



A celebration of diversity in our inspirations,
our creative communities and our fandoms.

CONVERGENCE 2024:

EVERYONE'S INVITED

July 4-7, 2024 Hyatt Regency Hotel Minneapolis, MN

CONVERGENCE INTEGRATED SCHEDULE

Cinema Rex, Connie's Quantum Sandbox, Gaming, Harmonic CONvergence, MainStage, Programming (Garden Court, Panels, Readings, Signings, and some Performances), and Theatre Nippon.

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

3:00pm - 10:00pm	Volunteers & Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J
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THURSDAY JULY 4

8:00am - 8:00pm	Kids Gaming Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis
10:00am - 9:00pm	Volunteers & Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J
10:00am - Midnight	Board Gaming Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer
11:00am - Noon	Paper Dolls <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Remember making paper dolls? We have some wonderfully geeky paper dolls that you can come make with us! All ages <i>Alicia Beck, Anne Rementer, Christina Gregerson</i>
11:00am - 10:00pm	Cosplay Repair Station Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.
11:00am - 10:00pm	Sandbox Lab Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.
11:00am - 11:00pm	Photography Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles
Noon - 2:00pm	Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Do Your Research <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Even when writing fiction, if your work isn't grounded enough in reality, it can break the suspension of disbelief. Learn how to research subjects outside your knowledge enough to be believable. <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Christina M Alongi, J.R. Dawson, Lisa Hario, Stephanie Cranford</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>It's Not My Job to Teach You <i>inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE People who are part of marginalized communities are often asked to teach others the basics of diversity and inclusiveness. How do we help people understand that it's not any individual's obligation? Where and how should they learn? <i>Amanda Leinbaugh, Lathan Murrell, Morgan Strickland, Rachel Poleke (mod), Sean Eberle</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Collections <i>fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH What do you collect? How do you deal with cost, space, and so on? How do you build a collection? <i>Amanda Lynn Bliss, John A. Shea, Mary Elizabeth Sterling, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Remy Corso</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Fashioning Wings for Cosplay <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I We all know beeswax doesn't work. Let's talk about the many different types of wings and how to make them. <i>Bob DeMers, Kevin Doheny (mod), Khori, Nicole LaBat</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Keep On Keeping On <i>art, social, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Motivation is a tricky beast that keeps its own schedule. What can one do to stay in the mindset needed to finish a project, be it a creative endeavor or housekeeping? <i>A L Raden (mod), Al Kaye, Charlene Holm, Janelle Kloth, Kate MacEachern</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Fandom Guess Who <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa "Guess Who" but with a fandom flair! Play using classic rules or up the difficulty by playing subjectively! <i>Lindsey Wollan</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Boss Monster (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Inspired by classic video games, Boss Monster challenges you to become a villain, build a dungeon, lure in adventurers, and destroy them! The game has retro pixel art, an innovative ?dungeon-building? system, and fast-paced gameplay. <i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Professional Game Masters <i>*new, RPG, business, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D The professional Game Master is a rising new profession in the hobby. It offers its own unique sets of challenges and also offers a different approach to how we interact with our players. We'll offer insight on encounter design, table behavior, and more. <i>Chase McAllister, Hunter Goetzman, Jake Rafter, Lauren Crabtree (mod), Rea Renee, Wendy A Hoskin</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Unmatched (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Ever wanted to see Bruce Lee fight Dracula, or have Dr. Strange try to take down the dinosaurs from Jurassic Park? In the game of Unmatched, all of these battles and more will occur in wild fashion. This is a two-player team tourney. <i>The Poetry Ninja</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Renaissance Dance Lessons <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Do you enjoy visiting the local renaissance festivals? Have you never been? Join us for some dancing and get a taste of the renaissance era. We teach a variety of English Country dances designed for any from ago 2 to 102, and some other dances, too! <i>Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Hajime no Ippo - PG-13 Dubbed 2000 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A boxer takes a timid, bullied kid under his wing and teaches him boxing. It turns out the kid can really punch. A boxer takes a timid, bullied kid under his wing and teaches him boxing. It turns out the kid can really punch.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Nanotechnology in Medicine <i>STEM</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Can nanotechnology create bots that could course through the human body, correcting errors where they occur? Would this nanotechnology enable us to cure the aging process? If so, would nanotechnology grant humans immortality? <i>Bryan J Joshua (mod), James Kakalios, Kurt Fleschner</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Dungeons & Dragons (movie) Fan Panel <i>current, movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE <i>Arthur Ray Armstrong, Janelle Kloth, Nikki Armstrong (mod), Sarah Jeanette Moretsky, TK</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Game Grumps Jeopardy <i>comedy, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Bienvenu! Do you think you know the most about our beloved Grump and Not So Grump? Come on down to Game Grumps Jeopardy! This game will feature questions for old and new fans alike! Participation is not required. <i>Calico Smith-O'Brian, Ian Appold, Tabitha Moore</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Ahsoka Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I <i>Jeff R Grapevine, Nicole Anne Printy, Peter M Avirom (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Queer--What Does It Mean? <i>inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B The term "queer" is an umbrella, but what does it mean? What falls under the umbrella? Is it just being gay or is there more to it? In this panel, we will discuss what including everyone under the term queer might mean to you. <i>Christina M Alongi, Eiryn Hegland, Katherine Jo Pysick, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Sean Eberle</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Zombicide, 2nd Edition (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Play Zombicide: 2nd Edition, the classic game of survival in a modern zombie apocalypse. <i>Carl Patten</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Flashpoint (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Take the role of firefighters and work together to save a house from an increasingly growing fire! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Afrofuturism <i>GoH, inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Afrofuturism centers on Black history and culture, incorporating SF, technology, and futuristic elements into literature, music, and the visual arts. Recurring themes include reclamation, Black liberation, revisioning the past, and predicting the future. <i>Lathan Murrell, Shannan Paul, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Radio Play Auditions <i>GoH</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come audition for this year's radio play. Give yourself a chance to perform with actual voice actors on stage with and for your fellow fans. **Must be available for rehearsal/performance Saturday 12:30-3pm** <i>Brigitte Bako, Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Windy Bowsby, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Let's Talk About PVC Foam! <i>costuming, demo</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D A presentation and demo on PVC foam: an underutilized cosplay material that requires no power tools, no special skills, and is lightweight and versatile. It's carvable, sandable, easily paintable, and slightly moldable. Come learn how to get started! <i>Adrienne (of Quite-a-Riot Cosplay) Ottemann</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Good Clean Fun - Sculpting <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Get set for some good clean fun while sculpting your very own gnome! We will use soap dough, which is pliable until left overnight, when it hardens into a usable bar of soap. These adorable gnomes are taught by Viking potter Renee Petersen. All ages <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
2:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>ConFABulous and CONsole Room <i>RPG, gaming, inclusivity</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka This panel will introduce the audience to two local conventions: ConFABulous, a GLBTQ+ and allies gaming relaxicon in October, and CONsole Room, the Twin Cities Dr. Who Convention in January. <i>A L Raden, David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Learn to Play: My Little Scythe (Kids) <i>kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a My Little Scythe is a competitive, family-friendly game in which each player controls two animal miniatures embarking upon an adventure in the Kingdom of Pomme. Ages 8+ <i>Elley Murray</i></p>
3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Beyond the Boundary - PG-13 Subtitled 2013 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Mirai Kuriyama can use her blood to kill monsters called "youmo". But when she meets Akihito Kanbara, a rare half-breed of youmo, she can't manage to kill him. He gets her to join the Literary Club instead. Mirai Kuriyama can use her blood to kill monsters called "youmo". But when she meets Akihito Kanbara, a rare half-breed of youmo, she can't manage to kill him. He gets her to join the Literary Club instead.</p>
3:15pm - 5:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Gargoyles Cast <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Brigitte Bako, Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Keith David, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>GMing for Youths <i>RPG, beginner, gaming, kid, teen</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Kids and teens interested in running their own tabletop roleplaying games (TTRPGs), come learn about some great ways to get started leading games, easy games to lead, and how to find folks to play with. Players are welcome too! <i>Ian Martin-Mann, Jacob Evert Borgmann, Kenneth Joel Justiniano, Shaun Larsen, Sherry Pofahl Johnson (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Trivia Jutsu <i>anime, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Kahoot-based anime trivia (bring a smart device). Believe it! <i>Ashley D Haapapuro, Lucas Haapapuro, Sartorial Jutsu Studios</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Weird Al Yankovic Fan Panel <i>GoH, fan, music</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH <i>Dave Margosian, Edward Eastman, Margaret Eastman (mod), Mark Lundberg, Shannan Paul</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Welcome to CONvergence <i>con, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I This is a big, busy convention and we can offer suggestions on how to enjoy it without wiping out. <i>Amy Marie Dekker (mod), Jeanne M Mealy, Nick Glover, Rhea Wessendorf, Sean Eberle</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Parallel Worlds <i>GoH, STEM</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Is the concept of parallel universes valid? If so, would this signify an afterlife? <i>Carlos Hernandez, Charlene Holm, James Kakalios, Lathan Murrell (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Let's Play Japanese Mahjong! Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Back by popular demand! Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong. This is a casual learning experience, instruction provided <i>Rith Ke</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>What Makes a Good Antihero? <i>book</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B An antihero is a character lacking the qualities of traditional heroes but with specific skills or an interesting flaw that make them more complex. How does one create or portray such a person and how flawed do they need to be to earn the "anti" label? <i>Christina M Alongi, F. D. Lee, Kate MacEachern, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling, Sam August Miller (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Fighting Games 101: Why You Are Being Beat By Math <i>*new, computer, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Tired of getting beat at Street Fighter? Looking to level up at Melty Blood? Or are you maybe just curious to how fighting games work on a deeper level? KOLD X will take you into the heart of fighting games with a lesson on hit boxes and frame data. <i>KOLD X, KitKat</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Sandbox on Tour: Kumihimo <i>teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji b Teens, make some friends and some swag. We will be making friendship bracelets in the teen room. Parents and guardians are welcome to help ease their future teens through the project. Teens will answer questions on how to successfully teen at CONvergence. <i>Angie Anderson</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Cooking as Practical Chemistry <i>STEM, cooking</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Cooking includes such chemistry activities as experimental measurement (timing water boiling), solubility (mixing water with salt, sugar, or oil), heat capacity (heating salt, sugar, butter, and water), combustion calculations, and colligative properties. <i>Kurt Fleschner, Rachel Poleke (mod), Renee Petersen, Zack Mayville</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Big Trouble in Little Warlington (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a The small town of Warlington just graduated yet another crop of adventurers! They are about to get their Adventuring Licenses when the town comes under attack! Are these new adventurers up to the task? <i>Erik R</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #1 - 133m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Early Birds Get the Ribbon! <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Got ribbons? What to trade? Bring all your ribbons to trade and collect them all. One can never have enough ribbons! <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Barbie <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Barbie cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Exploring Yourself Through RPGs <i>RPG, gaming, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A What can we learn about ourselves through "avatar" games, where we play ourselves (or a specific/exaggerated version thereof) in an RPG universe? Can it affect your social dynamic with your fellow players? <i>Arthur Ray Armstrong, Cetius d'Raven, Jacob Evert Borgmann (mod), Jeb Hagan, Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Young Frankenstein 50 Years Later <i>classic, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Young Frankenstein came out in 1974. How has the movie held up in 50 years? It was a different time then--what would a modern remake look like? <i>Christopher Daniels, Jody Wurl (mod), Mark Goldberg, Sean Eberle, William J Leisner</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>It's OK to Be Bad <i>art, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH You can't be a great artist or writer at the beginning, and it's ok to do something just because you enjoy it. What motivates you to continue? <i>A L Raden (mod), Al Kaye, Charlene Holm, Jon Stark Olsen, Kate MacEachern</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Just Because It's Animated Does NOT Mean It's for Kids <i>TV, animation</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Grave of the Fireflies, Watership Down, Fritz the Cat, etc. What strengths does animation lend to these kinds of stories? <i>Bryon David Stump, Dave Margosian, Mark James McPherson, Remy Corso (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Anime <i>anime, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all anime cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>DeejayNeko's Convergence Kick Off Dance Party <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Ever wish you could enjoy the rave but you're in bed by 9pm? Enjoy an early evening dance party for those looking for good vibes and clever remixes. Come for the big bass, leave with a bigger grin, and all before bedtime. https://soundcloud.com/deejayneko <i>Pete Lane</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>GIGA-ROBO! (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Do you like mecha? Gundam, Bravern, Pacific Rim? This is the board game that lets you fight the mecha brawls you've always wanted to! Use a variety of beam attacks, shining fingers, and ultimate combos in this card-driven, miniatures board game! <i>Ian Cross</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Let's Play Japanese Mahjong!</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Back by popular demand! Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong. This is a casual learning experience, instruction provided <i>Rith Ke</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Making History Interesting <i>edu, history</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Many folks find history to be dull, difficult, or boring to learn. Is there something about current pedagogy that turns people off? What could be done differently to bring a sparkle to the subject? <i>Jenny McElroy, Kara Knight, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling, Renee Petersen (mod), Sarah Barsness</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Hobby Swap aka "Buy Nothing CONvergence" <i>DIY, art, costuming, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Drop off your abandoned, clean, and organized hobby tools/materials and go fishing for new ones amongst the donated goods. Any leftovers can be recollected, donated to Costume Wars/Sandbox, or leave an "In Search Of" sticky note with your room number. <i>Ashley D Haapapuro</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Exotic Pets <i>STEM, misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D A conversation among a group of animal experts on different types of unusual pets. <i>Jim Soos, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Shari H</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:30pm	<p>Disney Lorcana (13+)</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Come and learn to play Lorcana, a TCG brought to you by the makers of the board game Villainous, based on Disney lore and an original series of alternate Disney universes. This event is focused on teaching new players. <i>Kaitlin Flesch</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>For the Fun of Counting: Seed Bead Lanyards <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Learn how to bead with the peyote stitch to make colorful designs that move and drape beautifully. You'll make a lanyard to take home. Ages 8+ <i>Amy Mills</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Vampire Knight - PG-13 Dubbed 2008 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet At Cross Academy, there is a Day Class (humans) and a Night Class (vampires). Students on the school disciplinary committee attempt to keep the vampires from killing the humans. Meanwhile, the lead vampire has a mysterious plan. At Cross Academy, there is a Day Class (humans) and a Night Class (vampires). Students on the school disciplinary committee attempt to keep the vampires from killing the humans. Meanwhile, the lead vampire has a mysterious plan.</p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Big Fun Radio Funtime <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom <i>Angela Fox, Charles Hubbell, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Duck Washington, Tim Wick, Windy Bowsby</i></p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Fantasy / D&D <i>RPG, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all fantasy/D&D cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
6:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #2 - 127m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
6:30pm - 9:00pm	<p>Megazone 23 - R Dubbed 1985 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Shougo happily motorcycles around his hard rock world, which is secretly watched over by an AI. Everything changes when his friend shows him a top-secret project: the "Garland," a motorcycle that can transform into a robot. Shougo happily motorcycles around his hard rock world, which is secretly watched over by an AI. Everything changes when his friend shows him a top-secret project: the "Garland," a motorcycle that can transform into a robot.</p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Eugenics in Science Fiction <i>STEM, classic, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Science fiction has long grappled with the concepts of human "advancement" and "perfection" in genetic terms. Let's talk about what authors have done well and where they've perpetuated oppressive tropes and misunderstanding of how genetics work. <i>Justin Edward Grays, Lathan Murrell, Lee Brontide, Mara DeMers, Wes Huntington (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Opening Ceremony <i>GoH, con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom <i>Angela Fox, Brigitte Bako, Carlos Hernandez, Dawn Krosnowski, Greg Weisman, Keith David, Shannan Paul, Susanna Malak, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>John Wick Fan Panel <i>current, fan, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE <i>Christopher Daniels (mod), Madeline Gasper, Melissa Kaercher, Nathan Anderson, Noel Thingvall</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Why Do We Need Horror? <i>horror, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Horror as a genre speaks to us all in different ways. Fear is human, so tasting of that fear is a universal experience. Why do we seek out being scared? What lessons does the genre teach us? <i>Brian Forrest (mod), Charlene Holm, Ruby Baker, Scott Kevin Jamison, Skazka</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Music to Create To <i>art, music, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Artists, what music inspires you? Does it change with what you're making? How can we find playlists to help inspire us? <i>Arthur Ray Armstrong, Beth Hansen, Jason Richard Klietz, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Lisa Hario</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Fountain Pen Fan Meet Up <i>art, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Fans of fountain pens, gather round! Let's show off our favorites and talk about what we enjoy about them. <i>Tania Richter (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Rian Vellichor <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Enjoy being gay, going to renaissance festivals, and dungeons and dragons? This might be the right vibe for you! Comedic original songs fit for an Irish pub or a lesbian bar & cover tunes from Critical Role, Skyrim, Baldurs Gate 3, & more @heliographart <i>Rian Vellichor</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Party Games (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Join in for party games like Just One, Codenames, and Monikers! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Book Banning <i>edu, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B A perennial problem for educators, book banning seems to be back in vogue. Come discuss why banning books is harmful to everyone, often only promotes the book, and violates the First Amendment. <i>Crystal Kelleher, Danith McPherson (mod), Melanie Reap, Meredith Jeanne Gillies, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>3D Printing for Cosplay <i>DIY, STEM, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D An intro-level presentation on 3D printing based on the experience of creators designing and printing for cosplay. <i>Adrian Perryman</i></p>
8:00pm - 10:30pm	<p>BYOB: Bring Your Own Buds! Silent Dance Party 2024 <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Have you ever wanted to dance your heart out but didn't like the music? Was the music too loud or over-stimulating? Holodeck has a fun surprise for you! Bring your own head phones or ear buds and we will set the dance party mood! Bring Your Own EARBUDS! <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Darker Storylines of Recent Disney <i>Disney, animation, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Come hear the discussion about how post-Frozen animated Disney is addressing darker themes, reincarnation, depression, and general trauma. <i>F. D. Lee (mod), Nikki Armstrong, Patrick W Marsh</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Gargoyles 30th Anniversary Celebration <i>GoH, TV, animation, comic, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Join the creator, cast, and fans of the legendary animated television series "Gargoyles" as we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the series' world premiere. Hear about what was, learn facts about what is, and get hints of what's still to come. <i>Brigitte Bako, Erin Robinson, Greg Bishansky, Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Karine Charlebois, Keith David, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Glorifying a Galaxy Far Far Away <i>GoH, Star Wars, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Join our panel to celebrate the Galaxy gifted to us by Uncle George and so many other creative individuals. This panel is about everything we love about our favorite science fiction franchise. Complaint department located in the Saarlac pit. <i>Gregory Parks, Susanna Malak, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>In Memoriam - Film <i>TV, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Find out who we lost this year in genre film and get some recommendations from the panel on what work to seek out. <i>Garrick A Dietze (mod), Kelvin Hatle, Megan M Slawson, Melissa Kaercher</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Dead Like Me, 20 Years Later <i>TV, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I It's been 20 years since the series ended. Come discuss the reapers and what they taught us about life, death, and the human experience. <i>Catherine Schaff-Stump, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Renate Fiora, Ruby Baker, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Dave Stagner <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Acoustic singer/songwriter with the randomness turned up all the way. Dave doesn't do genre. Delicate instrumental one minute, raunchy comedy the next, heart-wrenching story song after that, then a twisted pop cover--whatever moves him that moment. <i>Dave Stagner</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Party Games (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Join in for party games like Just One, Codenames, and Monikers! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Best of Banned Books <i>GoH, book, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Banned books tend to be socially important books, so we don't talk as much about them as books. Come prepared to recommend your favorites. <i>Carlos Hernandez, Crystal Kelleher (mod), Danith McPherson, David R Lowery, Jody Wurl</i></p>
8:30pm - 11:00pm	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Manufactured STI-gma: How One Company Used Sex-shaming for Profit <i>*new, STEM, history, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Does the word "herpes" send shivers of horror down your spine? Come learn the relationship between marketing and sex-shaming. All ages welcome, but be aware that sexual topics will be discussed in an educational format! **mature content** <i>Alexa Torgenson, Lathan Murrell</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Cardboard City <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Join forces to create and build towers and vehicles to turn the Sandbox into a mini cardboard city. We will use this city for kids and members to cosplay, and unleash their inner Godzilla on Friday morning. All ages, under 8 may need assistance. <i>Jen Anderson</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Care and Keeping of the Con Goer <i>*new, STEM, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Panelists from multiple medical specialties CON-FAB-U-LATE on ergonomics, injury prevention, energy conservation, and general self care to keep you well enough to enjoy Con. Licensed practitioners are welcome to PAR-TI-CI-PATE. <i>Ashley D Haapapuro, John Ross Rasmussen, Kurt Fleschner (mod), Lucas Haapapuro</i></p>

