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LETTER FROM THE STAFF

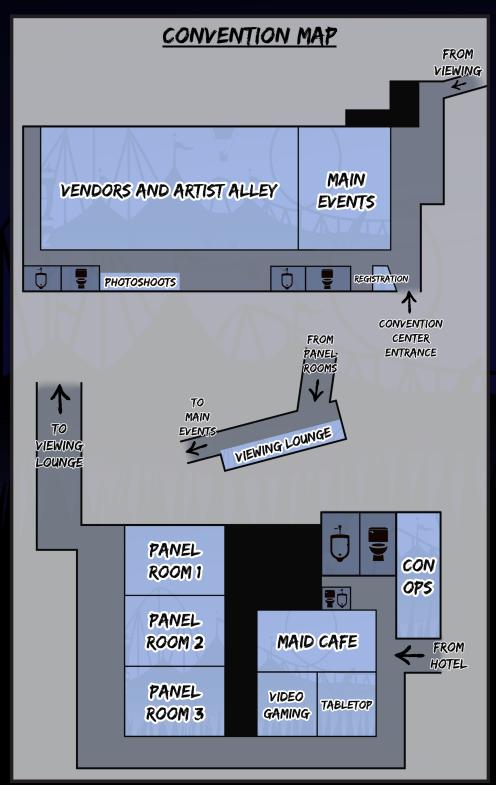
Welcome back, ACR family!

Year 13 was a very adventurous year for us behind the scenes. The pandemic really put a wrench in the way we used to do things, and will continue to do so in 2024. But we have a new home and attendance is up yet again, so it wasn't all bad!

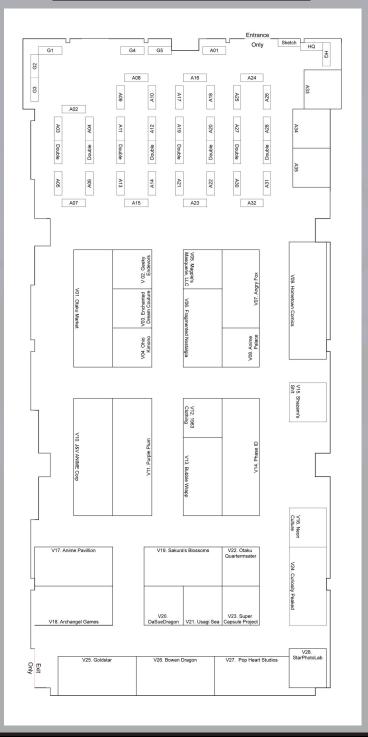
While we do not have dates for 2024 at the time of printing this program guide, you can expect them within the next couple months. As always, welcome to the family if this is your first year, and thank you for returning if it's not. Thank you to all of our vendors, artists, industry partners, sponsors, guests, and of course, our attendees for making ACR's 13th year one to remember.

With much love,

The Staff of Anime Crossroads 2023



VENDORS AND ARTIST MAP



HOURS OF OPERATION

	REGISTRATION	ARTIST ALLEY AND VENDORS	VIEWING LOUNGE
Friday	11:00 AM -	3:00 PM -	12:00 PM -
	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	1:00 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM -	10:00 AM -	10:00 AM -
	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	1:00 AM
Sunday	9:00 AM -	10:00 AM -	10:00 AM -
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM

ANIME CROSSROADS

PRESENTS

THE DARK CARNIVAL VARIETY SHOW

Sponsored by



ENJOY A NIGHT WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FEB 24TH, 2023

EMBASSEY SUITES BY HILTON - PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

SHOW STARTS AT 10PM | +18 EVENT

VOICE ACTING GUEST: MORGAN LAURÉ



Morgan Lauré is an American voice actress affiliated with Funimation. Her many accomplishments include the BTVA Breakthrough Voice Actor of the Year Award in 2012 and the BTVA Anime Dub Voice Acting Award in 2018. Her major roles include Seraphim of the End, Is This a Zombie? series, Kaori Kanzaki in the A Certain Magical Index series, Akira Mado in the Tokyo Ghoul series and Tina in the Toriko series, as well as many many more.

