

# Anime

## CROSSROADS

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## LETTER FROM THE STAFF

Hello and Welcome Back Anime Crossroads Family!

We are back again for our 15th year! Can you believe it? The hard work & dedication put in by every member of our staff and volunteers aid us in making ACR bigger and better every year! We are proud to stand alongside our amazing staff and directors as we hope to make this year another unforgettable experience.

Our theme this year is Into the Woods! The woods are filled with surprises to be found and friends to be made! Be sure to keep an eye out for treats and gifts hidden among the halls!

We have pushed to create fun engagement on all social media platforms. For your convenience, follow our Discord @AnimeCrossroadsOfficial so you can participate in all of the fun. See cosplays, vendors, and artists ahead of time, and communicate with staff at the push of a button. We will be using the Discord all weekend so please drop in and say hello!

We are pleased to announce that 2026's dates are set, starting Friday, February 20th! Be sure to follow our socials to see what will be in store for our sweet 16!

With much love,

*The Staff of Anime Crossroads 2025*

## HOURS OF OPERATION

	REGISTRATION	VENDORS & ARTIST ALLEY	VIDEO GAMES & TABLETOP
FRIDAY	8AM - 10PM	2PM - 7PM	12PM - 2AM
SATURDAY	9AM - 10PM	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 2AM
SUNDAY	9AM - 2PM	10AM - 3PM	10AM - 2PM

## ACR INTO THE WOODS MUSHROOM HUNT

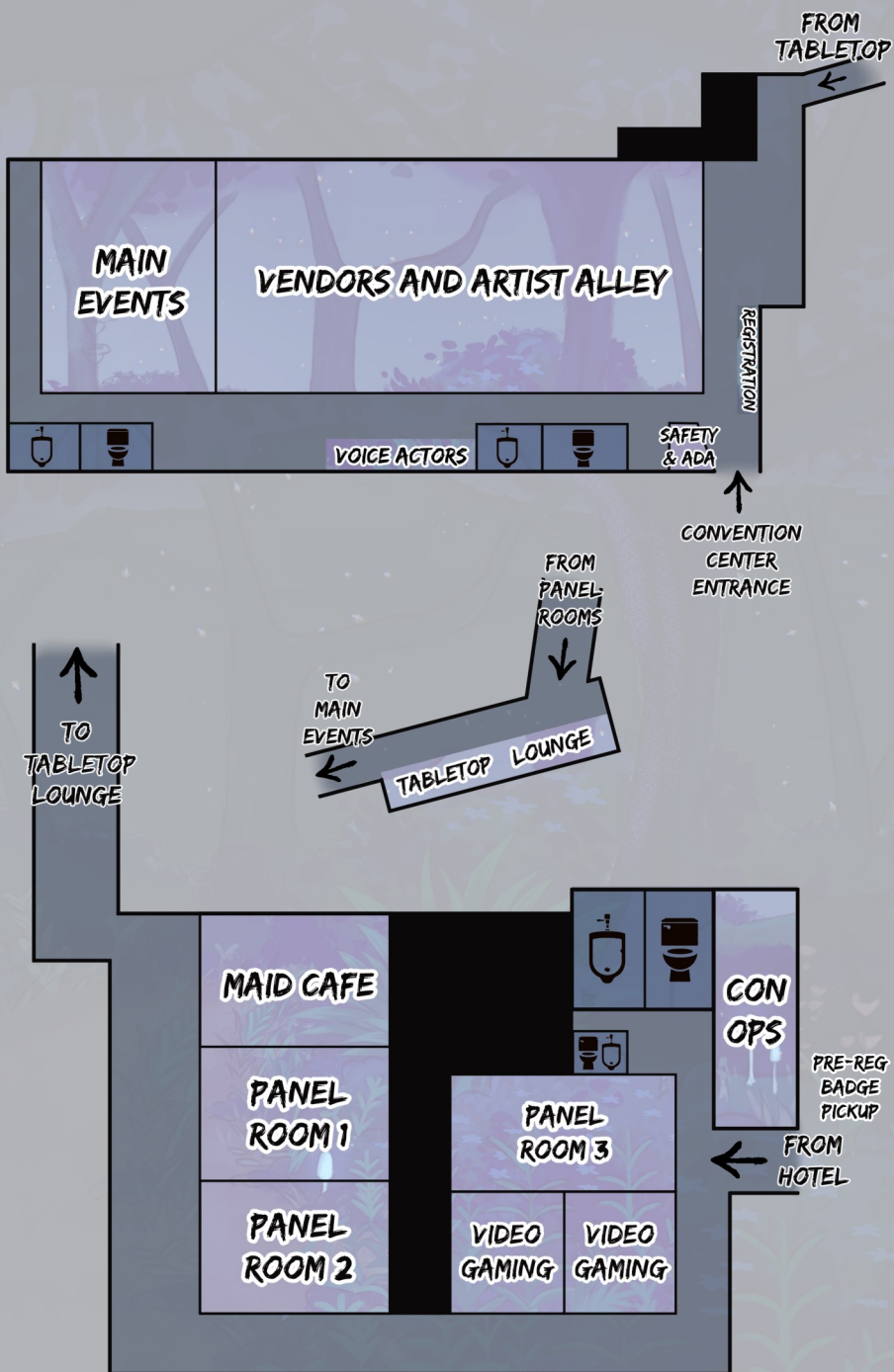
Anime Crossroads is excited to introduce a con-wide mushroom hunt! Every day of the con, tiny mushrooms will be hidden throughout the public hallways of the convention space.