8:30pm - 10:00pm	Cinema Rex Film #3 - 90m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Last Year in Nerd-dom Trivia <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Films on the big screen, streaming on the small, 2023 had much to celebrate--and we're here to trivialize it. Bring a smart device and a team of up to four savvy human brains to prove your worth as the pop-culture experts of the last tumultuous year! <i>Cory Damone Enriquez</i>
9:00pm - 2:00am	Space Lounge <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C The most transmutational lounge known to evolved beings, open nightly. Join the collective consciousness and partake in simulations and sensory experiences. Chill in the sonic harmonizations and ultra-luminescence in our cosmogonic atmosphere.
9:00pm - 10:30pm	Mononoke - R Dubbed 2007 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet The "Medicine Seller" travels across feudal Japan in search of malevolent spirits called "mononoke" to slay. Before he can slay them, he needs to discover their Form, Truth, and Reason. This is not easy.The "Medicine Seller" travels across feudal Japan in search of malevolent spirits called "mononoke" to slay. Before he can slay them, he needs to discover their Form, Truth, and Reason. This is not easy.
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Queer Vampires <i>TV, book, current, horror, inclusivity, movie, myth</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Vampires, by the very nature of how they use seduction as part of the hunt, seem to be at least a little queer. A discussion about expressly queer vampires and the queerness that's always been apart of the lore. <i>Brian Forrest (mod), Em Rowene, Sean Eberle, Skazka, TYanna Singleton</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	The Prank Panel (TV) <i>GoH, TV, current</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE GoH Susanna Malak discusses her appearance on The Prank Panel, a show where contestants pitch prank ideas at celebrity judges--think Shark Tank meets Punk'd. <i>Anton Petersen (mod), Susanna Malak</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	CONvergence Does JackBox <i>comedy, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Come vote for your favorite nerdy answers in the audience as you watch the panel play a variety of JackBox fill-in-the-blank games. <i>Eric Thompson, Hedy Rand-McKay, Mike Dee, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Nikki Armstrong (mod)</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Dissociate <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Dissociate, the science fiction-inspired dark electronic project from musician and sound designer Jonathan L. Ford, is spontaneity personified with crunchy beats, soaring synths, and otherworldly noise. <i>Jonathan L. Ford</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Letterkenny Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan, inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B <i>Amy Stomberg, Charlene Holm (mod), Jeremy Stomberg, Katherine Jo Pysick, Viga</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	There Should Have Been Only One <i>book, fan, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Sequels and prequels exist for a lot of properties and sometimes those stories do not enhance the original. Come discuss Highlander 2 and other instances of tales that shouldn't have been told...at least in your opinion. <i>Aimee Kuzenski, KitKat, Mark James McPherson, Patrick W Marsh (mod), T. Aaron Cisco</i>
10:00pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle <i>music</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play, or just listen.
10:00pm - Midnight	Cinema Rex Film #4 - 93m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
10:30pm - 12:30am	The Dagger of Kamui - PG-13 Dubbed 1985 <i>anime, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Falsely accused of killing his mother and sister, Jiro flees from his village and undergoes training to become a master assassin. Then he goes on a journey to find the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.Falsely accused of killing his mother and sister, Jiro flees from his village and undergoes training to become a master assassin. Then he goes on a journey to find the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>20 Years of Saw <i>fan, horror, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A In October 2024, the Saw franchise will turn 20 years old. How have the films changed through the years? What traps still terrify you? Do you still live in denial and believe that Adam is alive? Let's play a game and discuss! <i>Hannibal Grim, Madeline Gasper, Sam August Miller (mod), Sarah Jeanette Moretsky, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Killer B's Improv Movie Show <i>audio, comedy, movie, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE As clips of strange movies play on screen, a team of voice actors and musicians create a whole new soundtrack...without ever seeing the movies before! It's film, improv comedy, and live music all in one, plus a 75% chance of rubber-suit monsters! <i>Caly McMorrow, Duck Washington, Kelvin Hatle, Matthew Kessen, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Smut Appreciation Panel <i>fan, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Thanks to self-publishing, Kindle Unlimited, and BookTok, it feels like a smut golden age. Join us for conversation and recommendations (tropes, authors, platforms, communities, etc.)! **mature content** <i>Barb Lind, Kay King, Rhea Sayotovich, Windy Bowlsby (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Open to It <i>*new, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Open and polyamorous relationships are more common than ever, inspiring many monogamous couples to rethink their stance. Those who've gone from monogamy to poly or open relationships discuss the pros and cons of their experiences for those on the fence. <i>Amanda Leinbaugh, Ashley M. Mages, Heather Lynn Heim, Lathan Murrell, Stephanie Dreis (mod)</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Magnus Protocol Fan Panel <i>current, fan, horror, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Ruby Baker</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Stranger Things Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D <i>KitKat (mod), Noel Thingvall, Peter M Avirom, Skazka</i></p>

