the Dojo staff at NDK for the most updated

info: Magic the Gathering (Draft and Commander Pods), One Piece, Pokemon, Union Arena, YuGiOh

CROKINOLE

Crokinole is a traditional dexterity game played on a circular wooden board, with wooden circular disks as playing pieces. Every round each player takes turns shooting one of their 8 disks until all the have been used and then scoring is done at the end of the round.

Demos and a tournament are planned for Saturday. Time to be determined.

MAGIC THE GATHERING SPECIAL MYSTERY TOURNAMENT!

Last year Sensei Troy ran an unorthodox MtG tournament that went so well that he has decided to make it a yearly feature. Each time there will be something crazy that changes the game forcing players to adapt to the unexpected. This year the Mystery Tournament will be great for beginners and hopefully a fun challenge for experienced players. All you need to bring is your wits and something to track your life total. That's right. This will be a free tournament.

Check in with the Dojo for more details.



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Be sure to check in with the Dojo to see what days and times other games, demos, tournaments, RPGs, and events are happening that weren't locked down in time for the program guide.

FRIDAY

7 pm – 8 pm: Learn to play Crokinole 7 pm – TBD: Magic The Gathering: Final Fantasy Draft (\$20 entry fee)

*Maximum player spots TBD

8 pm - 9: 30 pm: Fiasco: The Big Anime Con Edition

8:30 pm - 10 pm: Jackbox Games (requires a device that can access the Internet). Limited player spots but plenty of room for "audience members" to vote on the best players.

10 pm - 3 am: Guided Ultimate Werewolf Play

SATURDAY

10 am – 12 pm: Magic the Gathering Special Mystery Tournament (no entry fee).

12 pm - 2 pm: Crokinole Tournament (1v1, all skill levels encouraged)

12 pm - 2 pm: One Piece CCG Tournament (entry fee TBD)

12 pm - 2 pm: YuGiOh CCG Tournament (entry fee TBD)

3 pm - 5 pm: Crokinole Tournament (2v2, all skill levels encouraged)

*If we have 4 or more players sign-up we will pair up players that need a doubles partner.

7 pm - 9 pm: King Sized Tabletop Game Tournament (Game to be announced)

10 pm - 3 am: Guided Ultimate Werewolf Play

SUNDAY

9am - 3pm: Open gaming

12 pm – 2pm: Pokemon CCG Tournament (entry fee TBD)

12 pm – 2pm: Union Arena CCG Tournament (entry fee TBD)

MODEL SHOW RULES

- No Entry Fee.
- Participation in the show is open to all NDK attendees, staff, and bolunteers.
- Photography is welcome in the model room.
- Models on display are not for sale.
- Please note that this is an anime con and select your entries accordingly. Science Fiction and Fantasy themed entries are welcome.
- NDK is a family-oriented convention. Please, no entries that do not suit this audience.
- If a model has placed at a previous NDK model contest, please do not enter it again.
- Please be sure your entries will stand on their own on the display tables.
- Please pick up your entries on Sunday between 2 pm 4 pm.

MODEL CONTEST CATEGORIES

Juniors: Modelers under 18
Adults: Modelers age 18+
Large Scale Figures & Busts
Human and humanoid, as
well as creatures and monsters

Mecha

Robots and power suits.
This includes Super-Deformed,
Gundam and MaK

Non-Mecha Vehicles

Space-capable, atmospheric, ground and sea craft

Small Scale Figures and Miniatures

Single figures and groups of figures

Dioramas

Judged in part by the strength of the theme or story

Kawaii

Japanese for cute. This includes chibi, haro, bears, and super-deformed, as well as other things that make you smile.



MODEL SHOW

There's lots to see, do, and learn about at the Model Show. Contest entries are accepted Friday and Saturday, so come by often to see what's new in the display.

The IPMS/CoMMiES welcomes you to our favorite hobby! That's scale model building, for those of you new to the con.

Room open to public:

Friday: 2 pm – 10 pm **Saturday:** 10 am – 10 pm **Sunday:** 10 am – 4 pm

SEE

The model contest itself – a display of scale models of anime, gaming, and science fiction-related subjects built by con attendees and staff. Check out the amazing work, take pictures, and vote for your favorite build! All of these builders were once new to the hobby. If they can do work this awesome-looking, so can you. All it takes is practice. See entry details at the end of this section.