Friday – 25 mushrooms will be hidden

Saturday – 100 mushrooms will be hidden

Sunday – 25 mushrooms will be hidden

Take your mushroom to the panelist check in for a gift bag! This bag will contain woodland themed goodies~ These are first come first serve, and unlike last year, you can keep your mushroom



## VOICE ACTING GUEST: MALLORIE RODAK



Mallorie Rodak is an American voice actress who has appeared in hundreds of TV series, movies, animation, and video games. She was nominated for Breakthrough Voice Actress of the Year in 2014 by Behind the Voice Actors.

Mallorie's best known anime voices include Yukino (Fairy Tail), Raphael/Great Sage (That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime), Rossweisse (High School DXD), High Elf Archer (Goblin Slayer), Yumi (Senran Kagura), Yuki Mori (Star Blazers), Nia Honjo (Date A Live), Solution Epsilon (Overlord), Nebra Silva (Black Clover), Tenya's Mother (My Hero Academia), Woman in Black (Fire Force), Fanis Laminitus (How Not to Summon a Demon Lord), Astaroth (Combatants Will Be Dispatched!), Miyu Takano (Higurashi: When They Cry – Gou), Turquoise (Dr. Stone), Prince of Wales (Azur Lane), Finè (Izetta), Orsola (A Certain Magical Index II), Kyoh Goshoin (Netoge), Enishida (One Piece), and Sayuki (Hensuki).

Other notable roles: Gion Momousagi (One Piece), Kinuha (Noragami), Queen (Magical Girl Spec-Ops Asuka), Elinalise (Mushoku Tensei), Carmilla Vanstein (Kemono Michi), Akimoto Senpai (Fruits Basket), Leticia (Sorcerous Stabber Orphen), Maya (Megalobox 2: Nomad), Lasithi (Dimension W), Utako (Hinamatsuri), Adrian Andrews (Ace Attorney), Kotoe Kinukawa (Boogiepop), Miyuki Kujou (Shomin Sample), Mayumi (MIX), Yamato Touno (Ultimate Otaku Teacher), Minami (Tokyo ESP), Nishiki (Miss Caretaker of Sunohara), and Black Lizard (Rampo Kitan).

Outside of the wonderful world of anime, you can hear Mallorie as the voice of Da Ji in the video game Smite and Rancher Margot in Borderlands: Bounty of Blood. And over the past decade,

Mallorie has been acting and singing across the Midwest since she was a young girl. She holds a Masters degree from Meadows School of the Arts at SMU in Dallas, TX, and two Bachelors degrees from Drury University in Springfield, MO, where she studied acting with Tony-nominated actor Robert Westenberg.

Follow Mallorie at @mall0rie on Twitter, @mallorierodak on TikTok, and @mmmallorie on Instagram.

## VOICE ACTING GUEST: TRINA NISHIMURA



Brandishing her voice just as Mikasa wields her blade; Trina Nishimura has sliced her way through the voice over world over the past few years.

From meager beginnings as the little hungry girl Namiko in Desert Punk, to her much anticipated and lauded appearance as Mikasa Ackerman in Attack on Titan; Nishimura's agile voice has brought her critical acclaim, awards, and unprecedented fan support. To date, she has voiced over 200 different characters in aps, movies, television shows, and video games.

Fans will recall Trina's many dutiful portrayals in such works as Attack on Titan and Attack on Titan Junior High (Mikasa Ackerman), My Hero Acedamia (Jiro Kyoka), Steins;Gate (Kurusu Makise), Soul Eater (Mizune), Monster Hunter (Navirou), Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Lan Fan), Trigun: Badlands Rumble (Milly Thompson), Fairy Tale (Sherry), Evangelion 2.22 and 3.33 (Mari), Black Butler (Ranmao), Love Live! Sunshine!! (Sarah Kazuno), Smite (Several Lead Characters) and the ever popular Pop Team epic (Popuko) to name a few.