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Midnight - 2:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #5 - 135m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
8:00am - 9:30am	<p>Tokyo Mew Mew New - PG-13 Subtitled 2022 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet While on a date, a high school girl suddenly gains cat powers. She and four other girls with brand-new animal powers fight the Chimera Animas - alien parasites that turn animals into monsters. While on a date, a high school girl suddenly gains cat powers. She and four other girls with brand-new animal powers fight the Chimera Animas - alien parasites that turn animals into monsters.</p>
8:00am - 8:00pm	<p>Kids Gaming</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis</p>
9:00am - Midnight	<p>Board Gaming</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer</p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Masquerade 101 <i>con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Get your questions answered about participating in the Masquerade by the Masquerade director and staff. <i>Donald Kaiser</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Everyone's a Leader: Embracing Advocacy in Fandom <i>GoH, inclusivity, social, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Leadership isn't reserved for the few. Explore how embracing advocacy in our favorite fandom realms can inspire and empower every individual to take the lead. <i>Amada Marquez Simula (mod), Ashley M. Mages, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Shannan Paul</i></p>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Adults Like It Too <i>TV, animation, kid, movie, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH A discussion of media made for kids or teens but is also appealing to adults--Animaniacs, My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, etc. <i>J.R. Dawson, Mark James McPherson, Sam August Miller, Viga (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>How to Volunteer <i>social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I You've heard that CONvergence runs on volunteers. You've heard that volunteers have more fun. So how do you get in on that? Ask us. Members of the Volunteer department are here to answer all your volunteering-related questions. <i>Alex Singer, Rachel Lubich, Samantha Bitner</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Allergy Restricted Diets <i>cooking</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Dietary allergies and intolerances seem to be on the rise, or at least knowledge of them has entered the public consciousness. Where do you begin when you need to change your diet? Are our existing labels good enough? <i>Joan Marie Verba, Rachel Poleke, Renee Petersen, Staci Corcoran (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 11:30am	<p>Frosthaven (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa We will be playing Frosthaven, the sequel to the monster hit game Gloomhaven. <i>Carl Patten</i></p>
9:30am - 11:30am	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
9:30am - 11:00am	<p>Flashpoint (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Take the role of firefighters and work together to save a house from an increasingly growing fire! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Octavia Butler Fan Panel <i>book, classic, fan, inclusivity, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B <i>Eric Karn, Joe Weinberg, Lathan Murrell, Sherry Pofahl Johnson, T'Yanna Singleton (mod)</i></p>
9:30am - 1:30pm	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Podcasting 101 <i>DIY, beginner, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D If the pandemic proved anything, it's that anyone can have a podcast. Do you not have one yet because you're intimidated by the thought of making one? It's easier than you think and our panelists will show you just how true that is. <i>Allyson Cygan, Jerry Stearns, Noel Thingvall, Patrick W Marsh (mod), Wes Huntington</i></p>
9:30am - 10:00pm	<p>Cosplay Repair Station</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.</p>
9:30am - 10:00pm	<p>Sandbox Lab</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.</p>
9:30am - 11:30am	<p>Aim for the Ace - PG-13 Subtitled 1973 <i>TV, anime, classic</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Hiromi Oka is a high school student who wants to become a professional tennis player. She struggles against mental weakness, anxiety and thwarted love. <i>Hiromi Oka is a high school student who wants to become a professional tennis player. She struggles against mental weakness, anxiety and thwarted love.</i></p>
9:30am - 10:15am	<p>Learn to Play: Ticket to Ride First Journey (Kids) <i>board, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis b Will you claim the longest railway route between the country's most iconic cities and win the game? Kids ages 6-12, learn in 5 minutes, play for just 30 minutes! <i>Elley Murray</i></p>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Move It Like Water <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Pool A 45 minute low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+ <i>Christina Neitz</i></p>
10:00am - 9:00pm	<p>Volunteers & Information Table <i>Hours</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway J</p>
10:00am - 10:00pm	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>
10:00am - 11:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #6 - 85m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
10:30am - Noon	<p>Here There be Bears! (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a You are the best bears in the world of bear crime. A group of humans have set up camp in the woods you call home, and they brought a LOT of honey. Do bear crimes, steal the honey, and drive those humans out of your woods! <i>Badwolf Adventure Studios</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Building a World for a Character and a Character for a World <i>*new, RPG, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Some writers start with a world, some start with a character. The relationship between character and setting can have a huge impact on the story being told regardless of the medium, so this panel will explore the way to make character & setting resonate. <i>Danith McPherson, F. D. Lee (mod), J.R. Dawson, Joe Weinberg, Lisa Hario</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>CONvergence: the Game! <i>beginner, comedy, fan, kid, performance, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Join Connie and Mark2 for a fun board game where you get to join forces with your favorite bot and help them win the amazing title of "Bot of CON!" You will be answering trivia questions, making silly gestures, & playing a game. Help your bot to victory! <i>Angela Fox, Courtney Azar, Dawn Krosnowski, Jeremy Stomberg</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Year in MCU <i>MCU, fan, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Another year, another parade of Marvel movies and television. Let's discuss the latest developments in the MCU. <i>Danielle Elise Maser, Elisabeth Hazelton, Mark Lundberg, Peter M Avirom (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Sewing Tips and Tricks for Newbies <i>DIY, beginner, costuming, demo</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I For those just starting to make costumes, my 40 years of sewing professionally as The DreamStitcher can help to facilitate what to do and what NOT to do when creating costumes. I'll discuss sewing tools and techniques to make things easier. <i>Rae Lundquist</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Emotion in Motion: Voice Acting for Animation and Video Games <i>GoH, animation, art, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Guest of Honor Zehra Fazal discusses her experiences breaking into the industry and stories from her career. If time allows, the audience will practice acting principles to bring "motion" into voice acting, giving the animators lots to work with. <i>Zehra Fazal</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Beth Kinderman & the Player Characters <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room We make geeky progressive folk-rock music about myth, transformation, and video game characters who won't sleep with you. Come hear music from our upcoming record "Sisyphus," a quarantine album of ten songs about hope. https://bethkinderman.com/ <i>Beth Kinderman, Dave Stagner, Justin Hartley</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>GnomeLore Demo (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac GnomeLore is a collaborative structured storytelling game for any number of players. Players tap their imaginations and tell a story together with just a few small pieces. This game is in prototype playtesting stage with feedback welcome. <i>Jon Stark Olsen</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>The Wachowskis and Their Impact <i>TV, inclusivity, movie, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B The Wachowskis are a filmmaking duo known for their innovative storytelling, creative visuals, inclusivity, and ambitious projects. Their work has inspired other filmmakers to follow in their footsteps, taking risks, and exploring philosophical themes. <i>Allyson Cygan, Boris Smelov (mod), Lathan Murrell, Noel Thingvall, T'Yanna Singleton</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Fur Real Anime <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Anime has a lot to offer to the world of furry content. Come see its history, get recommendations for shows, and see some kawaii animated fluffiness. <i>Viga</i></p>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Lorcana Learn to Play! (13+)</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Attention Illumineers! If you have been looking to learn how to Play Lorcana, now is as good a time as any! Come joins us as we go over the basics of gameplay and what it means to quest for lore. Everything you need to play will be provided for use. <i>Brandon</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Monster Smash <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Get your kids, get your costumes on, and come cosplay in our miniature cardboard city. Hulk smash your enemies and save the day! Parents, enjoy the commentary by Molly Glover, Nick Glover, and Matthew Kessen. Ages 12 and under <i>Angie Anderson, Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Space Lounge: Dance Dance Evolutions: Just-One-Hour-Rave <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C Need to open your third eye before noon? Tentacles need to go to bed early? Shake your circuit boards at the daytime just one hour rave! Join DJ Gunn for a midday Space Lounge dance party! All ages welcome; some songs might have adult language or themes.</p>
11:00am - 12:30pm	<p>Be an EXTRA in an Independent Film! <i>DIY, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Local filmmakers will shoot a critical opening scene for their feature-length film project, Life Is Short, and need you to be a part of it! This scene is set at a convention panel discussion, inspired by CONvergence! Their dream is to have a room full of conventioners for crowd reactions: cheering, laughing, etc. NO ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY (being loud and nerdy is encouraged). Stop by and have fun with us! **participants must be present for the duration for continuity, space is limited** <i>Timothy Hanson</i></p>
11:00am - 11:00pm	<p>Photography</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>
11:30am - 1:30pm	<p>K-ON! - PG-13 Dubbed 2009 <i>TV, anime, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A high school girl is convinced to join the "Light Music Club" at her school even though she doesn't actually play an instrument. The four girls in the club learn and play lots of music together. A high school girl is convinced to join the "Light Music Club" at her school even though she doesn't actually play an instrument. The four girls in the club learn and play lots of music together.</p>
11:30am - 1:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #7 - 90m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
11:30am - 1:30pm	<p>Assassins' Guild Boofing Practice <i>LARP</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Are you not feeling particularly competitive and just want to hit friends, loved-ones, or other con-goers with foam padded weapons? Feel free to do so in this practice event. No need to feel intimidated, relax, and have fun fighting <i>David Bianchi</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Brigitte Bako <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A</p> <p><i>Brigitte Bako</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>DAY CHANGED--Meet and Greet - Matthew Kessen <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B Moved to Sat 12:30p <i>Matthew Kessen</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How Do I Make This Work? <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Develop your costuming ideas that you haven't figured out how to make work with our panel of experts. <i>Erica Zaffke, Haruka, Janine Wardale, Sara Huebschen, Todd Murray</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Star Trek: The Next Improvisation - Presented by HUGE Theater</p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Dating "Different" <i>inclusivity, social, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE We all find ourselves in "different" relationships, whether they be queer, bi-racial, or neurodiverse. How do we handle these differences when it comes to loving one another or the opinions of others around us? <i>Heather Lynn Heim, Justin Edward Grays, Kiki Joy Latham, Stephanie Dreis (mod), Viga</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Godzilla Minus One Fan Panel <i>current, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p><i>Christopher Daniels (mod), Eric Karn, Madeline Gasper, Melissa Kaercher, Scott Kevin Jamison</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>What Genre Did I Just Write? <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Sometimes you've got a story that fits nicely into a particular box, but often stories cross over into many different genres. How do you focus? Do you need to? How do you market a multi-genre book effectively? <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Becca Justiniano, F. D. Lee, Patrick W Marsh, Sherry Pofahl Johnson (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>It's a CONspiracy: Everyone's Involved! <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Our expert panel of comedians are back to tell you the TRUTH about the biggest conspiracies ever. Everyone's involved, even you. Yeah you, Barbara. <i>Duck Washington, Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Elisabeth Zarnoti <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Nonprofit advocate by day and performer by night, this is Elisabeth's first HarmCon. Grew up listening to Cities 97? Musical theater admirer? Swiftie? There is something for everyone during this cover set list. <i>Elisabeth Zarnoti</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Frosthaven (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa We will be playing Frosthaven, the sequel to the monster hit game Gloomhaven. <i>Carl Patten</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Fandom Guess Who <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab "Guess Who" but with a fandom flair! Play using classic rules or up the difficulty by playing subjectively! <i>Lindsey Wollan</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Learn Spirit Island (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Come learn to play the cooperative settler destruction game, Spirit Island! This session is meant for folks brand new to the game with very little experience playing. <i>AJ</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>What Makes a Good Game System? <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B A discussion of gaming systems. What makes a system work or fail? What systems work well for some types of gaming but not for others? <i>Eric Zawadzki (mod), Jacob Evert Borgmann, Joe Weinberg, Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>History is Not Supposed to Make You Feel Good <i>edu, history</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D History is full of uncomfortable truths that are nonetheless factual. If it is true that those who fail to understand history are doomed to repeat it, why are there so many wishing to keep some history out of schools? <i>Jenny McElroy, John A. Shea, Rachael Sterling (mod), Raederle Gabrielle Sterling, Sarah Barsness</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Autism Film Theory <i>inclusivity, movie, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 An autistic author and film critic dissects how autism is portrayed in film and how it can be found in places without explicitly neurodivergent characters. <i>Mark James McPherson</i></p>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Ghostbusters <i>costuming</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Ghostbusters cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<p>Space Lounge: Chair Rikering <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C No one sits in a chair like Commander William Riker of the Starship Enterprise. Do you have what it takes to master this classic move on a variety of space-age sitting apparatuses? Test your chair rikering skills and see who will be named the winner.</p>
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #8 - 120m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
1:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>The Great Passage - PG-13 Subtitled 2016 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A retiring dictionary editor finds a socially-awkward potential protege to help write his last dictionary. A retiring dictionary editor finds a socially-awkward potential protege to help write his last dictionary.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Carlos Hernandez <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Susanna Malak <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B <i>Susanna Malak</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Getting Started on a Budget <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Picking up a new hobby or craft can be difficult without spending a lot of money. Come hear about some tips and tricks to get into creating without breaking the bank. <i>Allyson Cygan, Dana Baird (mod), Sarah Barsness, Staci Corcoran</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Voices from the Eyrie Live! <i>GoH, TV, comic, podcast, recording</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Attend a live recording of the premiere Gargoyles podcast, Voices from the Eyrie. <i>Brigitte Bako, Greg Bishansky (mod), Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>I'll Be Home For Kahless: A Very Klingon Christmas Movie <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A staged reading of a Klingon Hallmark Christmas Movie mashup! Samantha yearns for something more than her life on the battlefield. Could planet Earth be her answer and will she find even more than her Klingon hearts could have imagined? By Angela Fox. <i>Angela Fox, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Duck Washington, Jason Kruger, Lana Rosario, Philip F Henry</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Andor Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH <i>Eric Zawadzki, Erik Nyberg (mod), Scott Saunders, Skazka</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Representation and Why It Matters <i>GoH, inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Discussing representation in media, why it is important, who does it right, and who does it wrong. <i>Assad Khaishgi (mod), Christina M Alongi, Eiryn Hegland, Shannan Paul, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Dune <i>costuming</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Dune cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Tanya Brody <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Tanya Brody is a harper-singer-songwriter who plays everything from traditional Celtic music to amusing original pieces. Alternating between harp and guitar, Tanya's performance will stir your heart and tickle your funny bone. https://tanyabrody.com/ <i>Tanya Brody</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Integrating Evil PCs <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Mixed alignment parties can be tricky, particularly in long-term campaigns. How can GMs and players make it easier to play non-goodie goodie characters without crossing any in or out-of-game lines? <i>Cetius d'Raven, Jacob Evert Borgmann (mod), Kenneth Joel Justiniano, Lauren Crabtree, Roger C Mlynczak</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Busting Viking Myths <i>history, myth</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D What's really true of Vikings? Horned helmets? Beautiful long-haired women on flying horses? Eye sacrifice? Huge hunks of meat? Join us for some mythic busting! <i>Christopher Daniels, David R Lowery, Lisa Hario, Renee Petersen (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Disney Lorcana (13+)</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer a Come and learn to play Lorcana, a TCG brought to you by the makers of the board game Villainous, based on Disney lore and an original series of alternate Disney universes. This event is focused on teaching new players. <i>Kaitlin Flesch</i></p>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Chaos Hermitcraft TCG <i>card</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b From the Famous Hermitcraft server--Hermitcraft TCG! Open to anyone who bought the cards and needs friends to play with or only playing digitally. Bring your physical cards and a magical device to play the online, fan-made version! <i>Firemushroom</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>The Wordslinger Reading Hour <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Stories from other places, other times, and other universes? Find your new favorite author, sharing their tales of worlds that can't, should, or mustn't exist, in this imaginative hour of storytelling! <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Danith McPherson, Elizabeth Ess (mod), Joan Marie Verba</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Fun at Home with Microbiology <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Explore the living, microbial world around you. Make your own petri dish and grow microbes from the environment around you. All ages <i>Amy Singleton, T'Yanna Singleton</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Kids Eye View of Minecraft and Other Games <i>*new, gaming, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Minecraft is one of the most popular games for kids. They also play Roblox, Scrap Mechanic, and many other games. Hear kids talk about what excites them about these games. By and for kids! <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Ian Martin-Mann, Missy Green</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Learn to Play: Catan Junior (Kids) <i>board, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a A Catan adventure for fledgling swashbucklers. Designed for players as young as 5 and is a perfect introduction to the Catan series of games for kids and families. <i>Elley Murray</i></p>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: DC Universe <i>comic, costuming, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all DC Universe cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #9 - 109m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Costume Wars <i>misc</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Costuming on the fly! Come with your team of two and make a costume in one hour with supplies provided by the Masquerade department! Register for Costume Wars at the Masquerade Registration Table outside of the Nicollet ballroom. <i>Patrick Cool</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Thom Adcox-Hernandez <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Thom Adcox-Hernandez</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Good Food, Less Effort <i>cooking</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Many see cooking as a chore. What are some great recipes that don't take a ton of effort or skill but are still healthy and tasty? We'll share some of our favorites, so be prepared to take notes! <i>Heather Lynn Heim, Rachael Sterling, Renee Petersen (mod), Sarah Barsness, Staci Corcoran</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>PowerPoint Karaoke <i>GoH, comedy, performance</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense! Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense! <i>Duck Washington, Gregory Parks, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowsby</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Gargoyles in Comic Books <i>GoH, comic, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE The television series lives on in comic book form. See how the sausage is made and find out what's coming down the pike. <i>Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman (mod), Karine Charlebois</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Good Omens, Season 2 Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Eiryn Hegland, Kathleen Nicole Addams, Penguin E, SaraBeth Ray</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>New in Disney Parks <i>Disney</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I The Disney parks are making moves to keep things fresh. What are some of the recent changes, how do we feel about them, and what's coming in the near future? <i>Haruka, Laura Joy Gough, Nicole LaBat, Scott Saunders (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Fall of the House of Usher Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B <i>Brittany Ann Kerschner, Renate Fiora, Sarah Jeanette Moretsky, Skazka, Wendy Fossum (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Versatile Fluff <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room This "internet meme cover band" is actually pretty original, with gender-neutral love songs full of heart and sass that can span multiverses or survive the zombie apocalypse, songs from and about video games, and other geeky surprises! <i>Genevick Sharladanel Stremski, Reverend Rebecca Nathaniel Elfprincess</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>GIGA-ROBO! (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Do you like mecha? Gundam, Bravern, Pacific Rim? This is the board game that lets you fight the mecha brawls you've always wanted to! Use a variety of beam attacks, shining fingers, and ultimate combos in this card-driven, miniatures board game! <i>Ian Cross</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Let's Play Japanese Mahjong! <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Back by popular demand! Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong. This is a casual learning experience, instruction provided <i>Rith Ke</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Professionalism and Neurodiversity <i>*new, inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Professionalism is a tricky part of life on the best of days and can be even more difficult to navigate if you're neurodivergent. Panelists share experiences, suggestions, and insights to help make those waters easier to tread. <i>Ben San Del, Erica Zaffke, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Mark James McPherson, Maya Sutton (mod)</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Writers Meetup <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C A gathering of people who are either published authors, aspiring authors, or just in it for the pure joy of it. This is a way of networking with others who enjoy writing in any form or level of experience. <i>A L Raden, Cat Beltran, Catherine Campion, Christina M Alongi, J.R. Dawson, Joe Weinberg, Justin Edward Grays, Katherine Jo Pysick, Naomi Kritzer, Patrick W Marsh, Peter M Avirom, Stephanie Cranford, William J Leisner</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Wig Styling 101 <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D New to wigs? Join White Lotus Witch to talk about the basics of wig wearing/styling for cosplay! <i>Calliope, Emily</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Star Surveys: A Trek/Wars Game Show <i>Star Trek, Star Wars</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Whether you prefer exploring the final frontier or a galaxy far, far away, come compete in a social gaming experience with giveaways, your clever answers, and a whole lot of celebrating the stars! <i>Cory Damone Enriquez</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Space Lounge: BIPOC Meetup</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C Organized by DEI and hosted in Space Lounge, come together for a social event for us, by us. Bring your friends, your business cards, and anything else you might need to connect and collect with your people.</p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Girls Und Panzer - PG-13 Subtitled 2012 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Tank tactical warfare is a female martial art. A girl from a famous tank-fighting family is coerced to lead her school's new tank warfare team. Tank tactical warfare is a female martial art. A girl from a famous tank-fighting family is coerced to lead her school's new tank warfare team.</p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Star Trek <i>Star Trek, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Star Trek cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Shannan Paul <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A</p> <p><i>Shannan Paul</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Naomi Kritzer <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B</p> <p><i>Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Preparing for Your Death <i>DIY, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Panelists will discuss different ways of preparing for the end of your life or loved ones. What questions to ask, how to make a "death book", and more. You are never too young to get started on this process and make your death a little less painful. <i>Amanda Folberg, Elizabeth Reynolds, Jeri L. Byrne, Jon Stark Olsen (mod), Sarah Jeanette Moretsky</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Cirque de Bienvenue</p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Back on the Mainstage for 2024, everyone's invited to step into the circus as diverse characters take to the air, dance, and dazzle! Join the cirque-style celebration of fantastic fandoms with a show sure to delight those of all ages! Back on the Mainstage for 2024, everyone's invited to step into the circus as diverse characters take to the air, dance, and dazzle! Join the cirque-style celebration of fantastic fandoms with a show sure to delight those of all ages!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Japanese Sword Collecting <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Collecting traditionally made Japanese swords (nihonto) is an expensive but enriching hobby that requires an exploration of the Japanese sword as a whole. A small collection of antique nihonto and handmade "Japanese-style" swords will be on display. <i>John A. Shea</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Things I Learned the Hard Way <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH When you first start GMing, things might not always go so well. That's normal but can be hard to overcome. Learn from some veterans how to cope with the expected unexpected. <i>Annie Fleschner (mod), Eric Zawadzki, Jacob Evert Borgmann, Roger C Mlynczak, TK</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Web Comics Worth Reading <i>comic, web</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Most of us probably know about XKCD or Looking For Group, but what are some other web-based comics worth checking out? <i>Boris Smelov, KitKat (mod), Meredith Jeanne Gillies, Rachel Poleke</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Ace, Aro, and Agender: the Invisible Panel! <i>current, inclusivity, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Is any representation good representation? Do the portrayals of characters on our spectrums as androids, cyborgs, aliens, or other non-humans bother us? <i>Christina M Alongi, Elyssa Mason, Kathleen Nicole Addams, Sam Willson (mod), SaraBeth Ray</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Hazbin Hotel <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Hazbin Hotel cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Briar <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Flute and guitar driven folk noir. Anita Kelling and Jay William Koelsch have been performing together for over 20 years. Their music ranges from the British Isles folk to original compositions, all with their unique moody flair. <i>Anita Kelling, Jay William Koelsch</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Captain Sonar (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Your mission is simple: Seek and destroy the enemy submarine. To beat the enemy, You must cooperate with your teammates. Only the team who best communicates and works together will survive the encounter. <i>Michael B, Othman Zaimi</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Marvel Legendary <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab A fun deck building game were you can assemble your own team of Marvel heroes <i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Let's Play Japanese Mahjong! <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Back by popular demand! Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong. This is a casual learning experience, instruction provided <i>Rith Ke</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Ted Lasso Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B <i>Eric Karn, Erik Nyberg, Galen Cox, Maren Aalgaard, Peter M Avirom (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Radio Play Auditions <i>GoH</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Here's your last chance to audition for this year's radio play. Take your shot at performing with actual voice actors on stage, with and for your fellow fans. **Must be available for rehearsal/performance Saturday 12:30-3pm** <i>Brigitte Bako, Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Windy Bowsby, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Wig Styling 201 <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Already know the basics of wigs? Take your skills to the next level! In this panel, we will cover how to make gravity defying styles and other advanced wig styling techniques. <i>Calliope, Emily</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Ticket to Ride Tournament <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer a Join us for a Ticket to Ride Tournament! All participants will receive a prize! <i>Kay King</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:30pm	<p>Unmatched (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Ever wanted to see Bruce Lee fight Dracula, or have Dr. Strange try to take down the dinosaurs from Jurassic Park? In the game of Unmatched, all of these battles and more will occur in wild fashion. This is a two-player team touney. <i>The Poetry Ninja</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Full Color Futures: T. Aaron Cisco Reads Excerpts <i>inclusivity, reading, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 An award-winning author and former CONvergence Guest of Honor reads excerpts from his latest books and shares stories from his multifaceted career as a Black author, musician, and television broadcaster. <i>T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Story Slam Sign-Up <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Enter a lottery to perform six minutes of a real-life story as part of the 2024 CONvergence Story Slam!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>T-Shirt Modification <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B We have an assortment of CONvergence t-shirts from past years for you to turn into a new style of top, or into a bag or a scarf. All ages, under 10 may need assistance <i>Beth Scudder, Electra Vincent, Katie Nave</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>CONvergence Events Open Meeting <i>con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors. <i>CJ Mantel, Charmaine Parnell, Courtney Azar, Eric Knight, Luis Beltran, Tim Wick, William Verburg-Cunningham</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Simplicity d10 RPG Session for Younger Kids (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a Simplicity is a home brewed d10 tabletop RPG that uses storytelling and dice rolling to tell a story. Come join us and learn how to play. <i>Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Reverend Matt's Monster Science <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior Reverend Matt returns to Cinema Rex with his signature brand of educational entertainment to discuss The Shape of Water and other films by acclaimed Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro. <i>Matthew Kessen</i></p>
5:30pm - 7:00pm	<p>Saiyuki Gaiden - R Subtitled 2011 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet In the life prior to their journey to the west, the four main characters of Saiyuki were gods. One of them, Goku, is sentenced to be killed, but the other three save him. Heaven is very angry about it. In the life prior to their journey to the west, the four main characters of Saiyuki were gods. One of them, Goku, is sentenced to be killed, but the other three save him. Heaven is very angry about it.</p>
5:30pm - 6:30pm	<p>Get Measured for a Chest Binder! <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Whether binding for daily wear or crossplay, take care of your body by getting properly measured! The same geeky physical therapist + gc2b size guide + privacy screen as before! Now accepting binder donations to match them with a new owner during con. <i>Ashley D Haapapuro</i></p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Good Omens / Sandman <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Good Omens/Sandman cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
6:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #10 - 123m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Judaism in Speculative Fiction <i>*new, book, gaming, inclusivity, theme, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Fictional religions often draw inspiration from real world counterparts, but often Christianity holds the spotlight. How has Judaism been portrayed in speculative fiction? How can we take inspiration from Jewish belief and practice in building new worlds? <i>J.R. Dawson, Joe Weinberg, Joseph Jay-Dixon, Naomi Kritzer (mod), Peter M Avirom</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Reverend Matt's Monster Science: Monstrolympics <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom 2022 Guest of Honor Rev. Matt returns to MainStage with one of his signature deep dives into monster lore, plus jokes! In "Monstrolympics", learn about the best monsters of mythology and fiction, by category. What categories, you probably ask? Why, categories like: Best Vampire (it's Seminole), Best Dragon (Babylonian), Best Lycanthrope (South African), Best Kaiju (well, I mean, Japanese), and so many more! Almost too many more. "Monstrolympics" - it's like the Laff-A-Lympics, only for monsters! 2022 Guest of Honor Rev. Matt returns to MainStage with one of his signature deep dives into monster lore, plus jokes! In "Monstrolympics", learn about the best monsters of mythology and fiction, by category. What categories, you probably ask? Why, categories like: Best Vampire (it's Seminole), Best Dragon (Babylonian), Best Lycanthrope (South African), Best Kaiju (well, I mean, Japanese), and so many more! Almost too many more. "Monstrolympics" - it's like the Laff-A-Lympics, only for monsters! <i>Matthew Kessen</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Judging a Book by Its Cover <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Teams of "literary experts" compete to describe the plot of a book, judging only from its cover art! <i>Eric Thompson, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Shannan Paul, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Funniest Japanese Commercials <i>TV, anime, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH What do Tommy Lee Jones, pasta aliens, and the length of gummy candy have to do with each other? They are part of the funniest hour of Japanese commercials! <i>Viga</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Arcane: League of Legends <i>TV, animation, fan, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I The Netflix adaptation of League of Legends proves high quality adaptations of video game properties are very possible. This panel focuses on why Arcane works as an adaptation, what we love about it, and what we hope to see in Season 2. <i>Ben San Del, Lauren Crabtree (mod), Noel Thingvall, Susie Kline</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Negocios Infernales, an Infernal Salon <i>GoH, RPG, gaming, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Join author Carlos Hernandez in a gathering of writing prompts taken from his GM-less TTRPG <i>Negocios Infernales</i>. Get that inspiration you need to start your next TTRPG campaign, short story, or novel with Carlos as your guide! <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>M20 <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room M20 is a local comedic musical duo. Come enjoy original songs about their favorite fandoms including Marvel, DC, Doctor Who, Lord of the Rings, and more! https://linktr.ee/M20.mn <i>Maren Aalgaard, Morgan Strickland</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Party Games (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Join in for party games like Just One, Codenames, and Monikers! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Things that Scare Us <i>horror, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B How have horror movies changed over time? <i>Andrew Meyer, Clarissa S Goldsmith, Hannibal Grim, KitKat (mod), Mark Goldberg</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Best Film and TV Scores of 2023/2024 <i>TV, fan, movie, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Every year we gather to discuss our favorite (or "best") movie and TV scores of the past year+. Come and join us, listen to some tunes, and tell us what YOU think was the best! <i>Dave Margosian (mod), Duck Washington, Kayla McGrady</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>The CONvergence Story Slam <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Compete with six minutes of a real-life story about your most epic Magic battle, cosplay gone wrong, finding love over a board game, meeting your nerdy heroes, or anything on the theme ALL GEEKS WELCOME HERE! <i>Allison Broeren, Dan Marlow</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Space Lounge: Teens Only <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C Teen Room hijacks Splounge for a teens-only (ages 13-20) cooperative event. Run the sensory bar, DJ, or just have the glowy space for yourselves! Space Lounge never serves alcohol, but during this event, no alcohol will be allowed in the room.</p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Bubblegum Crisis - R Dubbed 1987 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Four women in fabulous powersuits form a vigilante group. They battle mechanical beasts in futuristic MegaTokyo. Despite the title, there is no bubblegum involved. Four women in fabulous powersuits form a vigilante group. They battle mechanical beasts in futuristic MegaTokyo. Despite the title, there is no bubblegum involved.</p>
8:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #11 - 167m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
8:00pm - 10:30pm	<p>Sing-A-Long Karaoke <i>music</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium There are those who love to sing karaoke, and those who love to watch karaoke! We have a fun party for you, come to sing, watch, or sing along! Come wrap up an amazing evening at CONvergence with some karaoke and friends. <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Monster Loving and Queerness <i>inclusivity, social, theme</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A It is well known that monsters are very *ahem* beloved by the LGBTQ+ community. What drives this fascination? What are some must-reads and must-sees for this group? What are we excited to see come out? **mature content** <i>Elliott Kios Dean, Mordecai Mika, Sean Eberle, Sonni de Soto, T'Yanna Singleton (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Miss Shannan <i>GoH, comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Standup comedy and storytelling from Miss Shannan Paul. Standup comedy and storytelling from Miss Shannan Paul. <i>Shannan Paul</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>DS9: Past Tense - A Generation Later <i>Star Trek, TV, inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE 2024 is the year of the Bell riots. It's been a generation since that two-part episode aired. How are its themes relevant to events of today? <i>Brittany Ann Kerschner, Cory Damone Enriquez, Justin Edward Grays, T. Aaron Cisco (mod), William J Leisner</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>A Little Story of Hollywood <i>GoH, inclusivity</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Come ask Susanna Malak questions about her career as an actor and her life as a little person in Hollywood! <i>Susanna Malak</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Mystery Soda Panel <i>comedy, performance</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I This panel has been happening at Con in secret for years and now it's finally time for the public debut! Watch several victims, um VOLUNTEERS, try sodas of mysterious origins. Will they suffer? Can they choke it down? Might they even like it?! Find out! <i>Dan Schmidt, Kelly Murphy, Marti Benson, Michael Benson, Nick Amos, Steve Sylvestre, Viga</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Healthy Coping Mechanisms for Mental Health and Neurodiversity <i>inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B We talk a lot about mental health and neurodiversity and what it means in our lives. This panel will explore the wonderful world of healthy coping mechanisms. <i>Charlene Holm (mod), Katherine Jo Pysick, Kiki Joy Latham, Maya Sutton</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Wilson Parc <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Sleazy rock and roll covers and originals. New versions of classic rock songs and songs written by Jac Martins. https://wilsonparc.bandcamp.com <i>Annette Weaver, Jac Martins, Jay William Koelsch, Jeff Bertleson</i></p>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Party Games (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Join in for party games like Just One, Codenames, and Monikers! <i>Othman Zaimi</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>GnomeLore Demo (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac GnomeLore is a collaborative structured storytelling game for any number of players. Players tap their imaginations and tell a story together with just a few small pieces. This game is in prototype playtesting stage with feedback welcome. <i>Jon Stark Olsen</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Storytelling Without Stories <i>business, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Speculative fiction has used non-narrative storytelling through lists, letters, articles, technical instructions, etc. How can you add depth to your story through footnotes & bibliographies? How do you need to change your process for these works? <i>A L Raden, Michael Allen Kingsley, Naomi Kritzer, Patrick W Marsh</i></p>
8:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Not in Front of the Children <i>social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D A discussion of things we think children need to be protected from and how that has changed over time. <i>Elizabeth Reynolds, Elyssa Mason, Lathan Murrell, Melanie Reap, Staci Corcoran (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Nanoblocks <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B How can nanotechnology help clean up pollution? In this activity we will use simple supplies like Velcro and pompoms to learn about how nanotechnology can be useful in cleaning up pollution in air and water. All ages. <i>Miriam Krause, Safia Jilani</i></p>
9:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>He-Man Is the Devil: A Satanic Panic Tale <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 A story of experiences odd and traumatic - essential in creating a worldview, nerdy hobbies, and a contentious family relationship. Tales of demon possession, religious fanaticism, and learning to be yourself. <i>Kyle B Dekker</i></p>
9:00pm - 2:00am	<p>Space Lounge <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C The most transmutational lounge known to evolved beings, open nightly. Join the collective consciousness and partake in simulations and sensory experiences. Chill in the sonic harmonizations and ultra-luminescence in our cosmogonic atmosphere.</p>
9:00pm - 10:30pm	<p>Appleseed (OAV) - R Dubbed 1988 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A police offer is disillusioned with the post-WWIII "utopia" when his wife commits suicide. He helps another man try to overthrow the bioroid government. This is not a great idea and goes poorly. A police offer is disillusioned with the post-WWIII "utopia" when his wife commits suicide. He helps another man try to overthrow the bioroid government. This is not a great idea and goes poorly.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Interview with a Vampire (TV) Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A <i>KitKat, Sarah Jeanette Moretsky, Skazka, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Vilification Tennis <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom <i>Ad Surmack, Bob Alberti, Caitlyn McCgrath, Dave Rand-McKay, Duck Washington, Eric Knight, Eric Thompson, Hedy Rand-McKay, James Fairbairn, Kelvin Hatle, Mike Dee, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Nikki Armstrong, Tim Wick</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Not Funny Anymore <i>GoH, comedy</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A discussion of things we used to find funny but are not okay anymore. <i>Ashley M. Mages, Shannan Paul, Staci Corcoran (mod)</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Weird Crushes <i>fan, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Ever catch yourself crushing on an unsavory character? Maybe Rumpelstiltskin gets your spinning wheel turning. Does vampire sheriff Eric Northman get your blood boiling? Join our panelists and delve into dark and maybe not so healthy desires. <i>Anne Rementer, Christi Farris, Christina Gregerson, Lindsey Wollan (mod), Tyronne Davidson</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Dealing with Toxic Comments <i>social, web</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B It's a sad truth that the world of online comments includes a lot of toxicity. How do you deal with such posts? Ignore them? Wield the ban hammer? Engage politely...or not so politely? Come hear how some creators are handling such things. <i>Becca Justiniano, Lathan Murrell, Patrick W Marsh, Wes Huntington (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Nemesissy <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Nemesissy plays a unique blend of punk, post-punk, surf, and rock to please your ears and worry your betters. <i>Abby Eggen, Eric Larson, Nichole Cassavant, Perry Kennedy</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Our Flag Means Death: Season 2 Fan Panel <i>TV, comedy, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B <i>Alli M May, Eric Karn, F. D. Lee (mod), Maren Aalgaard, Peter M Avirom</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Shanties, Work Songs, & Sea Songs: a Nerdy Singalong <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D You don't have to be a musician to sing! Join us for another rousing singalong of shanties, work songs, and sea songs! If you have a song recommendation or wish to lead a tune, please come early or reach out to a panelist in advance. <i>Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod)</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Sandbox After Dark: Adult Coloring and Paper Crafts <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Adults! Come into the Sandbox for some low-key coloring and paper crafts. There will be multiple adult themed projects for you to pick from. We will be checking IDs at the door. Ages 18+ <i>Sam Drewe</i></p>
10:00pm - 12:30am	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play, or just listen.</p>
10:30pm - 11:30pm	<p>Space Lounge: Caly McMorrow</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Live electronic music</p>
10:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Crusher Joe: The Movie - R Subtitled 1983 <i>anime, classic, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Crusher Joe and his crew are an intergalactic A-team for hire. They are supposed to take a cryogenically frozen heiress to a medical facility, but she gets stolen by space pirates. Crusher Joe and his crew are an intergalactic A-team for hire. They are supposed to take a cryogenically frozen heiress to a medical facility, but she gets stolen by space pirates.</p>
11:00pm - 1:00am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #12 - 100m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Star Wars Has a Problem with Slavery <i>Star Wars, fan, inclusivity</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A From Hutt space to clone armies to droid liberation, an exploration of the systems of slavery endemic in the Star Wars universe. Examining the significance of slavery in the Star Wars universe and how it's addressed in a narrative and metatextual context. <i>Boris Smelov (mod), Diane Perry, Jeff R Grapevine, Justin Edward Grays, Katherine Maher</i></p>

