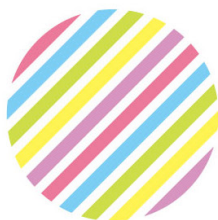




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# A Letter From Your Captain

Hello and Welcome to Setsucon 2024! We're diving into the weekend with lots to explore here at the Blair County Convention Center!

My name is Evelyn Flickinger and I am super pumped to be your Setsucon 2024 Convention Chair! A little bit about me, I am currently a 4th year Education Major at Penn State University and I play clarinet in the Penn State Blue Band. Also, some of my top anime are Attack on Titan, Hunter x Hunter, and Jujutsu Kaisen!

I would like to thank everyone that has made this weekend possible starting with our so-fish-ticated staff. Thank you to our Exec board, Emma, Brittany, AJ, Nate, and Mike, and all of our wonderful Directors and Coordinators. You guys are how we got here, and I couldn't be more proud of all of our work together.

Thank you to Blair County Convention Center for hosting Setsucon 2024 and your staff for helping us along the way. Thank you to our volunteers for the weekend, and all they do to help keep the convention running.

Thank you to our guests including Anne Yatco, Chris Hackney, Antipode, DePiro's Divas, Heroes 4 Hire, Lex Winter, Megatronix, Pixel Pop, Quick Save, ThaGataNegrra, and Your Friendly Neighborhood Con Artists, as well as our panelists, vendors, and artists. You guys are the stars of the show, some literally.

I hope you guys check out all we have to offer this weekend, swim down to the Maid cafe, get an autograph from one of our lovely voice actor guests, or join your fellow gamers in the Video Game room. However you spend your Setsucon, we hope you have a fin-tastic weekend! Thank you, Go State.

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# CON VITALS

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Information Desk

The Info Desk can be found outside of Panels 1 & 2. Stop by anytime during the convention if you need assistance. Our team is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

### Prop Check

All props, no matter the size, must be checked in at Prop Check, located at the Info Desk (or the Operations Room if the Info Desk is closed). If you carry a prop that has not been checked in, you will be asked by our team to head to Prop Check immediately. Please review our Prop Policy in our booklet or website for more information on what props are allowed.

### Lost & Found

If you lost any belongings during the con, stop by the Operations Room for our Lost & Found to see if it has been turned in.

### 18+ Events

Attendees who wish to attend an 18+ event must have their photo ID ready to be presented at the door to the event. There is absolutely no admittance into an 18+ event without proper ID.

### Setsucon Merch

Get yourself some official Setsucon Gear at our Merch Booth in the Exhibitors Hall! Buy the exclusive 2024 convention t-shirt for just \$25, or check out some of the other great Setsu themed merch that we have ready for this year!

### Silent Auction

Visit the Exhibitors Hall for our Silent Auction benefitting the Colon Cancer Coalition in Memory of Billy Kametz. Check out the great items that we have up for auction, graciously donated by industry partners and exhibitors. Bid on the items throughout the weekend for your chance to take home something new and unique!

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Convention Hours

Friday: 5:00pm - 11:30pm  
Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00am  
Sunday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

### Information Desk

Friday: 5:00pm - 11:30pm  
Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00am  
Sunday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

### Registration Desk

Friday: 4:45pm - 9:30pm  
Saturday: 7:45am - 6:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

### Convention Ops

Friday: 4:00pm - 11:30pm  
Saturday: 7:30am - 12:00am  
Sunday: 7:30am - 6:00pm

### Exhibitors Hall

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00am  
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

### Manga Library

Friday: 7:00pm - 10:30pm  
Saturday: 9:30am - 9:00pm  
Sunday: 9:30am - 3:30pm

### Tabletop Gaming

Friday: 5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Saturday: 9:30am - 11:30pm  
Sunday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

### Video Gaming

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9:30am - 11:30pm  
Sunday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

### Itasha Car Show

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

### Cosplay HQ

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm



## EVENT SIGN-UPS

### Game Gauntlet

Sign-ups for the Game Gauntlet on Sunday will be available in the Video Gaming Room throughout the weekend.

### Hall Cosplay Contest

Sign-ups for the Hall Cosplay Contest will be happening Saturday morning at Cosplay HQ. Stop by and sign-up for a time to present your crafted cosplay to our judges.

### Iron Cosplay

Sign-ups for the Iron Cosplay will take place at the beginning of the event, with audience members picked at random to participate. Get your seat early at the start of the event for a chance to participate.

### Maid Cafe

Sign-ups for a time slot for the Maid Cafe are available at the entrance of the room. It is \$15 per person and includes the one hour session, games, performances, and dessert. First-come, first-served. There is a capacity for each session, so buy your tickets early.

### Masquerade

Sign-ups for the Masquerade will be happening in Cosplay HQ. Stop by and sign-up as an individual or a group. You must attend the Masquerade Practice Session on Saturday afternoon to participate in the Masquerade.