Some other exciting pieces of her work include Luna in Cashern Sins, Francesca Lucchini in Strike Witches, Sohara in Heaven's Lost Property, Aiko Kudo in Baka and Test, Sakuya in ..hack//Quantum, Sen in Ben-To, Mamitas in Space Dandy, Chain in Blood Blockade Battlefront.

Trina is that rare breed of performer who not only embodies her characters, but also embraces her fans...taking time to make appearances around the world.

Though her voice and talents have taken her, and her characters to every corner of the globe....her heart will always belong to Texas.

## VOICE ACTING GUEST: JESSIE JAMES GRELL



Jessie James Grelle has been a part of the Anime VO community since 2004. She began her journey in Houston, Texas at ADV Films, and would go on to work for FUNimation, Crunchyroll, Sony Pictures, Warner Bros, and more. In her 20 years of VO work, she has been involved in over 400 individual titles across anime, pre-lay animation, and videogames.

Jessie's most notable roles include Armin Arlert in Attack on Titan, Izo in One Piece, Grand Priest in Dragon Ball Super, Yuri Katsuki in Yuri on Ice, Tokoyami Fumikage in My Hero Academia, Kenichi in Kenichi the Mightiest Disciple, Tyrian Callows in RWBY, William Vangance in Black Clover, Demigra in Dragon Ball Xenoverse, Issei Hyodo in High School DxD, Kinro in Dr. Stone, Byakuya Togami in Danganranpa the Anime, Ginoza in Psycho Pass, Ritsuka in Given, Snapper in Viral Hit, and Prince Zen in Snow White with the Red Hair and many, many more!

When she is not behind the mic, Jessie streams on Twitch as her VTuber persona, Mim! You can watch her streams at [twitch.tv/mimcubus](https://twitch.tv/mimcubus)!

## VOICE ACTING GUEST: BRITTNEY KARBOWSKI



Brittney Karbowski is a prolific voice actress, who has voiced in a number of series with studios from Texas to California.

She is best known for her roles as Wendy Marvel in Fairy Tail, Black Star in Soul Eater, Camie Utsushimi in My Hero Academia, Ryou in Clannad, Yuri in Angel Beats, Pride in Full Metal Alchemist Brotherhood, Mikoto Misaka in A Certain Magical Index and A Certain Scientific Railgun Series, Nanachi in Made in Abyss, Rimuru in That Time I got Reincarnated as a Slime, Migi from Parasyte the Maxim, Kusu in Dragon Ball Super, HisKo in Food Wars, and Hitch in Attack on Titan. Most recently she's Tirol in Sabukui Bisco; Saori in Tribe Nine, Minoru in Akebi's Sailor Uniform, Cetia Final Fantasy Brave Exvius; Pookie and Chela in Tiny Tina's Wonderlands, and there's more to come!

## COSPLAY GUEST: PINK OPAL COSPLAY



Robin (aka, Pink Opal Cosplay) started cosplaying during the Covid Pandemic in 2020. Always having a passion for special effects make-up, Robin started to delve into costuming. While attending their first convention in 2017, they were inspired to segue into cosplay while overcoming adversity and stigmas. Being a member of the LGBTQ community, Robin has utilized their stance to bring awareness and acceptance to the belief that ANYONE can cosplay! Finding an anime niche, Robin has cosplayed a multitude of characters with ease. They have hand sewn most of their costumes, and specializes in wig styling, & special FX! Robin's award-winning costumes have inspired others to follow suit and enjoy the cosplay community!

When Robin isn't making videos and new costumes, they are working a fulltime job and attending college full time, working towards a degree in early childhood development keeping those young minds inspired, too!

## COSPLAY GUEST: VERY GUMMY COSPLAY



Hello! Hello! I am your friendly neighborhood Gummy Bear and Cosplay Creature but you can call me Nummi!

Cosplayer for 10 years and sewing/crafter for even longer. I use cosplay to spread the joy that my favorite games, anime, and movies give me. I have multiple awards for cosplay and crafting, including being the Best of Show winner for Anime Crossroads 2024!

When I am not working on Cosplay I am streaming on Twitch raising money with the Kuma Kollektive all year around. To date we have raised over 5,000 dollars since starting in November 2023!

I can't wait to make your day sweeter!

## COSPLAY GUESTS: PAIGESICLE



Paigesicle is a dedicated cosplayer and prop-maker hailing from Cleveland, Ohio. Since delving into the world of cosplay, she has honed her skills in a multitude of areas, including foam armor crafting, sewing, wig styling, and makeup. Passionate about sharing her expertise, she delights in educating others. Paigesicle is known for her craftsmanship and meticulous attention to detail, focusing on creating stunning builds that bring characters to life.