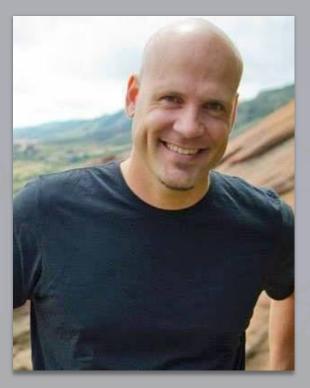
VOICE ACTING GUEST: GRIFFIN BURNS



Griffin Burns is an LA-based voice actor and musician most known for his work as Childe in Genshin Impact, Doppio in "Jojo's Bizarre Adventure," Akira in "Devilman Crybaby," Tadano in "Aggretsuko," Muichiro in "Demon Slayer," Colt Grice in "Attack on Titan," Shalnark in "Hunter x Hunter," Ryota Suzui in "Kakegurui," Ritsuka Fujimaru in "Fate/Grand Order The Movie," Geordo Stuart in "My Next Life as a Villainess," Canute in "Vinland Saga," Dendritic Cell in "Cells at Work!," Todd Snap in New Pokémon Snap, Hilbert in Pokémon Masters, Shinichi Kudo in "Lupin III vs Detective Conan," Nagi Karman in Scarlet Nexus, Jintan in "Anohana," and many, many others.

Griffin loves creating memes of his characters (most notably of Childe), which have caused quite the buzz on TikTok and Twitter. When he's not voicing anime or video games, he enjoys singing and playing guitar in his band New New Girlfriend. Griffin is always down to engage with his fans, so come by and say hi!

VOICE ACTING GUEST: DAVID VINCENT



David Vincent is an award-winning professional voice actor and TV producer based in Los Angeles. He has lent his voice to hundreds of animations including series, movies, and video games, as well as guest star appearances on hit TV shows such as The Mentalist and NCIS.

His recent roles are Kento Nanami in Jujutsu Kaisen, Estarossa in Seven Deadly Sins, Phinks in HunterXHunter, Kibito Kai in Dragon Ball Super, Sakunosuke Oda in Bungo Stray Dogs, Gilgamesh in the Fate/Stay series, and as Senketsu in Kill La Kill.

He can also be heard in the mega-hit video game Super Smash Bros. as Richter Belmont and Robin, Marshal Law in the Tekken franchise, T.Hawk in Street Fighter IV, and Eliot in Dead or Alive 6. David is a lead talent behind the virtual signing platform Streamily.

COSPLAY GUEST: TOTHESTARSANDBACK COSPLAY



Tothestarsandback Cosplay (Stella) has been cosplaying since 2010, with her first costumes being Tifa Lockhart and Sakura Haruno. She discovered the stage with skits the year after and continued to pursue them ever since. She has taken part in over 47 skits total, taking awards in 22.

In more recent years, she has started to compete in craftsmanship, in addition to performance/skit judging and assisting cosplay departments for several local conventions. Her more recent achievements include Best Journeyman Craftsmanship at Colossalcon this year with Caitlyn from Arcane and Best Masters Skit at Ohayocon this year. Her favorite costumes include Alucard from Castlevania, Lan Wangji from Mo Dao Zu Shi, and Lunafreya from Final Fantasy 15. You can find some of her work on her social media under TothestarsandbackCosplay on Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok, and Youtube (tothestarsandbackcos)!

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COSPLAY GUEST: SHOCKOLATE ENERGY COSPLAY



When Shockolate Energy was little she saw shows such as Saint Seiya, Sailor Moon, Card Captors, and Digimon, just to name a few. She loved how they dressed and always wanted to fight for justice. In the next coming years, she started reading manga and wanted to dress as anime characters.

Shockolate has been attending conventions since 2008. She started cosplaying in 2009 and hasn't looked back since. Shockolate is a plus size cosplayer, a firm believer, an advocate for cosplay equality, as well as spreading positive vibes throughout the community. She has also started a project called #cosplaycompliment that encourages cosplayers to feel awesome in cosplay.

Shockolate has been to over 50+ conventions and has done over 60 different cosplays over the years and has learned how to use patterns, sewing, crafting, and prop making with the power of coupons to her advantage! Shockolate also loves to do alternative versions of cosplay and artwork. One of the main focuses Shockolate has been implementing over the past couple of years is "giving back to the community that gave to her" when she started cosplaying. By doing so she has given away tools and taught essential things that many up-and-coming cosplayers need to start cosplaying!

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COSPLAY GUEST: BLUSHING VIOLET COSPLAY



Blushing Violet Cosplay got her start by sewing her own Halloween costumes with her grandmother in 2006, and started cosplaying in earnest in 2013. In her ten years of experience as a cosplayer, she has handmade over 30 full cosplays and won awards in both cosplay craftsmanship and performance across the Midwest. Along with sewing and crafting, she enjoys photography, watching anime, and D&D. Her favorite part of going to conventions is meeting cosplayers, hearing the stories behind their projects, and sharing in the passion and excitement that cosplayers bring to everything they do!

GUEST DJS



Hailing from Indiana, Hazmatiq has been decimating the Midwest with filthy bass drops for over 5 consecutive years with no signs of stopping. Hazmatiq has had a lifelong love and passion for Electronic Music, leading to his pursuit of a degree in Music Technology at IUPUI in Indianapolis. Although you might be leaving one of his shows in a stretcher, there's a 0%

chance it will be from dehydration - as he is a proud member of the Drink Water Squad. The only reason you'll leave this show early - is in a neck brace from all that headbanging. But like, in a good way.