### Video Gaming Tournaments

Sign-ups for the video gaming tournaments will be available online at [start.gg/tournament/setsucon-2024](https://start.gg/tournament/setsucon-2024). This year, we will be running the following tournaments, hosted by Origin of Play:

- Guilty Gear - STRIVE -
- Capcom's Street Fighter 6
- Melty Blood Type Lumina
- Pokemon Scarlet/Violet
- Beyblade (Side Event)
- Mortal Kombat 1
- Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising
- Bandai Namco's Tekken 8

## VIEW THE SCHEDULE ONLINE!

We are Happy to Present our Schedule in Online Form Too!

To See the Full Schedule, Times, Rooms, and Info,  
Visit Our Website or Use the QR Code Below.

Stay Up to Date on Convention Info, See What is Happening,  
and Never Miss an Event - Grab Your Copy and Enjoy the Con!



<https://setsucon.com/con-guide>



# CON POLICIES

While Setsucon may be a winter convention, our staff try to make the venue as warm and inviting as possible. The following policies are in place to help ensure that all congoers have fun at Setsucon. If you have any questions, let us know and we'll be happy to help clarify them.

Possible sanctions for not following the policies include, but are not limited to: verbal warning, removal from event, removal from convention center, revocation of convention badge, and if necessary, police intervention. Please do not make us go any further than a quick verbal warning.

Badges must be in plain sight at all times. ANYTHING illegal outside the venue is illegal inside the venue. All Federal, State, and Local laws apply and supersede any policies that we have in place. Setsucon is not liable for any injuries should they occur.

## Refund Policy

Registrations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

## Disruptive Behavior

Setsucon is a family friendly convention (PG-13). We ask that our attendees act accordingly. The following actions are considered disruptive behaviors:

- Blocking hallways, doors, and exits
- Running down the hallways
- Excessive noise and yelling
- Excessive PDA (Public Display of Affection)
- Glomping, hugging, touching, or harassment of anyone without their consent
- Selling of anything, with the exception of exhibitors in their respective areas
- Fighting, both real and mock

Setsucon reserves the right to ask an attendee to change clothes if they are inappropriately dressed.

Animals are prohibited unless they are necessary for medical reasons.

Use common sense. If you are invading someone's space or violating their rights, there is a good chance you shouldn't be doing it.

The above list is not all inclusive; if a Setsucon or the venue staffer asks a reasonable request of you, please follow their request.

## Line Etiquette

Please be aware that there is a really good chance that you will be waiting in a line of epic proportions at some point in time. Please be respectful of the people around you. Anyone cutting in line will be sent to the back of the

line. Also, please do not block doorways when waiting in line. Any line for an event may not be formed until 15 minutes prior to the event. The line will begin at the discretion of Setsucon staff and "lines for the line" will not be permitted. Setsucon staff reserves the right to disband any lines formed before this time period.

## Theft Policy

A friendly reminder: Setsucon and the venue are not responsible for lost or stolen items. If you do lose an item or suspect it has been stolen, please report to the Convention Operations room. If your item is in the Convention Operations room, be prepared to describe it in detail in order to get it back.

If an attendee is caught stealing, they will immediately be turned over to the proper authorities.

If you find an item that doesn't belong to you, please turn it in to Convention Operations.

## Camera Policy

Feel free to take as many pictures as you would like in the convention area! However, please do not block the hallways or doors, or hold up traffic to take pictures. Try to step off to the side and out of the way of traffic. Cameras will not be allowed in any event where they will cause a distraction. This includes, but is not limited to panels and viewings.

Proper procedure for taking a picture of a cosplayer/attendee is to ask for permission first and then find a suitable spot to take the picture. If the person declines the request, please respect their decision. Photography is NOT permitted in the Artist Alley.



## Weapons Policy

Weapons are NOT permitted inside the venue. To reiterate: if it is illegal outside the venue, it's still illegal inside.

- NO LIVE STEEL. Metal or metal containing weapons of any sort are not allowed on the premises.
- NO GUNS. Period. Of any kind. This even includes airsoft guns with orange tips.
- No explosives or chemicals.

The venue does not allow weapons and Setsucon does not allow weapons. It's as simple as that.

Any person found with a weapon will be asked to remove it from the convention area and may be escorted out. Failure to do so will result in confiscation of the weapon and your badge.

## Setsu Odori (Dance) Policy

Dance your heart out! To help ensure everyone has a good time, please be aware of the following rules:

- Be mindful of people around you while dancing.
- A badge must be displayed at all times.
- Props are not allowed into the Odori.
- No swinging or throwing objects (glow sticks, glowing swords, etc.).
- No excessive public displays of affection.
- No fighting.
- No bottles or containers of any kind are allowed into the Odori.
- No food of any kind is allowed into the Odori.
- If you are under the influence, you will be asked to leave.
- No bags are permitted within the Odori.

Setsucon staff will not hold, watch, or in any way assume responsibility for any items left near the Odori.

## Sign Policy

Signs that are an integral part of a cosplay are acceptable. Any other sign is not allowed. This includes signs written on any medium such as: paper, cardboard, handwritten onto T-shirts, etc. Signs that could be considered solicitation are not allowed. For example, a sign reading "FREE HUGS" is not allowed. Signs with anything inappropriate on them will be confiscated.