## COSPLAY GUEST: PINK PETAL COSPLAY



A techie turned cosplayer, Brie started making cosplay props in 2020 with her first 3D printer – an Ender3Pro – and making cosplay content on TikTok. She has since then upgraded her fleet of machines – adding and building several more machines for her army – and creating educational and entertaining content about cosplaying, 3D printing and modeling, and maker space ideas and hacks to her audiences on Instagram and Tiktok.

## PERFORMANCE GUESTS: STRANGE MUSIC SQUAD



The Strange Music Squad is an Indianapolis-based DJ team consisting of SHI-BASCREAM, KHTO RIDER, and TETSUO THE ROBOT, that has played clubs, conventions, and events the world over, from Indy to LA to Tokyo.

The Strange Music Squad delights in delivering niche genres to new ears. Wielding omni-genre weapons from every element of electronic dance music and equipping them with anime/gamer material, their limit break makes the entire room bounce.

Specializing in cosplay dance party events with an EDM edge, the group brings their love of geek and con culture to da club and will Isekai your a\$\$ to another world.

Come vibe out with the squad!

## PERFORMANCE GUEST: ORIANA PERÓN



Oriana Perón is a cosplaying, costume, and fashion designing, drag queen. She has been cosplaying since 2006 when this nerdy hobby turned into a passionate career. Oriana has studied theatre and costume design at Indiana University and continues her studies with a focus on fashion design, metalsmithing, and jewelry. Recently, Oriana has produced and performed her Drag Race and Drag Show events at Ohayocon, Anime Magic, AnimeNext, C2E2, Maturicon, and ACEN. Oriana currently lives in Bloomington, Indiana and is a producer and host for her shows, "World of Fantasy" and "World of Gayming" at The Back Door. Her favorite thing is dressing up like cartoon moms and sending memes to all her friends. Oriana looks forward to conventions coming back and seeing all her friends and fans again!

You can find Oriana online at:  
[www.orianaperon.com](http://www.orianaperon.com)  
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[www.etsy.com/shop/OrianasDesigns](https://www.etsy.com/shop/OrianasDesigns)

## ENTERTAINMENT GUEST: RUBBER CITY COSPLAY



C O S P L A Y

*"At Rubber City Cosplay, we're all about bringing our community together to share, create, and craft amazing cosplay adventures! We're passionate about making sure everyone feels included and empowered to express themselves. Come join us in spreading the cosplay love!"*

Welcome to Rubber City Cosplay! We focus on bringing together a lively community of cosplay and pop culture enthusiasts. Our mission is to create accessible and engaging experiences where everyone can freely express themselves. We'd love for you to join us in celebrating the wonderful world of cosplay and creativity!



## ENTERTAINMENT GUEST: 2WISTEDIDOLS



2wisted Idols a Midwest based cosplay and original mixed idol cover group that consists of four members, Aki, Reign, Perse and Mira. They focus on putting on fun, energetic performances that will get your heart pumping! When they're not taking the stage, they love to host idol festivals of all sizes to showcase other members of their community.

## **MAIN EVENTS**

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Come meet a few of the staff, and see the official beginning of Anime Crossroads 2025! See all the guests and hear about some special events to expect for the rest of the weekend.

### **VOICE ACTOR ROUNDTABLE AND Q&A**

Come meet our voice actors and ask them your burning questions about their roles, the industry and more!

### **ORIANA PERÓN'S DRAG RACE**

Do you have what it takes to be a Drag Superstar? Join Drag Queen Oriana Perón as 5 contestants compete for this year's title! All humans are welcome to compete, all genders, all sexualities, even if you've never done drag! Sign-up at the event. The queen of Drag Cosplay direct from the Midwest, Oriana Peron, wants to see you there!

### **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!

### **DANCERS AND DEBAUCHERY: A BURLESQUE VARIETY SHOW (18+)**

Performers take to the stage at this adults only event! This show will feature the aerial stylings of pole dance and new age burlesque all to the tune of classic anime songs. Tips are appreciated!

*Valid Government issue ID or 18+ wristband is required for entry.*

### **ANIME CROSSROADS IDOL FETE**

Come cheer your favorite idols on stage at the Crossroads Idol Fete. Light sticks are encouraged!

## **MAIN EVENTS**

### **ORIANA'S DRAG SHOW**

Get ready for The Original Cosplay Drag Show! Starring Oriana Perón and featuring some of the hottest Drag Cosplay talents. Oriana has brought some wild and exciting queer entertainment for you, so come and enjoy the show! All ages, gender identities, sexualities, and humans are welcome to enjoy this award-winning lineup! The winner of the Drag Race gets to perform!

### **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!

### **CHILDREN'S COSPLAY CONTEST**

Help us celebrate our young, aspiring cosplayers as they show off their cosplay!