Probably.EDC Meets Anime Expo when Mesmerist is at the decks. While DJ/Producers with a focus on Japanese culture and Nerd culture tend to favor all House music or all UK



Hardcore, Mesmerist breaks the mold by bringing varied multigenre DJ sets meant to evoke the fast-paced, theatrical excitement of a Festival DJ set together with the music of anime, video games, and more! With this unique style, Mesmerist has rocked the Midwest, the Internet, and Beyond with iconic, memorable performances that get audiences moving.



Andrew Horton (REW) is an experienced audio engineer, experimental bass DJ and electronic music producer based in the Indianapolis area.

MAIN EVENTS

YOUR FAVES: CLOWNED ON

You got a fave? We'll clown on them for sure! But first you gotta guess who it is based on terrible assumptions and accusations. But we'll be nice, don't worry. Grab your clown shoes and red nose.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Come meet a few of the staff, and see the official beginning of Anime Crossroads 2023! See all the guests and hear about some special events to expect for the rest of the weekend.

CROSSROADS IDOL FETE

Come cheer your favorite idol on at the Crossroads Idol Fete.

ACR'S FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Come and jam to some familiar tunes and mix and mingle with your fellow attendees!

This event is an alternative dance option from our EDP, with a more laidback atmosphere and familiar songs chosen by our attendees!

THE DARK CARNIVAL VARIETY SHOW 18+ BY DID FIT

Anime Crossroads is excited to present the Dark Carnival Variety Show by DID Fit! Valid Government issue ID is required for entry.

MAIN EVENTS

NCR MASTER CHEF: THE BIG TOP

Night Raven College prospective students, this is Professor Crowley! Welcome to our first exhibition outside of the school. I'm very excited to be having this cooking classic at Anime Crossroads. Ahem! I myself will not be present--for clear HeadMaster obligations--but there will be two Master Taste Tester Students. Dorm Teams will be represented respectfully by yourselves. May the best Chefs win!

ANIME CROSSROADS DRAG SHOW

Join us as Eden Sitayu brings us another all ages Drag Show, featuring Creepin' it Burly!

COSPLAY MASQUERADE

Anime Crossroads has some AMAZING talent when it comes to cosplayers. Come and watch as they present creations of their own and entertain us with skits they worked hard on.

ACR'S ELECTRONIC DANCE PARTY

Join our DJ guests as we jump to the beat at this electronic dance party!

CLOSING CEREMONIES

And that's a wrap! Join the ACR Staff as we say goodbye to 2023, and look forward to 2024!

GUEST PANELS

GRIFFIN BURNS

TikTok & Memes

What is a meme? What makes a meme go viral? And why is TikTok the ultimate meme spreader? Come join voice actor Griffin Burns, voice of Childe in Genshin Impact, Doppio in Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Tadano in Aggretsuko, and self proclaimed meme-lord, for a slide show presentation on all things.... you guessed it... meme!

Everything Genshin

Genshin Impact is more than a game, it's a global phenomenon! And unlike other games of its popularity, it was recorded during the pandemic by a team of people working remotely all over the globe. Griffin Burns is one of those people... an LA based voice actor, cast as one of the game's most recognized male characters, Tartaglia. Come hang out and ask him anything! No 'mora' required.

MORGAN LAURÉ

Let's Talk My Hero with Morgan Laure

Join talented voice actress Morgan Laure in a discussing the smash hit, My Hero Academia!

Inside Industry Secrets

Morgan Laure talks industry secrets in this informative panel about the anime industry.

DAVID VINCENT

David Vincent Q&A

Join David Vincent for a discussion about his roles in Jujutsu Kaisen, Super Smash Bros, HunterXHunter and more!

David Vincent's Voice Acting Tryouts

Total audience participation! Show off your voice acting talent! You could win autographed posters and even a personal one on one Skype session with David Vincent himself with guidance to help launch your voice acting career! David will give insider tips and professional techniques for the world of voice acting, and will put your voice acting talent to the test! Prepare to participate in the most hilarious and informative panel of the weekend!

HAZMATIQ, MESMERIST, AND REW

DJing 101 with Hazmatiq, Mesmerist, and Rew

Are you interested in DJing, but you're intimidated by all the knobs and buttons found on DJ equipment? The Anime Crossroads DJs, Hazmatiq, Mesmerist, and Rew, are here to show you that it can be just as easy as hitting play on the right song at the right time! Come by for a straightforward beginner DJ tutorial and YOU TOO can press play!