Contest entry intake:

Friday: 10 am – 6pm Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Contest entry pickup: Sunday: 2 pm – 4 pm

Modelers at work – Members of our modeling club actually building models. We are all happy to answer your modeling questions

A display by Colorado Gunpla, a local group of Gundam-focused model builders. This year's display is Pokemon models.

Streaming modeling-related videos on-screen. Our modelers are more than willing to answer any questions you may have.

DO

We have a **Make & Take space**. Come spend 30 to 45 minutes putting together a paper model (Friday/Saturday) or a plastic model (Sunday at 10 am – limited seating)



Friday

Paper Model Make & Take 4pm – 6pm

Saturday

Paper Model Make & Take Noon – 3 pm

Sunday

Plastic Model Make & Take 10 am – 1 pm

40 seats only; first come, first served. line forms outside the room, there is a \$5 fee for this event (cash or QR code)

This year's kits are:

- Kamen Rider Entry Grade No. 1
- Doraemon Entry Grade No. 4
- Ultraman Armour of Legends Titas (guan yu armour)
- Gundam BB senstii No. 113 hyakushiki

The Make & Take space is open Friday & Saturday evening 7-10 pm for **after hours building**. Bring a kit.

Saturday evening after hours will also offer **Advanced Miniature Painting**

LEARN

Panels and demonstrations about scale model-building techniques and related subjects:

SATURDAY PANELS

10 am - noon: Introduction to Mini Painting: a Paint and Take class (hands on) Learn the basics of painting your own gaming minis. Limit 24 seats.

Panelist Dan Holmes

1 pm - 2 pm: Nubs and Seams

When your kit isn't perfect out of the box, use Robb's tips to make it better.

Panelist Robb Merrill

3 pm - 5 pm: Introduction to Mini Painting: a Paint and Take class (hands on - repeat of earlier class)

ART GALLERY

Welcome to the NDK Art Gallery, located inside Artists Alley!

ART VIEWING AND BUYING

- Everyone is welcome to come to the Art Gallery and see the beautiful offerings from the community!
- Please do not touch the art hanging on the pillars! If you have a question about a piece of art, please see the Gallery Staff.
- If you wish to purchase a piece of art from the Art Gallery, please see the Staff to receive instructions on how to purchase the art piece directly from the artist themselves.
- Artists that bring pieces in after submissions are closed, will be reviewed on-site and if space is available, will be displayed only, not sold.

ART GALLERY HOURS
Gallery viewing hours
Friday: 3 pm – 8 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm
Sunday: 10 am – 2:30 pm

Artist Check-In/Pick-Up Check in: Friday 12 pm – 2:30 pm Check out: Sunday 2:30 pm – 4 pm

Learn the basics of painting your own gaming minis. Limit 24 seats.

Panelist Dan Holmes

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Why We Model A panel discussion by model club members around how we came to the hobby and why we enjoy it.

Discussion leader Robb Merrill

7 pm - 10 pm: Advanced Mini Painting Techniques. Panelist Dan Holmes

SUNDAY PANEL

11 am: Fun with 3D Printing: An overview of 3D printers and print materials, sourcing print files, and what do you do after the print's complete.

Panelist: Ian Porter

DISCLAIMER: NDK, the hotel, Con staff, and the IPMS/CoMMiES are not responsible for damage to or loss of entries. Although model show staff will safeguard entries to the best of their ability to reduce the possibility of damage or loss, accidents do happen.

VIDEO GAMING

This year's Video Game Room will be just like every other year's room – and yet completely different. There will be several tracks of gaming all convention long featuring the PS4, Xbox One, and Switch 2 as well as pachinko, DDR, and general mayhem courtesy of the VGR Staff. We are also hosting BattleTech Pods! We've been trying to get these in the VGR for years and are looking forward to some immersive Mechcorps action!

CH, CH, CHANGES!

Welcome to Retro year at the NDK VGR! While we are running modern tournaments, we will have retro games in open gaming and some retro tournaments as well!