### **ANIME FAMILY FEUD**

"Survey SAYS!" It's a phrase we've all heard. Here's the anime-themed version of the show that started it all! Two teams compete to see who knows their fandom better. At stake - fabulous prizes for the lucky winning "family!" The Feud is sure to be a hit with game show enthusiasts and anime fans alike!

### **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

And that's a wrap! Join the ACR Staff as we say goodbye to 2025, and look forward to 2025!

# ♥ *Pink Peaches Maid Cafe* ♥

Hello Anime Crossroads attendees! We are so excited to be returning to Anime Crossroads for our fourth year in a row! Pink Peaches Maid Cafe is an unique all ages maid cafe experience right here in Indiana! This year we're offering hour-long sessions full of all new entertainment, plenty of food and drink options and memories that will last a lifetime!

Come join us for one of our classic hour sessions where our maids, butlers, and servants serve and entertain you in typical cafe fashion or stop by our annual waifu hour where we let the staff cosplay as some of their favorite characters from various forms of media!

Whether you're wanting to try new things or we've hosted you before, we guarantee you'll enjoy your stay with us! Seating availability is limited and sells quick so make sure to buy your tickets online ahead of time. Please see our social media for the link to our Eventbrite page! On site tickets are not guaranteed.



# *Pink Peaches Maid Cafe*

## *Hours of Operation*

### *Maid Cafe Classic*

#### Friday

3:00pm-4:00pm

5:00pm-6:00pm

#### Saturday

12:00pm-1:00pm

2:00pm-3:00pm

4:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-7:00pm

#### Sunday

12:00pm-1:00pm

2:00pm-3:00pm

4:00pm-5:00pm

### *Waifu Hour*

#### Friday

7:00pm-8:00pm

#### Saturday

8:00pm-9:00pm

## VIDEO GAME ROOM



Ready to play? The videogame room has leveled up this year thanks to our friends at OMG!Con!

They're bringing hundreds of games and dozens of systems, from popular modern staples like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Street Fighter to retro classics like Super Mario World, Contra, and Sonic the Hedgehog!

Access to the videogame room is included with your badge, so be sure to stop in and play one of your favorites, or take a chance on something you've never tried before!

OMG!Con will be June 20th-22nd, 2025.

Want to learn more? Scan the code to check out their website!!



## TABLETOP LOUNGE



Welcome to the Who's Yer Gamers Tabletop Game Lounge. We have our select library of games here for you to check out for free to play whenever we're open (10am to 2am). We will also have scheduled throughout the weekend, come check the tabletop lounge for more!

### **Who's Yer Con 2025**

April 18-20, 2025

Indianapolis Marriott East

<https://tabletop.events/conventions/who-s-yer-con-2025>

Who's Yer Con is coming! Starting in the morning on April 18th, we'll be serving up a full weekend of gaming at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Badges are on sale now! Pre-register and save on the at the door rate!!

# PANELS

## **2025 Anime**

A quick look at new anime confirmed for 2025

## **Advanced Wig Styling**

Learn the materials, tools, and techniques for constructing intense wig frames and structures to add extreme shapes and styles to your next cosplay.

## **An Appropriately Unhinged Recap of FNAF 18+**

How much do you know about Five Night's at Freddy's? No matter how much or how little, join us for a humorous look into the notoriously complicated series lore!

## **An Introduction to Ball Jointed Dolls**

Ever wonder what the deal is with the dolls you sometimes see at conventions? Learn a little about the BJD hobby and get to see some dolls up close here!

## **Anime Game Show Party**

What would happen if someone took some of your favorite TV and board games, added in a pair of dice and a wacky host, then threw it all in a blender and hit the smoothie button? You'd have a big ol' party! Anime Game Show Party takes elements you're familiar with and mixes them in with a healthy dose of anime trivia, stunts and dares, and two dice that can change the course of the game in one single throw.

## **Anime Jeopardy!**

Test your anime knowledge against other contestants in a Jeopardy style game show

## **Anime opening that just Rock**

I love anime music, don't you!! On my never ending search for great anime songs I have compiled quite a list and I'm here to share it with you!!

## **Avoiding the Mayhem in Makeup**

Join use as we teach new skills, tips and tricks when using special effects makeup in cosplay.

## **Bad fanfiction theater 18+**

Ever read something so BAD, Its Good? Laugh so hard you'll cry, come up to read or act out scenes as we explore the treacherous and hilarious world of Fanfictions old

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## **Baldur's Gate 3: Campsite Jeopardy 18+**

Gather around the campfire for some Baldur's Gate 3 jeopardy! The winning team will receive a prize, so come to play or just to watch!

## **Basic Electronics for Cosplay**

Learn the basics of electronics and how to add them into your next build. Fundamental knowledge you'll need to get your cosplay glowing, beeping, moving, and more!