## Guest and Autograph Policies

Setsucon cannot guarantee that you will be able to get an autograph from the guests. There is a time limit on autograph sessions that we will be strictly adhering to. We want to ensure that as many people as possible are able to interact with the guests, so please keep the lines moving. We recommend writing down anything that you wish to say to the guests in case you forget. Guests will be happy to autograph your Setsucon Programming Booklet, as well as any officially licensed merchandise. Guests reserve the right to refuse to sign anything that may be counterfeit. Signing of personal items is at the discretion of the guest. There is a limit of 1 free autograph per person, per guest, per session. Guests may accept small gifts that they can store in their luggage. We ask that all gifts are not wrapped because we will need to check them before giving them to the guest. Guests will not accept any food. Please do not visit the guest's private quarters. Setsucon reserves the right to make changes to the Guest and Autograph Policies as the circumstances or guests dictate.

## Minors at Setsucon

Setsucon welcomes attendees of all ages. A parent or guardian must accompany a child under the age of 18 at all times. Setsucon is not a child sitting service. We recommend that all children carry some form of identification along with contact information of their parent or guardian. In the case that a child becomes lost, this makes it less stressful for everyone. The venue does not have a PA system. Please also see the section below on Parental Consent.

## 18+ Policies

Setsucon has a few 18+ events late at night. Attendees who wish to attend one of these must have their ID ready to be presented at the door to the event. Rooms will be cleared out prior to the event. There is absolutely no admittance into an 18+ event without a proper ID.

## Photographs and Promotions

Attendees of Setsucon are granting permission to be photographed or recorded by authorized Setsucon staffers. By purchasing your registration, you inherently grant Setsucon the permission to use such photos or recordings for promotional or chronicling purposes.



# COSPLAY POLICIES

Setsucon reserves the right to deem any cosplay or prop unsuitable for the convention space, in which case you will be asked to change into more appropriate attire or remove the prop from the convention space.

## Cosplay Policy

To ensure that Setsucon remains a safe and family friendly convention there are a number of guidelines for you to follow:

- This is a family friendly convention, so it is important to wear appropriate attire. If it would not be acceptable at a pool it will not be acceptable at the convention. If there is a cosplay you have in mind that would cover you insufficiently consider the use of leggings or a leotard.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Full face masks are acceptable but must be easily removable, and we ask that it be removed after leaving the convention area.
- Keep in mind the size of your cosplay and props when planning for the convention. Consider ways in which your cosplay could inhibit your movement or the movement of those around you. If you cannot avoid this, it is a good idea to have a friend with you to help you navigate safely.

## Prop Policy

All props must be checked in at the Info Desk and approved. Any prop that resembles a gun must have a painted orange tip and must have no moving or internal parts. Misuse of props that endangers other attendees will not be tolerated. Full face masks must be easily removable and we ask that it be removed after leaving the convention area.

Props are acceptable as long as they:

- Are made of wood, plastic, foam, or similar material
- Are less than 7ft in any direction and less than 50lbs
- Have been checked in and have received the approval marking
- Have no sharp edges
- Do not have chains longer than 18in
- Do not contain metal





# HARASSMENT POLICY

Setsucon has a zero-tolerance policy regarding harassment. Harassment is defined by the victim. Harassment can include, but is not limited to:

- Any action that can intimidate, insult, offend, or ridicule another person for any reason including, but not limited to race, color, gender identity or expression, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran's status, appearance or body size, and/or relationship status.
- Any behavior that threatens, humiliates, manipulates, degrades, or undermines another person.
- Unwelcome physical or verbal attention.
- Non-consensual sexual advances, flirtation, photography, or recording.
- Requests for sexual favors.
- Any action often referred to as "bullying".
- Any action that may be physically, emotionally, or mentally harmful to another person.

Remember, cosplay is not consent. Please be kind, polite, and courteous to other people. If someone asks you to leave a conversation or stop doing something that makes them or someone else uncomfortable, please abide by their request.

If you or anyone you know experiences or witnesses any verbal or physical action that may be considered harassment or bullying, please notify a staff member immediately. Setsucon will take any action necessary to prevent or stop the harassment or bullying from occurring including but not limited to, in no particular order:

- A single verbal warning.
- Revocation of badge without refund.
- Immediate removal from the premises.
- Placement of offender on blacklist for all future Setsucon events.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities where appropriate.

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# Setsu Odori

## LATE NIGHT DANCE

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# GUESTS



**Anne Yatco**  
VOICE OVER GUEST

Anne Yatco is a Filipino-American voice actor (and former forensic scientist).

She's best known as the English voice of Nobara Kugusaki in *Jujutsu Kaisen*, Raiden Shogun in *Genshin Impact*, and Sabine Dupain-Cheng in *Miraculous Ladybug*.

Her anime credits include *Digimon Adventure 2020*, *Bleach: Thousand Year Blood War*, *Inu-Oh*, *Bastard*, *Prince of Tennis*, *Blue Period*, *Sakugan*, *To Your Eternity*, *Beastars*, *Violet Evergarden: The Movie*, and *Devilman Crybaby*.