DJ Q+A

Come ask Hazmatiq, Mesmerist, and Rew questions about life, inspo, burnout, and music production,

GUEST PANELS

How to make Electronic Music: Live Production Demo with Hazmatiq, Mesmerist, and Rew

Ever wonder how the likes of Porter Robinson, Moe Shop, & Skrillex make music? The Anime Crossroads DJs, Hazmatiq, Mesmerist, and Rew, aren't quite as good as they are, but they know enough to host a panel about it! Stop on in as these three musicians create a song from scratch, so that you can be inspired to make your own music in Ableton or FL Studio!

BLUSHING VIOLET COSPLAY

Anime Name That Tune!

Test your knowledge of anime openings, endings, and insert songs in a fast-paced tournament-style contest! Don't know anime music that well, or want to play along before it's your chance with the buzzer? There will be bingo throughout the panel for another chance to win!

My Senpai, My Senpai, and Me

Advice for the modern, genre-savvy era! A low-key Q&A panel where your three senpais will offer bad advice based on what works in anime.

Planning Cosplays for Beginners

So you want to make a cosplay... but you have no idea where to start! Join us as we walk through someways to turn ideas into plans, and plans into finished pieces!

SHOCKOLATE ENERGY COSPLAY

Cosplaying Positively+

Do you have dream cosplay but I have been scared to do them? Have you been told that you were to "Tall, fluffy, not the right race" or anything along the line of why you couldn't do a certain character? FEAR NOT!!!!! The Muses have got your back! Cosplay and love your self through the power of positivity! Come share stories, learn tricks and let us fun all over how your all wonderful cosplays and selves!

Cosplay + Conventions on a Budget

We all know that Cosplaying + Conventions = Expensive. Have you ever wondered how some cosplayers get so many cosplays, as well as how to afford 7+ conventions in a year? Well you came to the right place!! Shockolate has over 10+ years of combined experience to help you on your cosplay journey!! We will tell you the secrets and need to know things while looking cool without breaking your budget!!!! As well as tips and tricks on how to book hotels for conventions and how to plan to go to conventions without breaking the bank!!

TOTHESTARSANDBACK COSPLAY

Building Self-Esteem in Cosplay

Struggling with reasons to put the costume back on? Come learn some ways to boost your confidence and how to combat the negativity.

So You Want to Make a Skit

Have you ever contemplated doing a skit for a Masquerade, but weren't sure where to start or what to do? From signing up, to brainstorming, to improv, come find out how to start the fun!

Posing: Bring Your Cosplay to Life

You've got the cosplay, so take the next step to really put it all together! Come learn the basics for posing from simple hall shots to high-quality photos.

PHOTOSHOOTS

Join fellow cosplayers and fans of your favorite shows to take pictures of all the amazing cosplays at the con. Meet at the photoshoots area outside of the Vendors Hall at the designated times below!

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12:00 PM		Dream SMP	Cartoons
1:00 PM	Magical Girls	Demon Slayer	Sports Anime
2:00 PM	Jujutsu Kaisen	Critical Role/ D&D	Bungo Stray Dogs
3:00 PM	Idol Anime/ Vocaloid	Genshin Impact	
4:00 PM	Danganronpa	Twisted Wonderland	1171
5:00 PM	Chainsaw Man	My Hero Academia	
6:00 PM	Spy x Family	Arcane/League of Legends	
7:00 PM	Vtubers	Jojo's Bizarre Adventure	

Abridging 101, Voice Acting, Writing, and More!

Come hang out and learn what goes into making an Abridged series, from writing, directing, recording space, and voice over with the crew of PhatDogStudios! Best known for their Log Horizon and Reincarnated as a Slime parodies.

Anime graveyard

Welcome to... The anime graveyard! This panel will be a discussion of some of our favorite anime that has fallen into obscurity and deserves a revival! We will make suggestions of shows to watch, give brief synopsis, and talk about why we think they deserve more love! Let's shed some light to these shows that were left behind!

Anime graveyard part 2

Welcome to... The anime graveyard! This panel will be a discussion of some of our favorite anime that has fallen into obscurity and deserves a revival! We will make suggestions of shows to watch, give brief synopsis, and talk about why we think they deserve more love! Let's shed some light to these shows that were left behind! This is a continuation of our previous panel with more content!

BNHA sleepover shenanigans

throw your pjs on and come be a part of a fun sleepover get together with some of class 1-A's beloved students! join us for a hour of classic sleepover games and mischievous fun while we all hang out in our comfy outfits and have a plus ultra time together after school hours! activities may include karaoke, a rock paper scissors tournament, truth or dare, charades, and a class 1A Q&A. hope to see you there!

Convention Horror Stories 18+

Enjoying laughing at others' pain? Boy do we have some stories for you! Come and listen to our collective 30+ years worth of convention horror stories and participate yourself by bringing in a story! We will laugh, wheeze, and some may even scream.