## **BL Open Mic 18+**

If you're a BL fan come share your favorites with like minded people. We gathered you will leave with a new story, anime, or drama you want to check out!!!

## **Catchy/Upbeat Anime Songs You May (Not) Know**

Looking to add some upbeat/catchy anime songs to your collection? Come watch some anime songs that you may or may not have heard before, and don't be afraid to go along with the beat.

## **Chainsaw Man Fun**

Come enjoy some time with the characters of Chainsaw Man! Games, Prizes, QnA, and Trivia!

## **Con Safety Talk!**

Come sit and watch a few con vets go over con safety tips for both minors and adults. At the end we'll host a room discussion for everyone to have a chance to share their own tips and advice!

## **Convention horror stories 18+**

In this panel, we tell our tales and interesting stories from conventions past and provide some do's and don'ts from our experiences. The good, the bad, the ugly, will all come to light in this panel. We will also be opening the floor to our panel attendees to share their stories as well. Come one, come all - to convention horror stories!

## **Cosplay 101**

Class is in session? In cosplay 101 we will learn what cosplay is, how to start, how to not break the bank, and some tips and tricks for this amazing hobby!

## **Chaos Cosplay Chess**

Get ready to be blown off the Chess Board - Possibly, quite literally. Take everything you know about standard chess and leave it in the library because this is NOT it. Be prepared for traps, magics and Gaming-gods interference to turn the tides, upend ultimate (Dance?) moves and create all of the CHAOS! Whether a Person-Sized Chess Piece or a Game Board Master, you'll never want to play "normal" chess again. Audience Participation is highly encouraged.

## **Cosplay Contacts 101**

Join us to learn the basics of wearing contacts as well as recommendations on contacts for beginners.

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## **Cosplay From Your Closet**

Want to cosplay but don't want to break the bank? Maybe want to cosplay but don't even want to look at a sewing machine quite yet? This is the panel for you! In this panel we will be discussing how to cosplay from your closet, how to figure out great ways to adjust designs, and so much more!

## **Cosplay Lip Synch Battle**

Come see your favorite characters battle it out via song, or join in a battle yourself by picking a song to perform a lip synch to. These can be very funny if you pick something based on the character that you're cosplaying, but all performances are welcome!

## **Cosplay makeup 101**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to apply makeup for cosplay? This is the panel for you! We will have a live makeup application on a model and show you how to do it yourself. Any and all are welcome to get tips, ask questions, and watch some artistry!

## **Cursed Fanfiction Mad Libs 18+**

Join in on the collective effort of making the most cursed fanfictions through various Mad Libs.

## **Davy Back Fight: A One Piece Panel**

In this One Piece panel, we're following the spirit of the Davy Back Fight from Long Ring Long Land. We'll be playing three games, Straw Hats against Audience! Come join us for lots of laughs and the chance to win prizes by playing some fun games!

## **Ensemble Starts for beginners**

If you're new to ensemble stars and don't know where to start this is the place for you!!

## **Fabric 101**

Wanna make your first cosplay? Or just elevate your current cosplay game? Join Drag Queen Oriana Perón and learn all the things about Fabrics!!

## **Fantasy Foodies**

Have you ever wanted to know how to cook a pokemon? What walking armor would taste like? Come to Fantasy foodies where we discuss the different tastes, textures and everything in-between of the delectable goodies you see in your favorite TV shows, Videogames, anime and more!

## **Filmmakers Unit**

If you want to learn how to make movies on a budget? Come to Filmmakers Unit to get some creative ideas

## **Group Therapy for Fandom Veterans 18+**

We survived more than the just the fandom wars. We are now fandom veterans. Let's talk about it.

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## **Gundam Wing: Mission Brief**

For a generation of anime fans, Gundam Wing was one of the first series they saw, whether on DVD or Cartoon Network. Join Dusty in a roundtable discussion of what has kept this fandom alive and well for the last twenty years, including discussions of new material and merchandise, the vibrant fanwork community, and how to begin exploring this gateway into the Gundam franchise.

## **Haikyuu - In the Future?? 18+**

Have you ever wanted the chance to talk with the Haikyuu crew about what happened post graduation? Here is your chance! Come chat with us, ask questions, and play games. Different teams, one time skip, one hour of fun.

## **Hand Embroidery 101 - Aka Shrimp Posture Club**

Welcome to Shrimp Posture Club! AKA Hand Embroidery 101. Learn some basic techniques to step up your cosplays or just learn for fun! Those already familiar with embroidery are welcome to bring their own projects to work on.

## **History of Armor**

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the armor that inspires the films we see and games we play? Come learn hands on from a team of blacksmiths and reenactors!