Her video game credits include: *Tower of Fantasy*, *Nikke*, *Crisis Core Reunion*, *Fire Emblem Heroes*, *Ghostwire: Tokyo*, *Shadowverse*, *Smite*, *Naraka Bladepoint*, *Neo: The World Ends with You*, *Epic Seven*, and *Final Fantasy 7 Remake*.

You can also hear her in the animated series *Rainbow High* and *Jade Armour*, and the award-winning podcast *Solar*. In her spare time, Anne plays games, streams on Twitch, is a total foodie, and loves naps.



**Chris Hackney**  
VOICE OVER GUEST

Chris Hackney is an American voice actor currently residing in Los Angeles, CA. Originally from Florida, Chris found his way to acting when in college for music and looking for more outlets for artistic expression, discovering an entire new world of creativity in acting. Several years of training and a cross-country move later, Chris has found his life and passion in voiceover.

Chris can be heard in various forms including commercials, video games, anime, and animation, and he's currently most well-known for titles such as *Fire Emblem*, *K Project*, *Hunter x Hunter*, *Mega Man 11*, *Valkyria Chronicles 4*, and *Gundam SEED*. Chris is always looking forward to the next exciting opportunity he can lend his passion to.



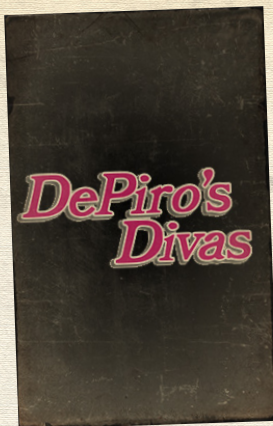


### **Antipode** PERFORMANCE GUEST

Antipode is an eccentric dance group that has combined their love of otaku/nerd culture with their love of belly dancing to create a unique form of dance known as geek belly dancing. Antipode performs throughout the year at numerous conventions. They were founded in 2005 and have performed all over the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

The group is currently made up of three dancers: co-directors Ayla, the choreographer, and Merika, the costumer; and member Kaiya, our quirky propmaster. Though primarily the three, Antipode has had multiple guest dancers grace their shows.

Fusing the theatrics of acting with a mix of cosplay, pop-culture, and off-beat humor, Antipode brings the audience not just dance, but full geek entertainment.



### **DePiro's Divas** PERFORMANCE GUEST

Step into the world of DePiro's Divas! This incredible group of drag performers lights up stages all across the East Coast with their electrifying shows. From dazzling lip-syns to jaw-dropping performances, these divas bring top-notch entertainment that leaves audiences wanting more.

DePiro's Divas focuses on bringing a celebration of diversity and self-expression. They create a welcoming space where everyone feels accepted and empowered.



### **Heroes 4 Hire** MUSICAL GUEST

Hailing from the city of brotherly love, the Nerdcore hip hop duo known as Heroes 4 Hire are convention elite panelists and party conductors. This dynamic duo consists of Ray Riley Tha Shinigami and Tray-Digga, the Legendary Super Saiyan. H4H is best known for their animated performances and hardcore delivery.

Ray Riley, also known as DotSh1n is a Philadelphia based Producer/DJ/MC who is no stranger to music. He's been producing for well over a decade, focusing on EDM, video game remixes, and originals.

Tray-Digga is a Philadelphia based Hip Hop recording artist and award winning freestyler.

The legacy of two legends, radio's DJ Sonny "The Mighty Burner" Hopson and party planner Monica "Rappin Cuz" Waldon, he was nurtured in musical elements from birth.



# GUESTS



**Lex Winter**  
PANELS & TABLETOP GUEST

Lex Winter is a fan of many things, which anime and Japanese culture are but one (admittedly large) sphere.

After discovering the medium through *Dragon Ball Z* in high school, they spent their formative college years indulging in giant robots, *Pokemon*, JPRGs, and *Rurouni Kenshin*, never expecting their coursework in cultural anthropology to ever intersect with their burgeoning fandom identity. This was only the first of many instances when the Universe decided to troll them for their obliviousness.

They've been a guest lecturer at Katsucon, Colossalcon, Tekko, Anime Boston, Anime North, Otakon, and many other shows, often coming back year after year to both indulge their love of anime conventions and educate their fellow fans on all manner of mythology, Japanese sacred culture, fan culture, and whatever else grabs their interests.



**Megatronix**  
MUSICAL GUEST

Get ready to enter the world of Synthwave and Power Metal when Megatronix hits the stage!

This band, which combines the power of two great sounds of music, has been taking over conventions recently, including RetroGameCon, Neon Retro Fest, Neotropolis, and Long Island Retro Gaming Expo. You can also see them making an appearance on the MetalJesusRocks YouTube Channel.