11:30pm - 4:00am	<p>Dance <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom</p> <p>>23:45 We'll start of the evening with some tunes to give you time to get into the room, prior to: 00:00 The moment many of you, all of you lets be honest, have been waiting for. After much demand we are having CONvergence's first K-pop set! Whether you have been a fan for a long time or are just getting into the genre there is something for everyone and maybe even a few remixes. This will be Lorth's first official DJ set in CONvergence history, no more just lurking around Mainstage for him! 01:00 The party doesn't stop as long as there's sound happening, so we'll continue to throw DJs at you until the blisters happen, we all collapse, or the sun tells us it might be time to go to bed. Probably all three.>23:45 We'll start of the evening with some tunes to give you time to get into the room, prior to: 00:00 The moment many of you, all of you lets be honest, have been waiting for. After much demand we are having CONvergence's first K-pop set! Whether you have been a fan for a long time or are just getting into the genre there is something for everyone and maybe even a few remixes. This will be Lorth's first official DJ set in CONvergence history, no more just lurking around Mainstage for him! 01:00 The party doesn't stop as long as there's sound happening, so we'll continue to throw DJs at you until the blisters happen, we all collapse, or the sun tells us it might be time to go to bed. Probably all three.</p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>The Blue Mug <i>GoH</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Want to learn about the sex lives of Gargoyles? Want to know who was hooking up with whom among the heroes of Young Justice? Then join us at this absolutely inappropriate-by-design panel, where no question is too risque. **mature content**</p> <p><i>Greg Weisman, Thom Adcox-Hernandez</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Locked Tomb Fan Panel <i>*new, book, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Join us for a discussion of the Locked Tomb series by Tamsyn Muir, where we talk about our favorite moments from the series and our hopes and predictions for "Alecto the Ninth".</p> <p><i>Amanda Leinbaugh, Gretchen Lucken, Nathan Caleb Wulver (mod), Roswell Calloway</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Boozy Baking: Pets Edition! <i>GoH, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Do our mascots, Connie and MKII, have pets? What are they? What would they look like after Boozy Bakers Angela and Dawn attempt to recreate them in rice krispie bars, frosting, and other random stuff they find at the dollar store? Come and find out!</p> <p><i>Angela Fox, Birdchick, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski, Shannan Paul, Windy Bowlsby</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Nerdlesque: Into the Burly-Verse (18+)</p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Web-swing back into excitement at HarmCon for another thrilling installment of Nerdlesque: Into the Burly-Verse! Weave through a web of nerdverses with our dazzling performers embodying iconic characters from all timelines and dimensions!</p> <p><i>Mona Montague, Opiumm Hayze</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Year In Horror <i>TV, book, horror, movie, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B</p> <p>Join us to discuss the highlights of the year in horror 2023.</p> <p><i>Arthur Ray Armstrong, Charlene Holm (mod), Hannibal Grim, KitKat, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Space Lounge: Dissociate</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1</p> <p>Live electronic music</p>