## **Hypnosis Mic: A Lore Overview 18+**

Hypnosis Mic is a popular and unique idol project with lore that is almost entirely inaccessible outside of Japan. Come learn about the world of Hypnosis Mic: Division Rap Battle!

## **Idol Anime & Wotagei**

Have you seen cute anime characters wearing fun outfits, singing and dancing? That would be an idol anime! Here we will introduce you to the genre and idol culture itself, with things such as characters to penlights!

## **IndyIdols: Love Live Muse Revival**

The time has come for the newest Muse set with IndyIdols! We have prepared new songs from Love Live! and can't wait to celebrate idols with you. Come to cheer, win prizes, and experience idol culture!

## **Idol Open Mic**

Are you looking for a chance to step on stage and perform? Then this is the panel for you. Whether you want to show us your favorite idol dance, sing karaoke, play a Just Dance song, or play an instrument, this is your shot. It's a low stress way to either get your first performance done and shake off your nerves or show off if you're a seasoned performer.

## **Intro to Danmei 18+**

Have you been looking for a new lgbtq+ series to read with well written plot and beautiful art style? Our intro to Danmei is giving you our favorite recommendations to read, watch, or listen to!

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### **Intro to Shibari 18+**

Have you ever wanted to learn about rope bondage? Rope materials, diameters, and load strength are all important factors in what you can and can't work with. We will also discuss the history of rope bondage, and the positive effects of BDSM in a relationship dynamic, and take volunteers from the audience to get tied up!

### **Intro to Star Wars**

The universe of Star Wars is an expansive place that can be intimidating to new fans. If you've ever been curious about what's going on outside the recent movies, we can show you!

### **Introduction to J-Fashion**

Welcome to an intro to J-Fashion! We will explore a variety of different styles that are popular in Japan!

### **Karaoke**

Come join us for karaoke! All skill levels welcome!

### **KPOP Random Dance!**

This panel is exactly as titled. KPOP. Dancing. Randomness. Come join us for a Next Level hour of Non-stop dancing to your favorite KPOP songs!

### **Let's get in -chew- it! (Mukbang 먹방)**

This is a mukbang-style interview where the host (Nikki Nostalgia) talks to a special guest about a variety of topics including Anime, Maid cafe's, aliens, ghosts, and more! Who knows what kind of juicy gossip and backstage tea we will discover over a bite of some delicious food? Let's get in -chew- it!

### **Let's Play Cards Against Humanity! 18+**

Want to play a fun game and get a nice laugh out? Come join us for a classic game of Cards Against Humanity played in a group format.

### **Let's Play LIVE! Jackbox Party Pack 18+**

Conventions often feel like parties, so here's the chance to play some of the hottest party games out there! We'll be playing Fibbage, Drawful, Quiplash, and more. Bring your phones, tablets, or laptops... and your IDs. This is uncensored and no-holds-barred.

### **Let's talk about magical girl anime's**

Come on down to learn about all things magical girl!

### **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!

# PANELS

## **LGBT+ Media Recommendations**

Panel where we talk about different media that we recommend for those looking for LGBT+ themed media and/or containing well represented LGBT+ characters.

## **Live Cosplay Drawing**

Come relax and draw live cosplayers in an arts studio figure drawing style panel! Learn a little about traditional figure drawing styles and practice drawing perspective, lighting, and the human figure. Drawing paper and materials will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Come draw with us!

## **Makeup for Cosplay and Drag**

Need help beating your face to filth for your cosplay? Join Drag Queen Oriana Perón and catch the secrets you'll need to transform yourself into your character!

## **Mayday Idols: First Sparkle**

Mayday Idols is a cosplay idol group from all around Indiana! Join us as we perform songs from the group Liella and play some games!

## **My Immortal - The Play 18+**

If you remember the infamous fanfiction, My Immortal... allow us to introduce you to the play.

## **Nurturing Mental Wellness**

I have been dealing with being an introvert, depression and anxiety for most of my life, but I also love to attend conventions. In this panel we will discuss my personal ways of dealing with mental illnesses and attending conventions. Bring questions and ideas for ways you cope.

## **One Helluva Contract 18+**

Join I.M.P. as a junior member and join us for your very first mission! This is an interactive experience where everyone will work together to complete an I.M.P. contract-- or die trying.

## **Ouran: Into Wonderland!**

Welcome to the host club~ In this panel, we travel to the wacky and wonderful world of Wonderland! Enjoy the company of the hosts in banter, trivia of ourselves and the shenanigans we get into, and of course, some of the darling royalty paying us a visit may have the opportunity to play the ever-popular Dating Game with the hosts as your contenders. We look forward to seeing you at this exclusive location beyond Music Room Three. <3

## **Project Sekai Jeopardy**

Are you a fan of Project Sekai: Colorful Stage? The ultimate fandom showdown, how well do you know the characters and lore? Test your luck in this exciting game of Jeopardy!