**Pixel Pop**  
MAID CAFE GUEST

Need to restore your HP after a long day of roaming the dealers' room? Come enjoy delicious refreshments, live performances, and interactive games with Pixel Pop Maid Cafe! Inspired by the Japanese maid cafes of Akihabara, Pixel

Pop adds a video game-themed twist to create a cafe where YOU are the Hero! Visit the cafe and receive "Power Ups" from our maids to recharge your mana before continuing on your convention adventure.

We look forward to meeting all of our new and returning Heroes at Setsucon!





## Quick Save MUSICAL GUEST

We are Quick Save, six nerds from Baltimore, MD, who are here to have a funk-ed-up good time! Our sets are chocked full of video game tunes layered between jams from your favorite 90s and 2000s animation. You can expect to hear everything from nostalgic classics to modern earworms. Come for our tight rhythm section and stay for the screamin' solos from our three-piece horn section.



## ThaGataNegrra MUSICAL GUEST

Imagine a Lisa "Left-Eye" Lopes/Del Tha Funky Homosapien vocal delivery, and lyrics reminiscent of Janet, De La Soul, and Eminem, all slapped on a technicolour New Wave cosplay rave in Tokyo.

ThaGataNegrra is the vanguard in the niche genre of kawaii-hop; her rhyme arsenal runs the gamut from danceable ear candy to mind-searing aggression. Her distinct flow, catgirl persona, and kawaii aesthetic not only earned GATA the designation of "NJ's real-life Catwoman" by Indie Flava Magazine, but helped her make her own pawprint on the underground hip-hop scene and the con circuit.

The "hip-hop artist in the form of a cat girl" hits the stage as characters from anime, gaming, comics, fandom, and pop culture - but is always her brand of nyan-chic!



## Y.F.N.C.A. MUSICAL GUEST

Not every hero has a cape, but every hero has an anthem!

Explore your fandom of anime and superheroes with our Nerdcore music and videos.

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We'll watch our favorite Demon Slayer fight scenes together and do some good ol fashioned slayer/demon LARPing (live-action role playing) for those that want to swing some swords or just watch!

Visit us on Youtube and Instagram and we'll see you soon.



# COSPLAY EVENTS

Cosplay is such an integral part of conventions today! Whether it is showing off your creativity or paying homage to your favorite character - cosplay brings out the best in each of us. Check out these great cosplay events to see amazing craftsmanship and show off your creations!

## Wig Styling Competition

Check out wig styling skills in action! In the Wig Styling Competition, participants have 60 minutes to cut and style a pre-selected wig, and model it in front of our panel of judges. The stylists can maximize their score by ensuring cleanliness, complexity, wearability, & creativity - impress our judges and win a grand prize! Looking to participate? Sign-up before the event while space is available. Participants are required to bring their own styling tools; wigs and stands will be provided.

## Hall Cosplay Contest

Looking to show off your creativity? If you have made a cosplay recently, why not show off your skills? Come join our Hall Cosplay Contest! Contestants will present their handmade cosplays to judges and compete with fellow cosplay craftsmen for the chance to win a prize! Hall Cosplay contestants also get the opportunity to show off their cosplays at the Masquerade. Sign-ups are available Saturday morning in Cosplay HQ.

## Masquerade Showcase

Setsucon's premier cosplay event returns! Come be entertained with some of the top skits and talents, all on our Main Stage. Get ready for an amazing show of cosplay prowess, fashion, singing, dancing, and entertainment! Looking to participate? Sign-up ahead of the Masquerade Practice Session in the Cosplay HQ room - all are welcome to participate (solo or group performances).

## Iron Cosplay

The annual Iron Cosplay competition is back! This event puts the ultimate cosplay skills to the test - or rather how creative you can be given a box of who knows what. This event pits participants against each other in a clash of cosplay creativity, cooperation, and skill to take a random assortment of items and make a themed cosplay in a 60-minute timeframe. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun - and a prize will be handed out to the winner!







## Cosplay Meetups

Celebrate your favorite fandoms and join in with other cosplayers as they celebrate too! Meet up with other cosplayers from your favorite shows and games in our Cosplay HQ room, chat, and snag some pictures. Check out the schedule for more information about when these events may be happening.

## The Garden Photo Spot

Finding a photo shoot spot has never been so easy with the new Garden Photo Spot, located outside of the Exhibitors Hall. Stop by this new location and snag some photos with a new staple to Setsucon! But while there, please keep in mind the following: the Garden Photo Spot is for everyone - please do not block the photo spot preventing others from using it; please do not stand or walk on the Garden Photo Spot; please leave the Garden Photo Spot the way you found it - do not leave any trash or debris on it.

## Other Photo Shoot Spots

Trying to see where else would be good to take a photo? Some great spots from past years are: the downstairs back windows, the seating area outside the elevator to the Courtyard Altoona, any of the brickwalls, and the lobby of the Courtyard Altoona. Also don't be shy in asking to take cosplay photos in the Itasha Car Show space - just make sure to ask the car owners first before using their car in a photo shoot.