Also, please be aware that the MechPods are not free-to-play; \$7 for a single seven-minute long session, \$25 for a four pack of sessions, \$50 for a ten pack of sessions.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

We are part of NDK's Gaming Track, and are located just to the left/west of NDK Operations.

OPEN ALMOST ALL CONVENTION LONG ... WITH A CAVEAT

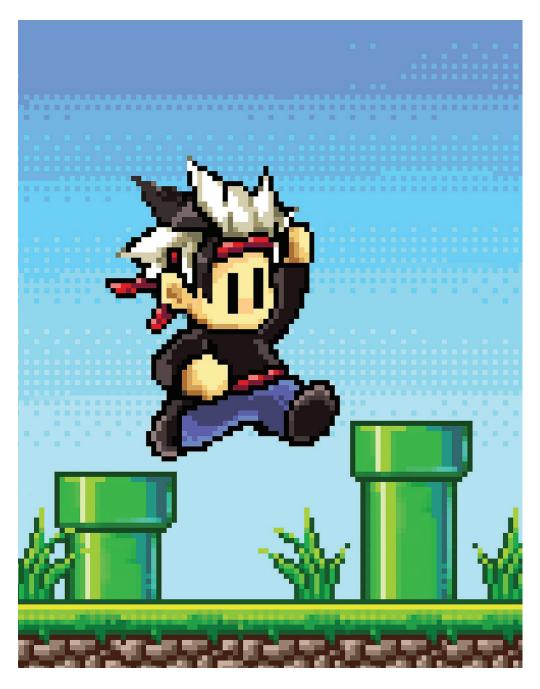
In the interest of our staffers' health, especially with our convention-wide commitment to mental health; if you aren't showing up, we're going to close for a few hours and make sure everyone gets some much needed rest.

CHARITY ARCADE

Every year, NDK raises money for charity and the VGR is involved. NDK is providing arcade machines with a variety of games to be played all weekend long including Galaga, Sinistar, Metal Slug, Samurai Shodown, and more! Come and play for a good cause!

PACHINKO FOR CHARITY

The Pachinko Thunder-Dome is here to stay! (I never thought I'd see that particular Godzilla cross-over, Castlevania presented in quite that way...) Our phenomenal showcase increased our



charity contribution to record amounts and we have you to thank for it. So give us your money for a cup full of balls and have at 'em!

NO TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

If you want to join a tournament just come in when the tournament starts so we can check your badge, and you can collect a tournament token. Each token has a number and they are your ticket into the tournament! When you sit down to compete, you'll slot up your token right there, and if you get beaten, you lose it. If you win, that token is your proof

that you are still in the tournament. Keep track of it! And don't try trading it to your friends—even if we don't catch you, the rest of the participants will.

PRIZES

We are sponsoring our usual number of special prizes this year: Best Video Game Artwork, Best Video Game Model, Best Video Game Costume, Best Video Game AMV/Machinima, and Best Video Game Itachi Motor Show Entrant.

The winners get a Golden Joystick of their very own and some extra special prizes as well!

VIDEO GAMES

THE RULES

We've got some straightforward rules and regulations in the VGR and they're clearly posted everywhere. Let's go over them real quick, just to be sure:

- 1. Attendees can bring beverages into the VGR as long as they are in a closed-top container. It's summertime in Colorado, please engage in self-care and hydrate! We are specifying closed container as the risk of spills on the electronics is just too great. Please be on good behavior for this, as we will still ask you leave if you violate this rule or are leaning too hard on the line. Eating in the VGR is still forbidden unless you are a VGR staff member. Yes, we will eat right there in front of you because we don't get to leave.
- 2. Please help keep the VGR clean and sanitary. We have hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and trash cans. We do our best to keep things tidy, but we are not your maid.
- 3. No roughhousing. There are really no situations where body parts should be touching other body parts while in the VGR. The only real exception is when you shake the hand of the person who just crushed you at Smash Ultimate in Sudden Death, because you're a good sport.
- 4. Do not abuse any games, systems, peripherals, or staff members in the VGR. Seriously. Anyone damaging equipment intentionally will have an equivalent weight in body parts removed by the VGR Staff. You are not Pete Townshend; do not smash that guitar controller when you finish your set. Destruction of hotel or NDK property is an immediate ban from the convention.
- 5. No unattended children under 12. The