Cosplay 101

From contacts, wigs and the outfit itself cosplay can be complex. It may be hard for a beginner to know where to start. Cosplay 101 will help any beginners know where to start and the best places to purchase items to start their cosplaying journey.

Do you Know your Anime (Opening)?

It's name that anime opening, round the world style. Compete against other attendees to prove your musically mastery. Prizes for those that emerge victorious!

Fire Emblem: Best Spouse Edition

Have you played Fire Emblem Three Houses? Did you marry your favorite character? We are all bias and think our favorite is the best, but who would truly be the best spouse? Here we will rank all the Three Houses marriage candidates and make a tier list for the Ultimate Spouse!

Ghost Stories? No, it's an Anime!

Ghost Stories that compile into an anime, that is anything but scary! Join us for the rich history of a show that was set up to succeed and it did in the English Dubbing, but for entirely different reasons.

Guys that Suck: Intro to BL Games 18+

Join us as we discuss localized BL games, and how you can get your hands on them!

Intro to Anime pt 1

Are you new to the world of anime? A parent trying to make sense of it all? Looking to learn more about the different types of anime out there? Then this panel is for you! Learn about the different demographics in anime, and find your next binge watch!

Intro to Anime pt 2

Pt 1 attendance not needed to enjoy this panel, but the description applies here too! Action, Drama, Iseikai's, oh my! Learn about the different genres of anime, and expand your library.

Intro to Danmei 18+

Danmei is a chinese fiction genre similar to the Boys Love genre in Japan. A lot of danmei titles have recieved localization announcements over the last year. This panel will go over what is out now, what is coming soon, and where you can buy them.

Intro to Farming Sims

There is just something addicting about farming games! Join us as we discuss the popular titles, the obscure ones, and the ones that are a little wild but just as good.

Jjk Chaos

Jjk friends and fans join multiple classmates in games, q&a, trivia, truth or dare, and more! Your wonderful, amazing, perfect host gojo will be waiting!!!

Karaoke

Come join us to sing together in a big karaoke party! feel free to sing and leave or take your time and enjoy others performances as well.

Kimono 101 - Learn How To Wear

This beginner friendly panel is dedicated to learning how to wear a Japanese kimono in a culturally respectful way for all genders. This panel will include topics such as gender expression with kimono, accessories, formalities, and more. This panel will include a live kimono dressing.

Let's Talk: RPG Games

Are you into RPG games or want to find a new game or genre to play? Well... this panel is for you. There are different kinds of RPGs including: turn-based, active-time battle, strategy, and action adventure. Come as we discuss some RPGs, be that very popular ones like Fire Emblem, Pokemon, and Final Fantasy, or not so popular ones, but still popular and beloved, like Secret of Mana or Lufia.

Let's Go To (Twisted) Wonderland!

Join us for a TWST panel where we will discuss the game, it's adaptations, and more. There will be trivia with prizes at the end!

LGBT+ Conventions

In this panel, we will be discussing the ups and downs of being a member of the LGBT+ community at conventions. Discussion of queer representation in media and our favorite characters, how cosplay can help someone discover gender identity, sharing coming out stories, and how the gay community can uplift each other at conventions will be some of the talking points! This panel is welcoming to all as we celebrate the LGBT+ community!

Living in Japanel

Considering living in Japan? Have questions about it? Come and (hopefully) get those questions answered! Or at the very least hear some wild tales from life in Japan!

Magic Show w/ Caleb Wiles (As Seen on Penn & Teller: Fool Us!)

Prepare to be amazed as magician Caleb Wiles (as seen on Penn & Teller: Fool Us) brings his high-energy, mind-blowing magic show to Anime Crossroads! The show features world-class sleight-of-hand, mind reading, and incredible magic. Watch the impossible happen right in front of your eyes in this intimate, interactive show.

Meet My Boyfriends: An Intro to Otome Games

Otome lovers, we have been gifted a TON of localizations over the last couple of years. This panel will cover what is available now, what is coming soon, and where you can get them.

Netflix Anime

Anime recommendations on Netflix

Old School Final Fantasy

People know about Cloud, Noctis, and Lightning, but do you know about the Warrior of Light, Bartz, and Cecil? Did you know that the main bad guy of FFV was a tree? Come as we discuss some gameplay mechanics, twists, character plots of the first 6 games.

Ouran Festival

Join the hosts of Ouran in mini carnival games and win some prizes!!

Path of the Hero - My Hero Academia and Disability

Characters can be coded for disability or develop them as a series persist. Let's take a look at how My Hero Academia amplifies those with disabilities and shows how they can be heroes too!