# COSPLAY JUDGES



**Silver Sheep**  
EMCEE

Silver Sheep is a cosplayer, streamer, and recent grad school graduate. Setsu was her first anime con (and hometown con!) and since 2017, has been its emcee! When she isn't cosplaying, Sheep occasionally streams a variety of games, studies LGBTQI+ centered psych, and hopes to educate on the psychology of video game characters using her research experience. You can find her online in under the handle SilverSh33p.



**Corwynte**  
COSPLAY JUDGE

Corwynte is a western PA based craftsmanship cosplayer who loves bringing their favorite characters to life! Cosplay has been their catalyst to learn a variety of skills, from sewing techniques and embroidery to 3d modeling and printing, and they have competed at various cons around the region. When not buried in a pile of fabric, Corwynte likes reading novels and manga, binge watching anime, and collecting shiny things.



**Minomoto**  
COSPLAY JUDGE

Minomoto - or Mino for short - has been cosplaying for about 15 years (their first ever cosplay was Axel from Kingdom Hearts), with many of that time spent cosplaying here at Setsucon! Their favorite part of cosplaying is the prop making and wig styling.



**Risuruu**  
COSPLAY JUDGE

Risuruu is a long-time cosplayer, gamer, and PSU alumnus from Erie, PA. Despite being from out of town, she considers Setsucon her "home" con and looks forward to it every year! You can mainly find her on Twitch being a silly goose learning how to speedrun games!



**Riyuski**  
COSPLAY JUDGE

Riyuski is a long time cosplayer (since 2008) who has loved seeing how the community has grown! An avid convention attendee, they love chatting with other attendees - be it just cosplaying or at an Artists Alley table! They love being a part of the Setsucon family and cannot wait to meet everyone!



# PERFORMANCE SERIES

The Setsucon Performance Series continues to expand! With musical events, dances, festivities, and so much more, the Performance Series will get you vibing to the beat, enjoying the entertainment, and having the absolute time of your life all weekend!

## DePiro's Divas

### Friday Night Drag Show

FEATURING DEPIRO'S DIVAS

Step into the world of DePiro's Divas! This incredible group of drag performers - Hexxa, Majestee, Ashlyn Manhattan, & Nes, led by their host Enigma - hit the Setsucon stage on Friday night to give all an amazing show! With dazzling lip-syncs and jaw dropping performances, you will not want to miss the kickoff event of the con - and our first drag show ever!



### Chainsaw Man Bellydance Comedy

FEATURING ANTIPODE

Setsucon staple Antipode is back at it again with their Chainsaw Man themed bellydancing spectacular! Come watch the troupe from Antipode put on the ultimate Chainsaw Man show... after all it is Denji's adventuring party! When the Chainsaw Man crew decide its time to join a D&D campaign, you know havoc is about to let loose!



### Saturday Concert

FEATURING QUICK SAVE

Gear up for a funky-up good time with the band, Quick Save! This nerd jam band from Baltimore will amaze you as they play all of your favorites from 90s and 2000s animation. You'll be jamming out to classic anime openings and modern riffs. What better way to spend your Saturday night than with some video game tunes and a three-piece horn section!



### Setsu Odori Late Night Dance

FEATURING HEROES 4 HIRE, THAGATANEGRRA, & YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD CON ARTISTS

The crew from Kawaii Kunai Music have returned to Setsucon and this time are taking over the Setsu Odori! Get on your dance outfits, find your glowsticks, and get ready to party the night away! There is no stopping this crew once they hit the stage, and you better be right along with them dancing along!

### Sunday Concert

FEATURING MEGATRONIX



Finish out your weekend with the vibes of synthwave and power metal - with a group that has been taking the anime and video game con circuit by storm. Megatronix brings a unique flavor of music to the stage and will be rocking it out as we wind down the convention weekend. Sunday won't be a slow day at all with this group hitting the stage!



# TABLETOP GAMING

Whether you are a fan of card gaming, tabletop rpgs, board games, miniatures, or just want to learn something new, our Tabletop Gaming Room combines the best of all worlds, with games, learn to plays, meetups, and activities from our tabletop partners Jake's Cards and Games, The Quelmar Group, and Snake Eyes Gaming.

## Casual Gaming

Stop by the Tabletop Gaming Room throughout the convention weekend for a multitude of games to enjoy! You'll find a wide selection of games for both the casual and the expert player. Whether you've mastered every board game out there, or just want to learn a new one, we have something for you.

Have your own tabletop games that you want to play? We have space for that too! Just find an open table and set down to play with your own board games, tabletop rpgs, card games, you name it!

## Card Gaming Meetups

It's time to battle, trade, and get together in our fun Card Gaming Meetups, presented by Jake's Cards and Games. Bring your deck, your favorite, cards, or some extras you are looking to get rid of, and find like minded players at each of these events. Each meetup will have opportunities to battle, trade, and socialize with other players. Join us in the Tabletop Gaming Room for the following meetups:

- Yu-Gi-Oh TCG
- Pokemon TCG
- One Piece TCG



## MTG Commander Grand Melee

Hear ye, hear ye all Magic Players! The MTG Grand Melee will be calling all Magic fans and Planeswalkers alike to show resolve and compete for the love of the game! Stand tall and claim victory for your Commander and yourself!