- VGR is funded primarily through the sales of unattended children to medical research facilities. But hey, maybe some of those researchers are actually mad scientists and have some experimental super soldier serum handy.
- **6.** No outside games, or systems. This is due to Colorado State liability laws, not because we're jerks. No, we're not making an exception for you. Stop asking. Yes, we're talking to you. You know who you are; you ask every year.
- 7. You may bring your own controllers including joysticks for use in the VGR for Open Play and Tournaments. However, don't be a lowdown dirty cheater with them. If you cheat in open gaming you're just being a jerk. If you cheat in a tourney you're being a jerk that'll be kicked out of the tournament at the very least.
- 8. No stealing from us or your fellow attendees. A terrible curse is laid on those who steal from the VGR: all your saved games will be corrupted and lost, right after you get further in your game than you ever have before; all your achievements will be lost to the aether! Beware! Oh, and you'll get Ban-Hammered from the convention. And we may even have to notify The Law.
- **9.** No whining. Please note that this rule does not say: no suggestions, no feedback, no requests or no opinions. Just No Whining.
- 10. Do not leave your personal belongings in the VGR. Not only are the VGR staff not responsible for your personal belongings, we refuse to take responsibility for them. If we find unattended items we will take them to the lost and found at Convention Operations.
- **11.** No sleeping in the VGR. This is not your crash pad.

- 12. To play pachinko, just locate the staffer nearby, give them some money and play pachinko with your cup full of balls! All joking aside: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE PACHINKO MACHINES BY STUFFING THEM WITH QUARTERS! The Ban-Hammer will be used to smite the offenders right off the premises. With luck, they may even see the curvature of the Earth.
- 13. Please do not change the settings on the games. We have the settings arranged to ensure that everyone can play, have a good match, then make way for the next round of attendees. Just because you and your friends enjoy a 100 Stock round of Smash doesn't mean the dozens of people behind you wants to be waiting around for the match to resolve. Keep that kind of play at home, please.
- 14. Unwanted affection is not okay and, in some cases, can be taken as harassment or assault. We at NDK want everyone to feel and be safe, and it is important for everyone to respect each other's personal space. If you feel as if you've experienced unwanted touching, hugging, or attention of any sort, please report it to the nearest NDK staff member immediately.

Do not hug, grab, kiss, or glomp anyone who does not want you to. If you are caught or reported as having done so, you may be banned from the convention. We take this very seriously, so do yourself a favor: ask first and make sure it's okay. If someone tells you that it's not okay then respect their wishes. "No" is a complete sentence. Verbal harassment will also not be tolerated. This includes derogatory terms, hate speech, and all manners of verbal abuse.

GOLDEN RULE OF THE VIDEO GAME ROOM: PASS THAT CONTROLLER!

The chairs in the VGR are set up in rudimentary lines, clearly indicating who's "got next." If you want to play a game, have a seat. As people finish, they move away and everyone moves forward. Sometimes a game is so popular that people stand in line behind the chairs – this is okay too. You know what the best part of this system is? You, the attendees, created it yourselves. You did it without any direction from VGR Staff. The Shogun & Bone Dragon couldn't be more proud of you. When you finish a game, check to see if someone is behind you waiting for it. If no one wants in, you're all good. If

someone wants to give it a try, pass it on. You'll be back in no time, because they have to pass when they're done too.

If someone isn't passing the controller, tell a VGR Staff member immediately. We are serious about enforcing this rule, but whining about it after the fact is fruitless. If we could travel through time, we wouldn't have to work for a living.

Addendum: this also includes the "winner passes"; or "loser passes" rules—those rules DO NOT apply in the VGR. If you win the match, pass the controller. If you lose the match, pass the controller.

ARTIST ALLEY

Make sure and stop by Artists Alley!

Remember, unless you are an artist taking reference shots or have a press badge, photography is not allowed.