## **Project Sekai Random Dance**

Wonderhoy! Come join us and other fellow Project Sekai fans and show off your moves as we play a fun lineup of songs with choreographies performed by the groups in the game! Unfamiliar with the choreographies? Don't worry! We will have a mirrored projection so you can follow along!

# PANELS

## **Pyramid**

Based on one of television's most popular game shows, The ¥25,000 Anime Pyramid pits two teams in a battle of quick wits and quick words, for a chance to face what's been called the most dramatic minute in television - the Winner's Circle, for a chance at up to ¥25,000 in prizes. You must attend an audition during "Anime Pyramid Tryouts" in order to be considered as a contestant. Check your program guide and schedule for more details!

## **Sewing and Pattern Making for Dolls**

Ever want to make miniature outfits and cosplays for dolls or plushies? Get some advice on how to here!

## **Shipping Wars**

The battlefield drenched in blood and bathed in fire, light shone upon many ships, standing tall and proud. However, only one will be allowed to sail forth and become the best. Do you think that you can support your ship against all attackers and prove once and for all that your ship is the best?

## **Sk8 the infinity - a skaters meeting**

Are you excited about season 2 and the ova? Do you have a favorite ship, line, character, or moment? Let's talk about it! Prove your knowledge with trivia and ask your favorite characters questions about themselves or the rest of this ragtag group of skaters.

## **Smash or Pass: Cryptid Edition 18+**

Cryptid, Creepypasta, and Folk Lore smash or pass game/discussion

## **So you want to be a Cult Leader?**

Followers come play with us, the Lamb & Goat, and let us see if you have what it takes to be in, let alone lead, a cult for The One Who Waits. We will play games to test your abilities & faith - such as fishing, knucklebones... a fight pit?? Only those who prove to be most worthy will earn prizes, including their own crown.

## **Sorcery and Spaceships: Final Fantasy IV, 30+ Years Later**

Calling all "spoony bards!" Final Fantasy IV, the groundbreaking RPG for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System, recently turned 30, and is one of the most popular and most influential entries in the franchise. We'll explore what's given it enough staying power to have two sequels, various remakes, and a strong fanbase more than three decades later.

## **The Stages of Fanservice/Ecchi 18+**

Ever been disappointed in an anime do to the lack of fanservice/ecchi in it? Come join me and discover about the various fanservice/ecchi stages and how to figure out what makes each stage the way it is.

## **Stray Dogs vs Mafia the Game**

The Mafia game with a twist. So take a seat and play a round of Bungo Stray Dogs Mafia.

## PANELS

### **Voice Acting: Where Do I Start?!**

Want to try voice acting, but don't know where to start? You will learn about finding auditions, equipment/home studios, voice acting classes, websites/demo reels/resumes, networking/online presents, agencies/rosters, and more!

### **We don't joke about Vampires 18+**

What makes a vampire a vampire? Is it just all the blood sucking? Being able to sparkle when you go out into the sun or not going into the sun at all? Is it all just about the aesthetics, attitude, and flare? Come to our panel and find out from us why we don't joke about vampires, or maybe why we do?

### **Wipeout: A Fandom Game Show**

Given a list of 12 possible RPG titles, could you find the six real ones? What about actual names of cards in Magic: The Gathering? If you've got a broad set of knowledge, then you're ready to play Wipeout! The 80s themed convention game show where right answers lead to prizes, but the wrong choice will make you Wipeout.

### **You know that's permanent, right? A Crash Course in Fandom Tattoos 18+**

A lot has changed in the tattoo industry in the last 10 years...that includes the influx of talented artists specializing in anime and fandom tattoos. This panel includes a brief lesson in American and Japanese tattoo history and a showcase of talented and diverse tattoo artists excelling in the style of anime and fandom tattoos specifically.

### **Yuri on ice - a skaters guide to figure skating**

So we can all agree that we were upset when ice adolescence was canceled. So to deal with our grief we have brought together 3 of the best figure skaters from Yuri on Ice. Join us as we talk about Yuri on ice, figure skating, and answer some of your questions about figure skating, Yuri on ice as Yuuri, Viktor and Yuri!!!



# **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.

## **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 Policies.

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## **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 ILLEGAL 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.

## **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 by 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](mailto: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.

# **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 as 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.

## **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.

# **COSPLAY AND WEAPON POLICY**

## **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.

## **Weapons Policy**

ALL WEAPONS must be inspected and approved by the safety team 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:

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

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

Artificial and replica guns will be permitted, pending inspection by the safety team, 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 the safety team. 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 the safety team

**The Director of Anime Crossroads Safety Team can render final say on the acceptability of any costume or prop.**