Players will register (for free) with the event staff and get sorted into 4 player groups. Those groups can play as many games as they want until they're satisfied. When done, players can reregister for another group. Players may come and go as they please. We also have door prizes and random goodies for players who demonstrate what Commander is all about: Fun.

Commander is Magic: the Gathering's most popular format. Games are played in 4 player groups with 100 card decks, built with only one copy of each unique card, headed by a Legendary Creature that dictates what colors your deck are and what strategies you're employing. Those players then battle it out for fun and glory.

## MTG Murders at Karlov Manor Pre-Release

Setucon is the same weekend as the MTG Murders at Karlov Manor Pre-Release. Something like this doesn't happen often so we wanted to make sure to bring that experience to the Setucon! Players will each be given a kit with 6 Play Boosters, a Promotional card, and a collectible die. Each player will then have 50 minutes to open those packs and build their best 40 card minimum deck. Basic lands will be provided by event staff. Players will then play a Swiss style tournament for prizes. (Note: this event has a \$40 entry fee to pay for the pre-release kit; registration begins at 9am Sunday)



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## Tabletop RPGs

There is no better feeling than being sucked into an amazing tabletop story. Join many tabletop games throughout the convention weekend and find yourself taken away to magical places.

Check out these drop-in style and learn to play games throughout the weekend, hosted by The Quelmar Realm (check schedule for times):

- Build Your Own Candela Investigator  
*Create a Character Sheet for Candela Obscura*
- Honey Heist  
*Learn to Play, Heist Game, You are a Bear*
- Ten Candles  
*Learn to Play, Tragic Horror, No Prep*
- A Familiar Problem  
*No Prep, Short Adventure, Drop In, You are a Critter*
- Time to Drop  
*Heist, Drop In, D6/Tarot Card System*
- The Quiet Year  
*Build a City in Quelmar*
- Tieling Heist  
*Learn to Play, Heist Game, You are a Baby Tieling*

You can also join longer form RPGs happening throughout the weekend, hosted by The Quelmar Realm (check schedule for times; games limited to 5 or 6 players max - signing-up ahead is preferred to reserve spot):

- Build Your Own DnD Character  
*Learn How to Create Your Own DnD Character*
- Welcome to Dino Island (5e)  
*Jurassic Park Inspired*
- Aliens One-Shot (Year Zero)  
*Ridley Scott's Aliens Themed, Learn to Play*
- The Seance (Candela Obscura)  
*1930s Investigation Role Play, Learn to Play*
- Fowl Endeavour (5e)  
*DnD 5e, Light-Hearted, Learn to Play*
- Lost Tomb of Khaem (5e)  
*DnD 5e, Learn to Play*
- The Curse of the Sea Witch (Perils & Princesses)  
*Light Hearted, Learn to Play*
- Dastardly Disco (5e)  
*DnD 5e, Learn to Play*

Lastly, don't miss out on a special Tabletop RPG game hosted by Lex Winter. Space is limited, so arrive ahead of time to try and get a spot.

## About Our Tabletop Partners

### Jake's Cards and Games



A local Central PA gaming shop, Jake's Cards and Games, located in Bellefonte, PA, has been a staple in the Setsucon Tabletop Gaming Room since 2016. Hosting numerous card gaming tournaments and meetups while providing plenty of board games for others to play, Jake's Cards and Games brings the game shop to you in the Tabletop Room.

### The Quelmar Realm



The Quelmar Realm is a 501c3 charity organization that builds community through TTRPG. They serve the State College, PA and Baltimore, MD areas, as well as a wider online community through a thriving discord server that hosts weekly games. Quelmar is all about providing resources to players so that no story goes untold. They have a world setting for them to create in and an expansive wiki that they can both read and add to in order to find a place for their game and story to find its place. They also provide resources such as an Arkenforge account that they are able to allow DMs to use, a Twitch stream and podcast to broaden their stories, and a team of fellow DMs that can support and help provide feedback in creating the next generation of Game Masters after them.

### Snake Eyes Gaming



An Altoona-based shop Snake Eyes Gaming, specializes in tabletop gamings, card games, board games, role playing games, tabletop accessories, and more.

With two dedicated RPG rooms, a large play area for tabletop gaming, and plenty of space for card and board gaming, Snake Eyes is jam packed with activities for any tabletop gamer to enjoy!



# VIDEO GAMING

Head on over to the Video Gaming Room presented by Origin of Play, Snow Phoenix, and Kawaii Catchers during the convention to play some of your favorite video games, retro games, arcade, rhythm, party games, and more. Or join us for some of our tournaments happening throughout the weekend. It's a video game party and you are invited!

## Console Gaming

No matter the style of game you are looking for, hop on one of the many consoles, both modern and retro, and give a try in the Console Gaming section of the Video Gaming Room, presented by Origin of Play. Their catalog consists of all the fan favorites, including numerous fighting games, rhythm style games, and party games.