STAFF

- A3DK Alice & the 3 Dark Kings
- Pumpkin Masquerade
- Wings, Charms, & Things

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- The Consulate of Japan in Denver
- Sosheido Incense
- Kat Ivy Art
- Moshy McCoy
- Amanda Durfee
- David Conley
- MartinArt
- Queen D
- Deep South Fine
- Solstice Sirens
- Diana the Great
- undeadtoasty
- Teca Cosplay
- Taka Carnes
- Voice Actors (Tables will be manned periodically per

Guest availability.)

ART AND ART PLUS

- 2 Oldtakus
- 5 Nights at NAPOPK's
- Adolet
- Adzusai
- Aant0012 Art
- Akibirds
- ALLISTRATIONZ
- AnipangArt
- ArborQ Art
- Arrowu
- Auxwave Creations
- Avidyae
- Az'rule
- BLULIOUS
- Bong Water Wizard
- Bork's Black Cat Creations
- BT Bigelow Art
- chasing blue
- Chiffonsu
- Chimerri

- Comet.Juice
- Daemonium **Vulpes LLC**
- DavvworldsArt
- Doom Dino
- Dragon Child Graphics
- Einsu
- EmiSharks
- Emmy in Pink
- endy & koba
- EsterEggz
- Falfellia
- Feeya Art
- Galaxy
- Gazeki Art
- Gendakiwi
- **■** GLITCHBAT
- Ibble's Scribbles
- Ink Junk
- Ippus
- Jdelgado!
- Jiuge illustration
- Jordydraws
- Jumalon Art
- Jwijaya Art
- KamoriaArt
- Kawaiilo Ren
- Kigukuwata
- Kisher Art
- Kissai
- kpon art
- Lilycli
- LucidSky
- Machi Mile
- Maliveth
- Marissa MJ Art
- Matsumoto Art
- Milorin
- Misted Sky
- Modare
- MOKA MART
- Moon
- Neko.Pixel
- Nyctictea
- Onedayfour
- Partyu
- Pew-PewStudio
- PHIB
- Pixemancer ■ Polukhina

- Prism Designs
- puppySHAKER!
- Queenashi Arts
- Raiko
- Redtea illustrations
- Remmuru
- Rio Burton Illustration
- RosenSkye
- sad cat jazz
- Sariochan Arts
- Savvy Jensen Art
- Scare-o-line
- Shouaart
- SinMuse Arts
- Snowifer
- SoChg
- Sofuro
- SOLURYN
- Soul Bound Art
- Space Rain
- Strawbre Illustrations
- Studio TipTop
- SunnySide Art
- Sykopop
- Thanhuki
- The Apothekary
- The Nerdy Alchemist
- Tiribrush
- Ufoez
- Ufofrommarss
- Ukiyo-e Heroes
- Ursidae Station
- vince price art
- Vinnie Toast
- Waifuarts ■ With Xin LLC
- x3Dustco
- Yanimator Art
- Yankey Doodles
- Yoojucha
- Zabwis Art ■ Zodieas Nic
- Zzyzzyy

CRAFT

- Bun Bun Café
- Charming Little Fox
- Interstellar Dice ■ J.LunaStr Crafts
- Kimono Kreations

■ Rabbit Tales

HYBRID

- naidraws
- Aitista
- AppendOrange
- Art by Kino
- Art by Marco
- Atelier in April ■ Atomik Cupcake
- Designs ■ Biscuitfloof
- Bitten Designs
- Brownrabbits
- Capsule 81
- Cat Crossing
- Cesela ■ Chocola.tte
- Chumaruko
- Chunky Tomato
- Cloudydango ■ CorvidArts LLC
- Death Taffy
- Ghostlygoods
- Gomooink
- Insomniac Raccoon
- Ivv Tompkins
- Kadeboo
- KaetShop
- Kittykatparades ■ Lemon Penguin
- Lycheemeadow
- Magical Mews ■ Marsh & Mellow
- Designs
- Minty Micki ■ MissGreenKitty
- Necromantic Butterfly Zhelly
- Noisy Ghost Art
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- Searift ■ Sleepy Bee Studio
- Soiled Art ■ SStwins Designs ■ Sueweetie
- Sugar Cubed Studios