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1:00am - 3:00am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #13 - 118m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
8:00am - 9:00am	<p>Masquerade Performer Orientation <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom</p>
8:00am - 10:00am	<p>Digimon Adventure - PG Dubbed 1999 <i>TV, anime, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet</p> <p>Seven children are unexpectedly transported to the Digital World, where they meet a variety of friendly and less-than-friendly digimon. They all go on a quest to try to get home. Seven children are unexpectedly transported to the Digital World, where they meet a variety of friendly and less-than-friendly digimon. They all go on a quest to try to get home.</p>
8:00am - 8:00pm	<p>Kids Gaming</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis</p>

9:00am - Midnight	Board Gaming Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer
9:30am - 10:30am	Year in New Trek <i>Star Trek, TV, current</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Several series are running concurrently. Engage in a discussion about Discovery, Lower Decks, Prodigy, and Strange New Worlds. What are we hoping for in Starfleet Academy? <i>Assad Khaishgi (mod), Justin Edward Grays, Scott Saunders, Staci Corcoran, Wes Huntington</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Great British Bake Off Fan Panel <i>TV, cooking, fan, inclusivity, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH <i>Elizabeth Reynolds, Mary Elizabeth Sterling, Nikki Armstrong, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling (mod), Renee Petersen</i>
9:30am - 11:30am	U of M Raptor Center <i>GPS, STEM, kid</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B GPS is once again bringing in the U of M Raptor Center demonstration with live birds of prey, a perennial favorite. This year there will be an hour-long meet and greet booth immediately following the 9:30am panel.
9:30am - 11:30am	Tales from the Red Dragon Inn (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa We will be playing Tales from the Red Dragon Inn, a tactical board game based on the characters and setting from the Red Dragon Inn. <i>Carl Patten</i>
9:30am - 11:30am	Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i>
9:30am - 11:00am	Flashpoint (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Take the role of firefighters and work together to save a house from an increasingly growing fire! <i>Othman Zaimi</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Marketing for Authors <i>DIY, business, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Both traditional and indie published authors have to do their own marketing these days. How do you do that, especially as an introvert? <i>Aimee Kuzenski (mod), Christina M Alongi, Em Rowene, F. D. Lee, T. Aaron Cisco</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Superhero Fatigue...Fatigue <i>*new, TV, inclusivity, movie, superhero</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D The age of superheroes isn't over--you're just not watching the right stuff. Our panel discusses superhero-centric shows/movies that are inclusive, interesting, innovative, incredible, and sometimes even a little...insane. <i>A L Raden (mod), Danielle Elise Maser, Lathan Murrell, Mark James McPherson, Mark Lundberg</i>
9:30am - 10:00pm	Cosplay Repair Station Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.
9:30am - 10:00pm	Sandbox Lab Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.
9:30am - 10:30am	Learn to Play: My Little Scythe (Kids) <i>kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a My Little Scythe is a competitive, family-friendly game in which each player controls two animal miniatures embarking upon an adventure in the Kingdom of Pomme. Ages 8+ <i>Elley Murray</i>
9:30am - 11:30am	Robots for Everyone <i>misc</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Come see the robots that compete in the FIRST Robotics programs. Meet with the middle and high school students who developed these robots. Learn about what is involved in these robotics competitions and drive one of the robots. <i>Barb Kramer</i>