Pokemon 20 Questions

Do you think you know all the 1000+ Pokémon there are? Could you guess a specific one in 20 questions? Come and see if you can "Name That Pokémon". If you do, then it'll be your turn to name one and see if you can stump the audience, but you will have to specify what generation it's in. Come and have fun!

Pokémon Controversies (18+)

Did you know that Jynx's original design was based on a fashion trend in Japan before her design was changed due to American culture? Did you know that many episodes of the anime were banned in the USA and other countries due to many various reasons? Did you know that Kadabra will never become a Pokémon card ever again? Pokémon has had many controversies in its 20+ year stint and we will be discussing many of them.

Quirked Up Anime Boy Battle Royale

24 anime boys have the chance to fight to the death- only one will survive. Who do you think will win? (This panel will be a reading of a battle royale simulator, with the participants being anime boys picked from a poll by attendees. Results are randomized)

Rate your Faves

I have done the science and crunched the numbers and have a objective rating sys for your fictional faves. Come for some light roasting and may hot takes

Real or Fake Anime?

Think you know anime? Come test out your knowledge and see if you can tell whether an anime is real or not based on a vaque description! Prizes will be given to the winners!

SK8 to the Infinity

Hang out with the greatest skaters at S for a while! Play games, do some trivia and earn prizes! There will also be a Q&A session where you can ask us questions in and out of character.

So You Want to be a Furry!

Wanna know what the heck a furry is or are interested in becoming one, but don't know where to start? This veteran furry is here to help answer those questions!

The 90's Were All That (Name That Tune)

Do you miss the 90's and were they All That? Where you Angry for those Beavers and did you ever wonder where in the world and time is Carmen Sandiego? Was the Shrine of the Silver Monkey too hard to complete and did you just love Recess? Well this is the panel for you. Come as we sing along and listen to some of the best theme songs out there. Incoming nostalgia warning!

The Chat SMP

Come hang out, chat and ask questions with your favorite Characters of the Dream SMP.

The Clow Cards

Did you know that there are 53 Clow Cards from the Cardcaptors anime? They have been used in many ways and even been combined into each other to capture other Clow Cards. Come as we learn about each Clow Card and what makes them unique. Sakura has her work cut out for her, since most of these cards are a doozie.

Um, Actually? The Fandom Gameshow

Based on the hit gameshow on Dropout, contestants will be called up and given a statement based in fandom- that is incorrect someway. It is up to you to correct what is wrong! Compete for glory and prizes!

Voltron in 2023?!?!

Heya fans of Voltron Legendary Defender!!! It's been awhile since the show has ended but we are still here and ready for some fun. Join us for some Voltron cosplay related questions and games.

Vtuber Tier List

Come join me as we put the popular vtubers to the test and once and for all decide who is a tier and who should just retire. Audience participation encouraged!

Welcome to Fairy Tail

The Kingdom of Fiore is filled with wizards! One thing they all have in common is they've interacted with Fairy Tail at least once. Join us today and play games with some of the wizards yourself!

What are they holding? 18+

We blurred out images of questionable stuff. See if you can figure it out.

What are We Reading on Webtoon

Join us as we dive into the wonderful world of Webtoon! We will go over what we're reading, how the site works, and the best way to support the creators.

What's New for 2023 Part 1

A review of what anime is coming out throughout this year, part 1.

What's New for 2023 Part 2

A review of what anime is coming out throughout this year, part 2.

What's an Idol Anime?

Have you seen cute anime girls (or boys) wearing fun outfits, singing and dancing? That would be an idol anime! Here we will introduce you to the genre, shows, characters, and more.

Who's that Character?

Try to guess the characters based on badly picked images and descriptions

Who's that Pokemon?!

It's exactly what you think, 'Who Wants to be A Millionaire style'. Finish up the con with a true test of your PokeKnowledge. Prices for all levels of participation. The higher you go - the greater the prize

Yaoi Recommendations 18+

Come by to get the insider scoop on the best in Yaoi Manga and Web comics. We will also be open for audience recommendations and discussion.



Pink Peaches Maid Cafe is an interactive maid cafe right here at Anime Cross-roads, where we bring the authentic feel of an Akihabara cafe to Indiana.

Come say hi to our adorable team of maids, butlers, and servants as we do our best to serve and entertain you!

Friday

Maid Cafe Classic 1:00pm-2:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 3:00pm-4:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 5:00pm-6:00pm

Maid Cafe Waifu hour 7:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

Maid Cafe Classic 12:00pm-1:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 2:00pm-3:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 4:00pm-5:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 6:00pm-7:00pm

Maid Cafe Waifu hour 8:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday

Maid Cafe Classic 12:00pm-1:00pm

Maid Cafe Classic 2:00pm-3:00pm

CODE OF CONDUCT

General

Anime Crossroads expects a level of acceptable and reasonable behavior from all attendees. Please be considerate to all Attendees, Guests, and Anime Crossroads Staff, as well as for the individuals who are attending other events at the hotel. Anime Crossroads attendees are expected to obey the rules set by Anime Crossroads. Any violation may result in suspension of their pass(es) and even a permanent ban from the Anime Crossroads Convention and its sister conventions. Any attendee who violates a state or federal law at Anime Crossroads will be reported to local authorities. Anime Crossroads has the right to revise the Code of Conduct at any time and for any reason without notice.