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Friday:

3 pm - 8 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm

Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

- Sweet & Slimy
- TakeMyMora
- The Strawberry Circus ■ Tiny Tengu Creations
- ToriKat
- Triple7SP/
- itsjustsuppi.art ■ Ukiyo Mimi
- zearyuOnua_TF Art
- Pakeji
- Partyu ■ Perler Village

■ Yummy Suika

- Pink Star Arts
- puppySHAKER!
- QuiescentSnow ■ RAVEFIRELL
- Ringo
- Rinne Kanzaki
- SStwins Designs ■ Stars and Sprinkles
- Sugar Cubed Studios
- Tkimichi ■ Triple7sp/PillowDS
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■ Tsuchronicl



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Welcome to NDK's Exhibitors Hall! We are pleased to present a large selection of brand new vendors as well as returning favorites. As always, we are proud to endorse a bootleg-free Exhibitors Hall.

Thank you for your continued support of the anime industry, and for keeping NDK free of bootleg items.

THEFT POLICY

Stealing here is no different from stealing anywhere else: police will be called, charges will be pressed, and you will sorely regret it. Also note, we have video cameras active throughout the Exhibitors Hall and by entering you agree to your image being recorded and waive all right to protest this image being used for evidentiary purposes.

If you are unsure where to pay for an item, DO NOT pick it up and wander around looking for a cashier. Find the cashier first, then show them the item you wish to pay for. Please keep your receipts with you and items purchased in their bags while in the Exhibitors Hall; showing your friend or a stranger the item you just bought should be done outside the Exhibitors Hall.

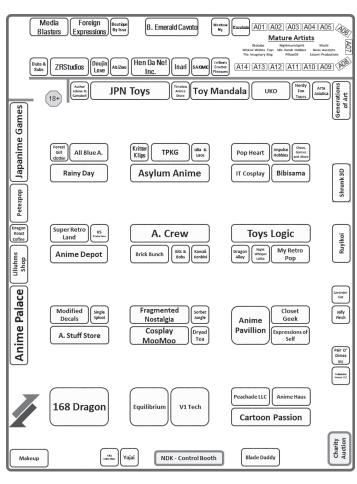
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If mature items are purchased please remember that these must be in a non-transparent bag/container while walking throughout the convention as this is an all ages convention.

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Friday: 3 pm - 8 pm Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

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- Pop Heart
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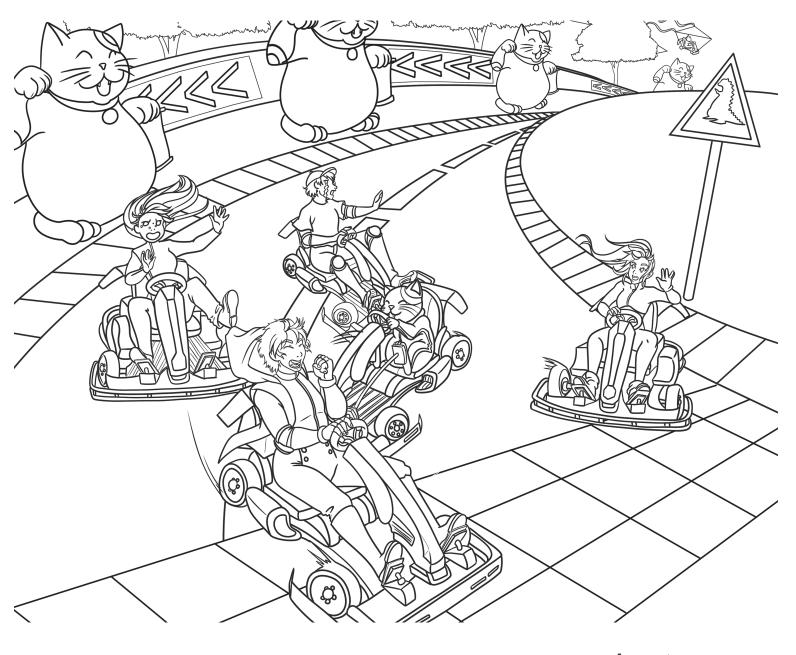
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