9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Move It Like Water <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Pool A 45 minute low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+ <i>Christina Neitz</i></p>
10:00am - 9:00pm	<p>Volunteers & Information Table <i>Hours</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway J</p>
10:00am - 10:00pm	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Chi's Sweet Home - G Subtitled 2008 <i>TV, anime, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet An adorable kitten (Chi) is adopted by a boy and his mother and they live together happily. It's all very sweet. An adorable kitten (Chi) is adopted by a boy and his mother and they live together happily. It's all very sweet.</p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Cinema Rex Film #14 - 102m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Meet and Greet - Christopher Jones <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A</p> <p><i>Christopher Jones</i></p>
11:00am - 1:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Susanna Malak <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B</p> <p><i>Susanna Malak</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Writing for Multiple Media <i>*new, GoH, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Learn the differences (and similarities) between writing for television, movies, novels, and comic books. <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Sympathy for the Devil <i>book</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH What characters portrayed as villains did you agree or sympathize with? What makes you root for the bad guy? <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Jennifer Lee Lundstrom, Kate MacEachern, Nikki Armstrong</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Cooking for Kids <i>cooking, kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Cooking's a skill with lifelong benefits to learning. We'll talk about some simple, kid-friendly recipes to help bring younger folks into the kitchen. <i>Amanda Folberg, Elizabeth Reynolds, Renee Petersen, Sherry Pofahl Johnson (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Ravenscroft Musicke Guild <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room An eight-piece acoustic orchestra playing adaptations of your (and our!) favorite movie, TV, and video game soundtracks, including but not limited to The Dragon Prince, Princess Mononoke, Legend of Zelda, Chicken Run, and many more! <i>Chris Mortika, Eve Zabronsky, Kathleen O'Laughlin, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Rebecca Durst, Rin Kilde, Stephanie Claussen</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Short Anime You Can Binge <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Several famous anime are long running series that would be daunting to try and watch in complete. Come learn about some worthy series with a limited run. <i>Donald Poleke, Ian Cross, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Patrick W Marsh, Staci Corcoran</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Build-a-Scare III <i>DIY, RPG, comedy, gaming, horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C We're back to help you, the audience, comedically collaborate on making a monster for your RPG while teaching you about our favorite RPG Monster of the Week! <i>Ken Merriman</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>It's Not About You <i>inclusivity, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Enjoying media about people who are not like you is sometimes difficult. What can you do to better step into the shoes of those with experiences other than your own? Do you even need to? Should you? <i>Christina M Alongi, F. D. Lee, Lathan Murrell, Morgan Strickland, Sam Willson (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - 1:30pm	<p>Disney Lorcana (13+)</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer a Come and learn to play Lorcana, a TCG brought to you by the makers of the board game Villainous, based on Disney lore and an original series of alternate Disney universes. This event is focused on teaching new players. <i>Kaitlin Flesch</i></p>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Lorcana Learn to Play! (13+)</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Attention Illumineers! If you have been looking to learn how to Play Lorcana, now is as good a time as any! Come joins us as we go over the basics of gameplay and what it means to quest for lore. Everything you need to play will be provided for use. <i>Brandon</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Naomi Kritzer <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Author Naomi Kritzer reads from her work. <i>Naomi Kritzer (mod)</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Folder Fans <i>kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B It's hot out there! Come make a paper handheld fan to help you keep your cool. All ages, under 6 may need assistance <i>Caprice Stark</i></p>
11:00am - 1:30pm	<p>Big Trouble in Little Warlington (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a The small town of Warlington just graduated yet another crop of adventurers! They are about to get their Adventuring Licenses when the town comes under attack! Are these new adventurers up to the task? <i>Erik R</i></p>
11:00am - 11:00pm	<p>Photography</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles</p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p>Case Closed: The Fist of Blue Sapphire - PG-13 Dubbed 2019 <i>anime, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Conan is a brilliant teenage detective transformed into a child detective. Ruthless millionaires attempt to find and steal a legendary sapphire. One of them, Kaito Kid, kidnaps Conan for help. Conan is a brilliant teenage detective transformed into a child detective. Ruthless millionaires attempt to find and steal a legendary sapphire. One of them, Kaito Kid, kidnaps Conan for help.</p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #15 - 105m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Briana Lawrence <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Briana Lawrence</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Matthew Kessen <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table C <i>Matthew Kessen</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How to be an Ally <i>inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A panel to discuss how to be an ally and accomplice to marginalized communities. <i>Ashley M. Mages, Charlene Holm (mod), Morgan Strickland, Remy Corso, Sean Eberle</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Geeks Without God <i>comedy, podcast, recording</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH A local godless and geeky comedy podcast that first recorded at CONvergence in 2012! Tim, Molly, and Nick will record two episodes live at the convention! <i>Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Introducing RPGs to Younglings <i>RPG, beginner, gaming, kid</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I RPGs can be enjoyed by folks of all ages, but most sessions seem to be teens and older. How can we bring the joy of RPGs to those under 13? Are certain systems better geared for this? How can the more complex systems be adjusted for youths? <i>Annie Fleschner, Jacob Evert Borgmann, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Shaun Larsen, Zack Mayville</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Radio Play Rehearsal <i>GoH</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Check the posted cast lists! If you made the cut, attend the one and only (MANDATORY) rehearsal for this year's radio play. **Closed session for the cast only** <i>Brigitte Bako, Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Windy Bowsby, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Lisa Freitag <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Old lady pianist misusing her classical training to play music from anime and video games. The Joe Hisaichi and Toshio Masuda pieces are just as difficult as Beethoven. Really! <i>Lisa Freitag</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>GnomeLore Demo (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa GnomeLore is a collaborative structured storytelling game for any number of players. Players tap their imaginations and tell a story together with just a few small pieces. This game is in prototype playtesting stage with feedback welcome. <i>Jon Stark Olsen</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Fandom Guess Who <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab "Guess Who" but with a fandom flair! Play using classic rules or up the difficulty by playing subjectively! <i>Lindsey Wollan</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Boss Monster (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Inspired by classic video games, Boss Monster challenges you to become a villain, build a dungeon, lure in adventurers, and destroy them! The game has retro pixel art, an innovative ?dungeon-building? system, and fast-paced gameplay. <i>Ian Bryan</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Year in Movies <i>GoH, current, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B What's come out since last CONvergence that is worth talking about but didn't get a panel of its own? <i>Mark James McPherson, Melissa Kaercher (mod), Niles Joseph Schwartz, Shannan Paul, T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Geek Partnership Society and Our Community <i>GPS</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C The local nonprofit GPS exists to support our local fan community. Find out how they can connect you to your fandoms and grow partnerships. Learn about their events and activities.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Elected Officials Unveil the Power of Geek Leadership <i>business, inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Their love for sci-fi and fantasy enhances governance, from quoting heroes to decoding data. Discover the unique synergy that makes these elected leaders exceptional in fostering inclusivity and creativity in their communities. <i>Amada Marquez Simula (mod), Curtis Johnson, Sandra Feist</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Carlos Hernandez and C.S.E. Cooney <i>GoH, inclusivity, reading, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Join authors Carlos Hernandez and C.S.E. Cooney as they share readings from their works and answer your questions about them. <i>C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Beyond Oppenheimer: Scientists Who Need Bio Movies <i>STEM, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Who's been overlooked? Who's been underserved by an existing bio movie? Whose stories ring with drama? Bring your pitches. <i>Boris Smelov, Bryan J Joshua, Lathan Murrell, Melanie Reap, Renate Fiora (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Assassins' Guild Boofing Tournament <i>LARP</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Welcome to the 144th Assassin's Guild Boofing Tournament! We are back post-COVID! Compete against your fellow con-goers by hitting each other with foam padded weapons! Trophies will be awarded to the top combatants! <i>David Bianchi</i></p>

1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Marvel <i>comic, costuming, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Marvel cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
1:30pm - 4:00pm	<p>Space Lounge: Classic Video Game Tournament <i>computer, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C This elimination-style competition on a 2-player glass table-top arcade machine featuring games ranging from the classic to the bizarre. **space limited; 1:30pm signup, 2:00pm start**</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Shannan Paul <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Shannan Paul</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Charles Urbach <i>signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B Former Guest of Honor Charles Urbach will be signing materials at his Dealers Room stall. The Meet and Greet table will have directions. <i>Charles Urbach</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Writer and Actor Strikes <i>GoH, TV, current, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE 2023 saw a 148-day strike by the WGA, the longest since 1988. SAG-AFTRA had their longest strike ever. Both struck over the impact of AI and the financial impact of streaming and other new technologies. What are the impacts and why did they happen? <i>Allyson Cygan, Kieran McCudden-Delany, Niles Joseph Schwartz, Susanna Malak, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Guys, Let's Talk <i>*new, inclusivity, social, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Polling shows U.S. women are at least twice as likely than men to talk regularly to friends about their mental health. Roughly 40 percent of men say they've never talked with anyone about their mental health. Men struggling with mental health: let's talk. <i>Andrew Meyer, Ben San Del (mod), Ian Cross, John White</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Biology for Writers <i>STEM, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I From gene-hacking to dragons to zombie plagues, biology is everywhere in genre fiction, but it can be intimidating for writers. Come hear from biologists on when science helps your story, how to research biological topics, and common mistakes to avoid. <i>Anessa DeMers, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Bryan J Joshua (mod), Lathan Murrell, T'Yanna Singleton</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Radio Play Performance <i>GoH</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Come see your fellow fans perform alongside the pros in this year's radio play. Laughs guaranteed, whether with the cast or at them. Maybe even a few tears will be shed. Who knows? It's a crapshoot! <i>Brigitte Bako, Christopher Jones, Greg Weisman, Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Windy Bowsby, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Star Wars <i>Star Wars, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Star Wars cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Scott Keever <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Award-winning fingerstyle guitarist with styles ranging from Celtic to Balkan, from blues to classical--sometimes all at the same time. Along with a bunch of originals, he also incorporates White Stripes, Pixies, and Pixar into his shows. <i>Scott Keever</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Gaslands: A Death Race (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Gaslands is a game of post-apocalyptic vehicular mayhem. Shoot, ram, and slide your way to victory against other armed and armored cars. <i>Michael B</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Session Zero: Setting the Stage for Your Epic Campaign <i>RPG, gaming, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Do you wish you knew what your fighter's arc should look like? Do you wish you'd defined your gameplay loop sooner? Did you have an awkward game because of something you didn't know about a player's red lines? Session Zero might be your answer! <i>Annie Fleschner (mod), Daniel Jay-Dixon, Eric Zawadzki, Maya Sutton, TK</i></p>
2:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>#SaveMyShow <i>Star Trek, TV, fan, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D A panel to highlight and discuss the history of fan activism to save beloved shows from cancelation, from the letter-writing campaign that saved Star Trek TOS to more recent examples like #SaveTheExpanse. <i>Amanda Nerud, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Kyle LaBarre (mod), Peter M Avirom, Wes Huntington</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Magic The Gathering Commander social <i>card</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b This is a Commander event for all players for beginners to advanced and the goal is to have fun. Also prizes will be raffled off. <i>Ross Prosser</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Press Your Luck <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 The classic game-show format of "Press Your Luck" finds its way to CONvergence, as six players try to avoid the Whammy on their way to the Big Bucks in two 30-minute shows filled with fun and surprises! <i>Joshua Lane</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Origami <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B New to origami? Come to the sandbox and learn how to make some cute things out of paper! All ages, under 8 may need assistance <i>John Kline, Susie Kline</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Phantom of the Idol - PG-13 Subtitled 2022 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Kazuki Yoshino has become a pop idol but is too lazy to give it his all. He gets possessed by the ghost of a girl who loved being an idol. She helps him perform and tries to get him to care about it. Kazuki Yoshino has become a pop idol but is too lazy to give it his all. He gets possessed by the ghost of a girl who loved being an idol. She helps him perform and tries to get him to care about it.</p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #16 - 110m <i>comedy, movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior Live riff featuring Duck Washington, Molly Glover, and Nick Glover <i>Duck Washington, Molly Glover, Nick Glover</i></p>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Disney <i>Disney, costuming</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Disney cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Greg Weisman <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Meet and Greet - T. Aaron Cisco <i>signing</i> Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B <i>T. Aaron Cisco</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Author's Guide to Writing for Comics <i>GoH, superhero, writing</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Author Carlos Hernandez talks about his experience writing comics for Marvel and beyond. Learn from a pro the ins and outs of writing for comic books! <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>I LOL'd <i>TV, book, comedy, comic, movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH A discussion of fantasy and science fiction stories and media that are also hilarious. <i>Dana Baird, Hannibal Grim, Jon Stark Olsen, Staci Corcoran (mod), William J Leisner</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Finding Specialty Foods <i>cooking</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I The popular grocery chains carry the "usual fare", but what if you want to explore a broader variety of foods? How do you go about finding safe, quality products? Let's discuss some local options. <i>Nicole Labat, Rachael Sterling, Rachel Poleke (mod), Renee Petersen</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Art: Impossible <i>art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Watch as talented artists are given impossible challenges! Could you create a CONvergence-themed amusement park in thirty minutes? How about designing a new Doctor Who costume in five minutes? These artists create the impossible! <i>Christopher Jones, Danielle Pebbles, Dawn Krosnowski, Lauren Addy, Lou Frank, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowsby</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Nate Bucklin <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room After six decades of making, writing, and sharing music--the greater part of it in Twin Cities fandom--there can't be many reading this who don't already know Nate's music. If you are one of those, you are in for a treat. So are the rest of us. <i>Nate Bucklin</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Let's Play Japanese Mahjong! <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac Back by popular demand! Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong. This is a casual learning experience, instruction provided <i>Rith Ke</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Year in Anime <i>anime, current</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B What is the best new anime from the last year? <i>Allyson Cygan, Donald Poleke (mod), Patrick W Marsh, Scott Kevin Jamison, Viga</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Dawn of the Fictional Vampire <i>book, classic, horror, myth</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D How did vampires make their way from folklore into fiction? We used to think it was in a leap, but new evidence suggests something more methodical. Featuring original research, this presentation invites you to study the 300 year old mystery. <i>Brian Forrest</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Wingspan Tournament (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer a For bird lovers and board game enthusiasts, come play and explore a brilliant nature inspired game! <i>Kay King</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Double-Blind Improv <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 A random-draw, short-form improv show where you never know what might happen - because neither do we! <i>Andrea Ropella, Eric Thompson, Garrick A Dietze, Hedy Rand-McKay, Jason Kruger, Kelvin Hatle, Rouge Zastera</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<p>Kids on the Slope - PG-13 Subtitled 2012 <i>TV, anime, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Three teenagers in 1966 discover a shared passion for jazz, but the demands of growing up get in the way of their dreams. Three teenagers in 1966 discover a shared passion for jazz, but the demands of growing up get in the way of their dreams.</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Stories from the Kids' Table <i>*new, gaming, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Kids play D&D and other TTRPGS. These are their stories. From wacky adventures to missed or epic rolls, we're interested to hear what happened. By and for kids! <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Ian Martin-Mann, Michael Schatz, Zack Mayville</i></p>
3:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Simplicity d10 RPG Session for Younger Kids (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a Simplicity is a home brewed d10 tabletop RPG that uses storytelling and dice rolling to tell a story. Come join us and learn how to play. <i>Kenneth Joel Justiniano</i></p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Doctor Who <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Doctor Who cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #17 - 71m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Zehra Fazal GoH, signing Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A</p> <p>Zehra Fazal</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Meet and Greet - Carlos Hernandez GoH, signing Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B</p> <p>Carlos Hernandez</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Power of Storytelling GoH, writing Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE What do we learn from characters making gut wrenching decisions? How do we take this from media to real life? Brigitte Bako, F. D. Lee, John A. Shea, Kate MacEachern, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling (mod)</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Baking is Serenity cooking Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH A discussion of cooking and baking as self-care. Jenny McElroy, Kelly Jo Fredrickson (mod), KitKat, Sean Eberle, Staci Corcoran</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Spy X Family Fan Panel TV, anime, current, fan Hyatt 2 Greenway I</p> <p>Ian Cross (mod), Lathan Murrell, Madeline Gasper, Scott Kevin Jamison</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Baldur's Gate RPG, costuming Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Baldur's Gate cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Bryan Baker music Hyatt 2 Regency Room Werewolves howling for lost love and regret, robots enslaving and destroying humanity, lost love returning in the zombiepocalypse, Dr. Who, Dead by Daylight, heroes in the making, all fodder in the formation of Bryan's nine albums. Bryan Baker</p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Marvel Legendary board Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa A fun deck building game were you can assemble your own team of Marvel heroes Ian Bryan</p>
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5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Evolution of Doctor Who TV Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Discuss the evolution from classic Doctor Who to the modern era. What worked in the 60s that does or doesn't work now? Aaron Lee Propes, Assad Khaishgi (mod), Danith McPherson, Kirsten Roepke-Larsen, T. Aaron Cisco</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Religious Trauma and Its Impact social Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Trauma caused by religious environments is an area of study with very little research, yet is far more prevalent than people realize. What ways has religious trauma affected people's mental health and how can they start to heal? Abigail Sloane Silver (mod), Kiki Joy Latham, Melissa Collins, SaraBeth Ray, Skazka</p>
5:00pm - 7:30pm	<p>Unmatched (13+) board Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer b Ever wanted to see Bruce Lee fight Dracula, or have Dr. Strange try to take down the dinosaurs from Jurassic Park? In the game of Unmatched, all of these battles and more will occur in wild fashion. This is a two-player team tourney. The Poetry Ninja</p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Vagrants: An Old-West Mystic Play <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Delve into the mysticism of 19th-century Oregon territory along with an amnesiac cowgirl, her harsh mentor, a dead body, and a Bigfoot-hunting missionary in this world-premiere staged reading of a fantastical new script! <i>Brad Krieger, Christine Stoffel, Jonathan Fondell, Laila Sahir, Matthew Stoffel</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Poetry Slam Sign-Up <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Enter a lottery to perform two three-minute poems as part of the 2024 CONvergence Poetry Slam!</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Cosplay for All: Jedi and Jawa Robes <i>GoH, kid, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Learn how to make a Jedi or Jawa robe out of a thrifted sheet or tablecloth. No sewing needed! We're also excited to have a real, live Jawa join us! All ages <i>Renee Petersen, Susanna Malak</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>Tiger & Bunny - PG-13 Subtitled 2011 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet In a futuristic city, heroes fight crime while promoting corporate sponsors in a popular TV show, "Hero TV." Old-fashioned hero "Wild Tiger" and the rookie hero "Bunny" are forced to work together by their employers. In a futuristic city, heroes fight crime while promoting corporate sponsors in a popular TV show, "Hero TV." Old-fashioned hero "Wild Tiger" and the rookie hero "Bunny" are forced to work together by their employers.</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Middle Grade Book Club <i>kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka Kids, grab your book and come let's talk about them. If you don't have your book, that's fine. Open to anyone 12 or under reading chapter books. By and for kids. <i>Becca Justiniano</i></p>
5:00pm - 5:15pm	<p>Harisen Daiko - The Holodeck Preview <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Sit way up close and feel the beat reverberate through your very bones. The acoustics in the Holodeck are no joke, and the big drums adore them. So if you'd like an early taste, or to fill your CVG with maximum taiko, join us for our Holodeck preview. <i>Christopher Stephan</i></p>
5:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Masquerade <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom House opens.</p>
5:30pm - 7:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #18 - 75m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
6:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Masquerade <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Performance.</p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: The Boys <i>comic, costuming, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all The Boys cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
6:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Darktide Over Frey <i>RPG</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer c In the coastal city of Frey, the ocean itself has risen. Dark shapes move behind an aquatic curtain that's hundreds of feet tall. A hasty plan is in place to deal with the supernatural incursion. Only with cooperation can the menace be turned aside! <i>Badwolf Adventure Studios</i></p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Animal Crossing Museum Quest <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Help Bathers the Owl fill the museum with fossils and creatures through a variety of searching games. <i>Tiffany Johnston</i></p>
6:30pm - 8:30pm	<p>RahXephon - PG-13 Dubbed 2002 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A high school student discovers that his world is being controlled by multi-dimensional invaders. He uses a clay mecha-like being (RahXephon) to fight them using the power of song at the behest of a mysterious woman. A high school student discovers that his world is being controlled by multi-dimensional invaders. He uses a clay mecha-like being (RahXephon) to fight them using the power of song at the behest of a mysterious woman.</p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Young Justice Memories <i>GoH, TV, animation, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Attend a Q&A about the Young Justice television series and its in-canon comic book spin-offs. <i>Christopher Jones, Erin Robinson, Greg Weisman (mod), Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Mega Panel <i>comedy, misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the Masquerade, this is the panel for you! <i>Jeremy Stomberg, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Nikki Armstrong</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Books on BookTok <i>book, web</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I Books on TikTok have really taken off and many bookstores even have their own section for some of the most popular titles. How has BookTok affected publishing and the book community, both the bad and the good? <i>Christina M Alongi, Crystal Kelleher, Elizabeth Ess, Jody Wurl, Patrick W Marsh (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>General Synesthesia <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room A psychedelic, synesthetic experience that will perplex the senses and bend reality. A recklessly curated melange of melodies and maladies most exquisite. <i>Jeff Henry, Kareem Oda Q'rop, Karnitschnig, Noel Miller, Salted Caramel Dan, Toxoplasmosis</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
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7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>GnomeLore Demo (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac GnomeLore is a collaborative structured storytelling game for any number of players. Players tap their imaginations and tell a story together with just a few small pieces. This game is in prototype playtesting stage with feedback welcome. <i>Jon Stark Olsen</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Narrative In Game Design <i>GoH, RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Whether tabletop or video games, the story in a game can either enhance or deter from the gameplay experience. Come learn the role a narrative can play in the design of your favorite games. <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>The Mirror of Amun-Ra: Short Film Screening / Q&A Session <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Calling all lovers of pulp adventure movies like Indiana Jones or The Mummy, and anyone interested in meeting local filmmakers! Join the director and cast of this 20-minute, independent short film for a special screening and then a Q&A panel afterwards. <i>Jarrold Crooks, Jonathan Rogers</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>The CONvergence Poetry Slam <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Vogon poetry. Bilbo's Walking Song. Nevermore. The CONvergence Poetry Slam is here to celebrate words and nerds in an exciting competitive format! Show up, sign up, and if the lottery gods are kind, you may be drawn to read two three-minute poems. <i>Allison Broeren, Dan Marlow</i></p>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #19 - 109m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