Consent to Photography

Any photographs or videos of attendees taken by Anime Crossroads staff in an official capacity may be used or published by Anime Crossroads without further consent of the attendees being recorded. Photography and recording of any kind are strictly prohibited during concert events, with the exception of official Anime Crossroads Press Staff and pre-approved members of the general press.

Behavior

Anime Crossroads strives to provide a safe and fun environment for all those who attend the convention. Behavior such as, but not limited to, skanking, moshing and/or standing on chairs will not be tolerated at any time for any reason during any convention events. Individuals who engage in such behavior will be immediately ejected from the event. A verbal warning will be issued for a first time violation and any further misconduct will result in confiscation of their pass for the remainder of the convention. Smoking is only permitted in pre-designated areas at the convention space. Please be prepared to show your badge any time you enter a convention space or event – it identifies you as a fully paid attendee of the convention. Please consider how your words and actions reflect on the convention and how they impact those around you, as most of the convention activities and areas are directed at general audiences. Keep in mind that other individuals' opinions may differ from your own. Do not engage in heated discussions with an individual(s). Use your common sense in public areas.

If you are unsure whether something is appropriate to do in public, please consult one of the Anime Crossroads Security staff or Directors. If you notice others are uncomfortable with your costume or your activities, please stop immediately. We take pride in our appearance and we want you to do so as well while still having fun. To this effect, Anime Crossroads Directors have final say on all matters.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Costumes and Clothing

Any indecent exposure (public exposure of genitalia, buttocks or nipples) is not permitted. When choosing and/or creating your costume, please keep in mind the constraints of local laws and customs concerning public decency. Just because an anime character wears only a face mask, you may not do so. Sturdy and fitted costumes are required; you should not be falling out of your costume, and it should not be falling apart around you. Also, remember to have proper support such as bras and/or athletic cups, especially if you plan to be physically active, i.e., dancing or running when approved. If you have a bulky or large costume, please be aware of your surroundings. Try not to hit other attendees, block walkways or access, or cause a disruption. You are responsible for your own costume and should respect those around you. For more specifics on costume and cosplay requirement, please see our Cosplay and Weapons Polices.

Buying, Selling, and Solicitation

Anime Crossroads has a few main areas where merchandise is sold – the Dealers' Room and Artists' Alley. Anyone who receives payment for goods in the convention space must comply with all the convention's rules regarding this. For any sale of merchandise, the exhibitor rules apply. Other restrictions may also apply.

Anime Crossroads takes its obligations in this area very seriously. Any solicitation at the convention, whether verbal or use of signage for monetary payment or exchange of services that does not comply with these restrictions, is prohibited. Some examples of prohibited solicitation or sale are musicians requesting tips, setting up artwork for sale in the common areas, and passing out signs or cards to solicit a business in areas other than the aforementioned commerce areas. Violation of these rules may result in the offender forfeiting their pass, returning all payments, and facing expulsion from the convention area. Please also note that certain solicitations are IL-LEGAL and will result in immediate membership pass forfeiture and possible referral to the proper law enforcement authorities. Any solicitation or selling outside of the convention center requires a street vendor license from the city. Should you be caught engaging in such activities, you may be ticketed and fined, as well as possibly sent to jail. Offering favors of a sexual nature for sale, such as kisses, hugs, dates, gropes, spankings, etc., are strictly prohibited as they may be viewed as forms of prostitution. Attempts to circumvent any of these rules such as throwing money and merchandise on the ground and other such tactics are also prohibited.

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Liability

Anime Crossroads, its personnel, and its affiliates are not responsible for any damage, theft, injury, or loss. Attendees of the convention are responsible for their own actions and belongings as well as for any resulting repercussions. Convention staff are on hand to assist in any situation. However, any civil or medical emergencies that may occur must be handled directly be the appropriate authorities.

Final Word

Anime Crossroads Directors reserve the right to remove any attendee from the Convention grounds for any reason deemed unsafe or harmful to others or for repeated failure to follow the rules.

For Assistance

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding our Code of Conduct, please contact us by sending an email to admin@animecrossroads.com prior to the convention. You may also visit the Convention Operations room during the convention. Please consult your convention floor map in the Program Guide to find out the location of Convention Operations.

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COSPLAY AND WEAPON POLICY

A costume, prop, or weapon may be deemed unacceptable if it:

- Fails to comply with local laws.
- Leaves your feet bare.
- Has vulgar remarks or hate speech in any language.
- Has dangerous protrusions such as spikes or sharp edges.
- Is a costume that extends more than six inches from your body in any direction? (For example, if your costume has a tail, you may hold it next to your body, but not let it trail out behind you.)
- Is a prop that is longer than your height? If you are less than four feet tall, your props may be up to four feet long. Props that are too long may be carried in pieces and reassembled for pictures.
- Impedes the view of others during seated events.
- Has a tightly-strung bowstring.
- Has a laser pointer or similar capability.
- Has parts made of live steel. Live steel is defined an object crafted from metal that has a point or blade-like edge, whether blunt or sharp. Live steel purchased from vendors must stay boxed while in convention space.
- Is a gun-like prop without an orange tip. Gun-like props also must have their firing mechanisms disabled and have nothing loaded.
- Is a real firearm.
- Is being used or handled unsafely. Is determined by convention staff to be unsafe.

Cosplay Interaction Policy

- Do not touch another person, or their costume, without permission. Uninvited glomping, hugging, grabbing or roughhousing will not be tolerated. Repeat violators will be ejected from the convention.
- Be respectful of others. No harassment, catcalling, verbal abuse, or stalking will be tolerated.
- Do not block hallways or public areas while taking photos. If you are taking a photo, please move to one side of the hallway or go outside.

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Props & Accessories Policy

Props carried in public areas must be no more than your height. This is for the safety of all attendees, as well as to prevent damage to personal property. If your prop is larger than your height, please do not bring it into public areas. If you are using a large prop for a special event, such as the Masquerade or for purposes of demonstration in a panel, you may have the prop approved for temporary use in those areas only. The prop must be returned to your hotel room or car immediately when the event is over.

Use caution when carrying or displaying large props. If you are seen wielding a large prop in a reckless or dangerous manner, your prop may be confiscated. If ACross staff feels that your prop poses a risk to others, you will be asked to remove the item from public areas, or it may be confiscated.

Prohibited Materials

Flammable materials such as candles, fireworks, sparklers, liquid fuels, or other fire hazards are strictly prohibited. Small personal smoking paraphernalia (cigarettes, lighter, etc.) may be carried, but may NOT be used in indoor public convention areas as per local law. Your costume should not shed. Please avoid loose materials such as sand, glitter, confetti, flower petals or other items that are designed to fall, scatter or otherwise separate from your costume. We want to be welcomed back for next year!

Signs Policy

Signs are not permitted unless they are an intrinsic part of your character's costume. Personal message signs, fandom signs (such as "Will Glomp for Pocky," etc.) and similar signs are prohibited.
Clothing that displays messages deemed to be inappropriate or offensive to others (including, but not limited to, explicit language and sexually suggestive or racially offensive material) will not be permitted. ACross staff reserves the right to ask attendees to change or cover offensive clothing. Failure to comply will result in your badge being confiscated.

Handling of Unacceptable Costumes and Props

If you are found with an unacceptable prop, we will ask you to take it to your room. If you are unable or unwilling, or this is a repeat problem, we may ask to confiscate the problem prop. Confiscated props may be claimed from 2 to 6 on Sunday by visiting Convention Operations, after which they will be disposed. You must bring a government-issued photo ID to claim your prop.

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Weapons Policy

<u>ALL WEAPONS</u> must be inspected and approved by ACORE prior to being carried or displayed in public areas. If you are found to be in violation of this policy, your weapon will be confiscated and you may be ejected from the convention. No projectile weapons of any kind, active or disabled, are permitted without passing weapons check. This includes, but is not limited to:

- real firearms
- pellet/BB guns
- paintball guns
- air guns
- water guns
- cap guns
- dart guns
- bows or crossbows
- nerf guns

(The ONLY exception to this policy is if the person carrying the weapon is a member of law enforcement. Please present credentials to ACORE upon arrival.)

Artificial and replica guns will be permitted, pending inspection by ACORE, if they meet the following criteria:

- They cannot now, and have never been able to, fire a projectile. This
 included nerf guns.
- They have a non-removable orange tip
- No live steel (edged metal weapons) will be permitted. Replica weapons must be made of a non-metal, non-sharp material, must be no more than 60 inches in length, and must be approved by ACORE. Metal is permitted on a costume garment, provided it does not present a safety hazard, as determined by ACross staff.

Commercial weapon replicas purchased in the dealer room must remain peace-bonded at all times and must be taken directly to your hotel room or car after purchase. They may not be carried around the convention. Noncompliant weapons in convention areas will be confiscated by ACORE.

The Director of Anime Crossroads Rules Enforcement can render final say on the acceptability of any costume or prop.



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