8:00pm - 10:30pm	<p>K-Pop-A-Looza: Shake it Like an Idol! <i>music</i> Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Come show off your moves at the very first CONvergence K-Pop-A-Looza! A dance party featuring many of your favorite K-pop bands. New to K-pop? No problem! Come experience these fantastic beats, but be warned...they make you want to smile and DANCE! <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>The Spectacular Spider-Man Meets the Spectacular Spider-Men! <i>GoH, TV, animation, comic</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Learn all you ever wanted to know about The Spectacular Spider-Man animated series and Marvel's new The Spectacular Spider-Men comic from some of the folks who have made these projects happen. <i>Greg Weisman (mod), Jennifer L Anderson, Thom Adcox-Hernandez</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Where Do I Start? <i>GoH, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I Introducing people to your favorite media can be a tricky business. Where do you start with longtime favorites like Doctor Who or Discworld? Can you just pick up in the middle and be okay? <i>Patrick W Marsh (mod), Sam Willson, SaraBeth Ray, Shannan Paul</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:00pm	<p>Art Auction Preview <i>art</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Review the works for sale in advance of the auction.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Gus The Bardic Troubadour <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Join Gus the Bardic Troubadour on his quest to bring the rich traditions of Irish folk music to our realm. With the help of his magic tome, he blends Celtic tradition with innovation ensuring every performance resonates with bardic inspiration! <i>Christopher Murphy</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:30pm	<p>Red Dragon Inn, Saturday Night Special (18+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab We're playing Red Dragon Inn including the latest expansion, The Undercity. <i>Carl Patten</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Baldur's Gate 3 Fan Panel <i>computer, current, fan, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B <i>Leilani Rose, Mordecai Mika, Morgan Strickland (mod), Renee Freyja Vorbeck, TK</i></p>
8:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Midwest SciFi Film Festival Shorts <i>movie</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Midwest Sci-Fi Film Festival - featuring a retrospective of the best sci-fi & genre short films from the Midwest and around the planet.</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Living Room Electron Microscopy <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Ever wonder how a transmission electron microscope works? Now you can find out while making your own TEM-style images to take home! Ages 8+ <i>Miriam Krause, Safia Jilani</i></p>
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Giant Beasts of Ars - PG-13 Subtitled 2023 <i>TV, anime</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Human champions called "nagamori" use their Kannagi partners to fight giant beasts threatening humanity. A nagamori encounters a Kannagi who is being chased by someone, and decides to save her. As rumors spread about a mysterious experiment, they seek to discover the world's terrible secrets. Human champions called "nagamori" use their Kannagi partners to fight giant beasts threatening humanity. A nagamori encounters a Kannagi who is being chased by someone, and decides to save her. As rumors spread about a mysterious experiment, they seek to discover the world's terrible secrets.</p>

9:00pm - 4:00am	<p>Dance <i>misc</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom >21:00 We know Masquerade was great again as always, but while you're mingling in the lobby, we'll get the soundtrack started for some great bits of dancing. Can you break dance in your cosplay? Where else are you going to find out? 22:00 Returning by popular demand, we bring you the Sci-Fi Music "Hour." Let's scramble together a bunch of music either from or inspired by science fiction media, sprinkle in some geek and parody tunes, and either dance, sing along, or stare at the screen wondering just how did that get made, anyhow? 23:30 DJ and Producer Acideon joins us from Madison, WI for his unique blend of hard beats. 00:30 Grab a quick bit of hydration, as we're poised to keep the sweat falling with a variety of feet-stomping tunes until the early hours.>21:00 We know Masquerade was great again as always, but while you're mingling in the lobby, we'll get the soundtrack started for some great bits of dancing. Can you break dance in your cosplay? Where else are you going to find out? 22:00 Returning by popular demand, we bring you the Sci-Fi Music "Hour." Let's scramble together a bunch of music either from or inspired by science fiction media, sprinkle in some geek and parody tunes, and either dance, sing along, or stare at the screen wondering just how did that get made, anyhow? 23:30 DJ and Producer Acideon joins us from Madison, WI for his unique blend of hard beats. 00:30 Grab a quick bit of hydration, as we're poised to keep the sweat falling with a variety of feet-stomping tunes until the early hours.</p>
9:00pm - 1:00am	<p>Art Auction <i>art, buy</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p>
9:00pm - 2:00am	<p>Space Lounge <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C The most transmutational lounge known to evolved beings, open nightly. Join the collective consciousness and partake in simulations and sensory experiences. Chill in the sonic harmonizations and ultra-luminescence in our cosmogonic atmosphere.</p>
9:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Trailer Park <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior See what the future holds as Rex dishes out trailers for upcoming releases.</p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Smash or Pass <i>comedy, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A beloved but questionable decision making game that you all know and love! Join us for a new and improved "Smash or Pass" Kahoot! (smart device required to participate but not to enjoy the show). **mature content** <i>Alicia Beck, Anne Rementer, Christi Farris, Christina Gregerson, Kelsi Williams, Lindsey Wollan</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Monsters of Sex <i>horror</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH A discussion of sex with monsters and monsters affiliated with the sex act. **mature content** <i>Elliott Kios Dean, Lathan Murrell, Mordecai Mika, Sam August Miller (mod), Skazka</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>The Dregs <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room The Dregs have been performing at CONvergence for a long time and bring a mix of traditional Irish music along with geeky original comedy and a willingness to perform any song you request, even if they don't know it. And they probably don't. <i>Molly Zupon, Paul Score, Rian Vellichor, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick, Trevor Hartman</i></p>
10:00pm - Midnight	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Adult Themes in RPGs <i>gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B The vast majority of games approach mature topics by ignoring them. On the complete opposite end of the spectrum are games that explicitly explore dark, disturbing themes. How should a GM introduce such topics to the players? <i>Annie Fleschner, Daniel Jay-Dixon, David R Lowery, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Maya Sutton</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>The Pun-El Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D And again, the English language is treated with great violence in a space safe from flying fruit. <i>Bob Alberti, Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman (mod), Margaret Eastman</i></p>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	<p>Big Fat Quiz of Geekdom <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1 Six comedians compete in a format lifted from the infamous British comedy game show, "Big Fat Quiz!" <i>Alison Anderson, Angela Fox, Eric Thompson, James Fairbairn, Jhax Faer-Berryhill, Mike Dee</i></p>

10:00pm - 11:30pm	Fist of the North Star: The Legend of Kenshiro - R Subtitled 2008 <i>anime, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Martial arts warrior Kenshiro wanders a post-apocalyptic wasteland on a quest to track down his rival, who has kidnapped Kenshiro's fiancée. He attracts the attention of powerful warlords and must fight to save everyone from evil. Martial arts warrior Kenshiro wanders a post-apocalyptic wasteland on a quest to track down his rival, who has kidnapped Kenshiro's fiancée. He attracts the attention of powerful warlords and must fight to save everyone from evil.
10:00pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle <i>music</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play, or just listen.
10:00pm - 11:30pm	Cinema Rex Film #20 - 89m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
11:30pm - 12:30am	Hentai Game Show <i>*new, misc</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Join us for a mature game show where contestants compete for prizes. Volunteers compete and play in adult-themed games. These fun, naughty games are for aliens and humans alike! Come show us your bawdy side or just be a voyeur! **mature content** <i>Khori, Michael</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Room and Bard Podcast <i>RPG, gaming, podcast, recording</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway I Room and Bard is a delightful RPG podcast that brings together the thrill of live-play sessions and the charm of comedic storytelling. Each episode immerses listeners in fantastical worlds, where a cast of quick-witted players navigate epic quests and hilarious misadventures. The dynamic interactions and improvisational humor keep the narrative both unpredictable and engaging, making it a must-listen for fans of role-playing games and comedy alike. With its blend of imaginative plotlines and laugh-out-loud moments, Room and Bard offers an entertaining escape into a realm where the unexpected is always just a dice roll away. <i>Bronson Keller, James Paine, Jamus O'Seamus, Trevor Ticklebottom</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Year in Fanfiction <i>fan, fanfic</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B A discussion of ALL kinds of fic (including slash). We'll talk popular fandoms, ships, and tropes from the last year. Not to mention recs! Not all fanfic is mature, but mature topics will be discussed. **mature content** <i>Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Sam Willson, Skazka, TK</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Bad Geeky Pickup Lines <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Cheesy pick up lines are so bad they're good again. What are your favorites to use when you have your ion someone? <i>James Fairbairn, Mark James McPherson, Nikki Armstrong (mod), Peter M Aviorom</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Evangelion Redeath - R Parody Dub 2000 <i>anime, comedy, fanfic, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet A young man comes of age and pilots a giant robot while his father plots the end of the world. This classic fan parody dub is best enjoyed in loud groups. It doesn't matter if you don't know all the references, come sing along! A young man comes of age and pilots a giant robot while his father plots the end of the world. This classic fan parody dub is best enjoyed in loud groups. It doesn't matter if you don't know all the references, come sing along!
11:30pm - 1:30am	Cinema Rex Film #21 - 122m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

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8:00am - 10:00am	Fighting Foodons - G Dubbed 2001 <i>TV, anime, kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Three kids battle an evil empire by using their "Foodons" - strange monsters that are created through cooking. Three kids battle an evil empire by using their "Foodons" - strange monsters that are created through cooking.
8:00am - 3:00pm	Kids Gaming Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis
9:00am - 3:00pm	Board Gaming Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer

9:30am - 11:00am	Zombicide, 2nd Edition <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa Play Zombicide: 2nd Edition, the classic game of survival in a modern zombie apocalypse. <i>Carl Patten</i>
9:30am - 11:00am	Hako Onna: Horror Hide-n-Seek (13+) <i>board</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ac In this horror hide-n-seek game, one player plays the "Hako Onna" (the Woman in the Box), the rest are "Visitors" who are trying to escape the mansion. <i>Ian Bryan</i>
9:30am - 3:30pm	Cosplay Repair Station Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Ba A costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox. We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies to be used while at the Station. For extra assistance, there will be costume repairers on duty.
9:30am - 3:30pm	Sandbox Lab Hyatt 4 Great Lakes Bb The Sandbox Lab is open until 3:30pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.
9:30am - 10:15am	Learn to Play: Ticket to Ride First Journey (Kids) <i>board, kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis b Will you claim the longest railway route between the country's most iconic cities and win the game? Kids ages 6-12, learn in 5 minutes, play for just 30 minutes! <i>Elley Murray</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Move It Like Water <i>misc</i> Hyatt 6 Pool A 45 minute low-impact workout in the pool led by a certified water fitness instructor. Learn how to use water resistance to tone & strengthen and do cardio in a supportive way. You do NOT need to know how to swim. All levels of ability welcome. Ages 12+ <i>Christina Neitz</i>
10:00am - 5:00pm	Volunteers & Information Table <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway J
10:00am - 6:00pm	CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji
10:00am - Noon	Sgt. Frog - PG-13 Dubbed 2004 <i>TV, anime, comedy</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Abandoned by their mothership, Sgt. Frog and his platoon are forced to stay in a normal human household. As their continual attempts to take over the world are stymied, they come to care for the humans they live with.
10:00am - Noon	Cinema Rex Film #22 - 100m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
10:30am - Noon	Here There Be Bears! (Kids) <i>RPG, kid</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Nokomis a You are the best bears in the world of bear crime. A group of humans have set up camp in the woods you call home, and they brought a LOT of honey. Do bear crimes, steal the honey, and drive those humans out of your woods! <i>Badwolf Adventure Studios</i>
11:00am - Noon	Mike Flanagan Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan, horror, movie</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Ready for our own deep discussion and dialogue about Mike Flanagan movies and shows? Let's talk about what makes his stories haunting, dark, and existential and his well-written characters. <i>Andrew Meyer, Jennifer Lee Lundstrom, Jody Wurl (mod), Nathan Anderson, Wendy Fossum</i>
11:00am - Noon	Gargoyles Biology and Culture <i>GoH, STEM, TV</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Join us as we discuss the ins and outs of Gargate anatomy and society. What are the rules? How do they differ from clan to clan? From gargoyle to gargoyle? <i>Chip Coffin, Greg Weisman (mod), James Kakalios, Karine Charlebois, Lucas McClain, Matt Parker</i>

11:00am - Noon	<p>The Creative Continuum, The Superteam of Arts Disciplines <i>GoH, art, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Many art forms bleed into each other during the creative process. In the space these artforms merge, true innovation invigorates and evolves. Join Carlos Hernandez for a discussion of this world of interstitial arts and the fruitful bleed between genres. <i>Carlos Hernandez</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Historical Costuming for Beginners <i>beginner, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway I A beginner's guide to historical costuming. <i>Dana Baird, Kara Knight, Mary Elizabeth Sterling, Nathan Caleb Wulver (mod), Raederle Gabrielle Sterling</i></p>
11:00am - 1:00pm	<p>Conquest Princess (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Ab Dress up, team up, and save the galaxy again! An expansion deck for Conquest Princess: Fashion is Power co-op board game. <i>Seppy Yoon</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Midsomer Murders <i>*new, GoH, TV, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B A discussion of the long running British murder mystery series--the characters, the stories, the settings. <i>Linda Kloempken, Margaret Eastman (mod), Shannan Paul</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Gaylaxians Book Discussion Update <i>book, inclusivity</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Each year North Country Gaylaxians choose one book a month to read. Our charter is to read books either by GLBTQ+ authors or books with positive GLBTQ+ content. This panel will discuss the books we have read since CONvergence 2023. <i>Claudia Slovacek, David Lenander, Donald Kaiser</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Loki Season 2 Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D <i>Catherine Schaff-Stump, Morgan Strickland (mod), Noel Thingvall, Staci Corcoran</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Crayon's Corner <i>kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengkeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. Ages 12 and under <i>Caryn Lengkeek</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Ribbons at the End of the Universe <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Gymnasium Got ribbons? What to trade? Bring all your ribbons and trade/socialize. The perfect way to wrap up CONvergence 2024! <i>Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer</i></p>
Noon - 4:00pm	<p>Dracula's Last Resting Place (13+) <i>board</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Aa A cooperative game where the heroes must work together to track down Dracula's hidden lair and defeat him in the end. But at least one of you has secretly fallen under Dracula's influence. <i>David Allison</i></p>
Noon - 2:00pm	<p>Vampire Princess Miyu - R Dubbed 1997 <i>TV, anime, horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Shape-shifting monsters and vampires threaten humanity. Princess Miyu, the Chosen One, is the only one who can stop them. People are weak and innocence is lost and everything is generally very depressing. Shape-shifting monsters and vampires threaten humanity. Princess Miyu, the Chosen One, is the only one who can stop them. People are weak and innocence is lost and everything is generally very depressing.</p>
Noon - 2:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #23 - 140m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Year in STEM <i>STEM, current</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A What cool things have been developed and discovered? What's new in science? <i>Bob DeMers, Kurt Fleschner (mod), T'Yanna Singleton, William L Donohue</i></p>

12:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Harisen Daiko <i>misc</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Full of sound and fury, signifying that it's past noon on Sunday, we are Harisen Daiko. Our drummers bring you a selection of pounding visceral rhythms including original compositions, as well as something thoroughly geeky that we have either made special or bent into a new and unnatural shape just for you. Step inside the blast radius this Sunday, and get a taste of the power, energy and emotions that taiko ignites. Full of sound and fury, signifying that it's past noon on Sunday, we are Harisen Daiko. Our drummers bring you a selection of pounding visceral rhythms including original compositions, as well as something thoroughly geeky that we have either made special or bent into a new and unnatural shape just for you. Step inside the blast radius this Sunday, and get a taste of the power, energy and emotions that taiko ignites.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Bringing Gargoyles to the Screen <i>GoH, TV</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Join Greg Weisman, the creator of Gargoyles, as he tells stories of how this classic series was created, developed, and sold at the Walt Disney Company in the early 1990s. <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>I Know It's Terrible But I Love It Anyway <i>fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Let's talk about your guilty pleasures in movies, television, novels, and anything else that comes to mind. <i>F. D. Lee, Janelle Kloth, Patrick W Marsh (mod), Ruby Baker, Wendy Fossum</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Gender Fluid Representation in Genre <i>inclusivity, myth, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B From classic myths to Desire from Sandman, gender fluid characters are not new to science fiction and fantasy. However, as gender fluidity becomes more accepted, how are gender fluid characters changing in modern works? What needs improvement? <i>J.R. Dawson, Jacob Evert Borgmann (mod), Skazka, Staci Corcoran, Viga</i></p>
12:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>But Where Do I Shelve It? <i>book</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Let's discuss our favorite media that mixes multiple genres like romance, fantasy, mystery, or horror. <i>Ben San Del, Crystal Kelleher (mod), David R Lowery, Jody Wurl</i></p>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	<p>Spinning Art Yarn <i>kid, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Let's have a Spin-In! Bring your own drop spindle or use one of ours. We'll show some carding, and sit and spin awhile together. You can drop in or out any time. Bring any fiber project in your bag to work on too! All ages, under 8 may need assistance <i>Ashley D Haapapuro</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>How to Become a Panelist <i>con</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka You can be on panels. It's easy and we want you to join us. Find out all you need to know about being a panelist. <i>Becca Justiniano, Dierdre Schultz, Margaret Eastman, Sandy Darst</i></p>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Percy Jackson <i>costuming</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Percy Jackson cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>They ARE Out to Get Me: Paranoia in Science Fiction/Fantasy <i>TV, book, movie</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Paranoid fiction is used to describe works that explore the subjective nature of reality and how it can be manipulated by external forces. Some SFF creators include H.P. Lovecraft, Patrick McGoohan, Terry Gilliam, and Philip K. Dick. Let's discuss! <i>Arthur Ray Armstrong, Michael Allen Kingsley (mod), Niles Joseph Schwartz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Bringing Gargoyles to the Screen Visually <i>GoH, TV</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE In Part Two of this look at the nascent stages of Gargoyles, see early development videos, thirty-year-old marketing materials, and pitches from spin-off series that never made it to the air. <i>Greg Weisman</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>What's Your Comfort Media? <i>TV, book, comic, fan, movie, music</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH What media do you turn to when you've had a bad day? What about it centers or resets you? <i>Hannibal Grim, Jason Richard Klietz (mod), Katherine Jo Pysick, Staci Corcoran</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Photo Meetup: Honorverse <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Patio This is a photo meet-up for all Honorverse cosplayers! All ages, caliber, mash-ups, and genders of costumes are welcome at this meet-up. Please note that attending this particular event, your photo will be taken by an official CVG photographer.</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Found Family in SF/Fantasy <i>TV, book, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B The concept of a found family is everywhere in recent pop culture. The idea that friends can inspire as much love and loyalty as biological families and romantic partners resonates with many SFF fans, especially those in marginalized groups. <i>Christina M Alongi, J.R. Dawson, Jody Wurl, Michael Scott Shappe, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Weird Music Listening Society <i>audio, comedy, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D We've all had a friend expose us to strange music, some of which we've loved and some that left us confused. What happens when a lover of random items, thrift finds, and all things obscure exposes comedians to weird music they've never heard before? <i>Eric Knight, Jason Kruger (mod), Maren Aalgaard, Melissa Kaercher, Morgan Strickland</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<p>Ghost Hound - PG-13 Subtitled 2007 <i>TV, anime</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Ghosts and paranormal occurrences appear in a small town. Three boys who have all had traumatic experiences in their childhood investigate the occurrences by entering the spirit realm. Ghosts and paranormal occurrences appear in a small town. Three boys who have all had traumatic experiences in their childhood investigate the occurrences by entering the spirit realm.</p>
2:30pm - 3:30pm	<p>Beyond the Barrier: The Journey of Diverse Voices in Media <i>*new, GoH, TV, art, book, comedy, comic, inclusivity, movie, music, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Join our panel of BIPOC, queer, and women entertainment pros as they discuss how they broke barriers and thrive in white male dominated fields. Gain insights into their journeys, strategies for success, and tips for following your own ambitions. <i>Carlos Hernandez, Shannan Paul, Susanna Malak, T. Aaron Cisco (mod), Zehra Fazal</i></p>
2:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #24 - 105m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Evolution of Storytelling <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A How has storytelling changed over time? <i>F. D. Lee, Kate MacEachern, Patrick W Marsh (mod), Peter M Aviom, Raederle Gabrielle Sterling</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Dungeons & Dragons: 50th Anniversary <i>RPG, classic, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE The granddaddy of tabletop role playing games is old enough to be one. Come discuss the lasting appeal of the game, its iterations, and its spin-offs. <i>David R Lowery, Donald Kaiser (mod), Jeb Hagan, Kathleen Nicole Addams, TK</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>OK...I'm Done <i>social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH What's your line in the sand for no longer supporting a fandom, franchise, performer, etc.? What made you tap out, decide to stay, or continue to enjoy previous things but not anything new? Can you separate art from artist? What if they're dead? <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), KitKat, Sam Willson</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Disney: Live Action vs. Animated <i>Disney, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B Disney has continued to produce live-action versions of their animated films, sometimes creating a "controversy" along the way. Is this Disney being short on ideas or are these retellings offering a new take on the story? <i>Erica Zaffke, Janelle Kloth (mod), Mary Elizabeth Sterling, Noel Thingvall, Sarah Jeanette Moretsky</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Maker Spaces <i>DIY, STEM, art, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D If you're interested in the making of things, anything ranging from props, cosplay, robots, furniture, siege engines, longbows, Viking shields, or anything at all, involving laser cutting, 3D printing, CNC milling, and more, this panel is for you! <i>Riley Harrison</i></p>
4:30pm - 6:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #25 - 116m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

Closing Ceremony

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Angela Fox, Carlos Hernandez, Dawn Krosnowski, Duck Washington, Greg Weisman, Shannan Paul, Susanna Malak, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Zehra Fazal

5:00pm - 7:00pm