## Arcade Cabinets

Take yourself away on a trip to a Japanese arcade and play some of the best arcade cabinets, provided by Snow Phoenix! Check out the different arcade cabinets, with popular types of cabinets, such as dance and rhythm games. Or give yourself a test by playing some of the Japanese crane machines, provided by Kawaii Catchers. Test your skill and precision to try and win fun prizes from these machines!



## About Our Video Game Partners

### Origin of Play

Origin of Play strives to be the best possible Gaming Entertainment Company possible. With each event, they bring their imagination and vision to life to create a game room for everyone. Origin of Play has been the go-to place for gaming in the Northeast region with their belief that everyone enjoys having fun and bringing out their inner-child! They provide a variety of gaming options that are guaranteed to keep attendees of all ages happy and smiling.

### Snow Phoenix

Snow Phoenix has been bringing the next level of Japanese arcades to cons all across the East Coast! A staple at anime con game rooms, you can find SPX bringing the very best from their diverse stock of imported cabinets. They are always ready and excited to be able to help take con game rooms to the next level. Find them providing a great selection of authentic arcade machines that you would not normally find in arcades across America.

### Kawaii Catchers

Bringing authentic Japanese crane machines from Japan to an event near you. Our machines require both skill and precision to win the prizes. We fill our machines with a wide arrangement of both Japanese and American prizes, such as plushies, figures, keychains, and more! They have famous crane machines like SEGA's UFA Catcher 7, 7s, and A La Carte II. These crane machines provide a variety of challenges and tests of skill.





## Tournaments

Show off your gaming skills and enter our tournaments for a chance to be the ultimate champion in this winter season battle! All tournaments are free to enter & can be registered for either in-person or online at our website. For each tournament, it is strongly recommended that you bring your own controllers and equipment (your own Switch is required for Pokemon tournament).

This year, we will be hosting the following:

- Guilty Gear - STRIVE -
- Capcom's Street Fighter 6
- Melty Blood Type Lumina
- Pokemon Scarlet/Violet
- Beyblade (Side Event)
- Mortal Kombat 1
- Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising
- Bandai Namco's Tekken 8

## Game Gauntlet

Do you consider yourself a master of all video games? Then test your mettle at the 6th Annual Setsucon Game Gauntlet! This bracket-style tournament features a variety of different games, eras, tricks, traps, & more. Stop by the Video Gaming Room throughout the weekend to sign-up, and then get ready to go on Sunday as it is an all out race to the finish. And an audience is requested - make sure to come cheer on the participants throughout their gaming adventure!



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# AMV CONTEST

Are you a fan of AMVs? If you like great music combined with your favorite anime, come check out the AMV Contest! Sit back, watch amazing visual creations, and enjoy this amazing art and talent which celebrates anime at its finest level.

## AMV Contest Showing

Join us as we showcase the many AMVs from around the world that were entered into our contest this year! From laugh out loud comedies to tearjerking videos, our AMV entries cover the full spectrum of emotions sliced together for a major joyride. You won't want to miss the talent on display here. And even better - you have a vote in giving away our Best in Show and category awards - so come early to grab your ballot and enjoy the show.

## AMV Overflow & Awards

Join us on Sunday for a chance to catch many of the other AMV submissions that just missed the cut from making it into our main contest. And stay for the entire show to find out all of our award winners for Setsucon 2024!



## Previous Winners

### 2023 Award Winning AMVs

- Best In Show: Dancing With Blades  
by Speedy180
- Judges' Choice: Dancing With Blades  
by Speedy180
- Action/Drama: Vehemence  
by Mihanbao
- Comedy/Parody: A Fistful of Woolongs  
by ZeonicFreak
- Dance/Upbeat: One Step at a Time  
by SonsofKorhal9
- Romantic/Sent.: Waving Through  
by Opner

### 2022 Award Winning AMVs

- Best In Show: HELLSLAYERS  
by Silent Hero Studios
- Judges' Choice: A Jedi's Survival  
by SilkAMV
- Action/Drama: HELLSLAYERS  
by Silent Hero Studios
- Dance/Comedy: Run Baby Run  
by Phlashbak
- Romantic/Sent.: I Take This On The Weekend  
by PotsAndPants

### 2020 Award Winning AMVs

- Best In Show: Flyers  
by Zeeruy
- Judges' Choice: Dragon Dreamer  
by Silent Hero Studios
- Action/Drama: This Is How We Burn  
by Opner
- Comedy/Upbeat: Ghostbusters  
by Nuke
- Romantic/Sent.: Breakdown  
by TwiggigFiggly

### 2019 Award Winning AMVs

- Best In Show: Happy Little Clouds  
by Glitzer
- Judges' Choice: S is for Sadistic  
by Kyci
- Action/Drama: Tokyo Ghoul Survivor  
by Erik Heckert
- Comedy/Upbeat: Hero Creation  
by PaNTSU oF d00m
- Romantic/Sent.: Never Enough  
by Anime Twins



# ITASHA CAR SHOW

Check out a showcase of itasha and anime-inspired cars in the Itasha Car Show, presented by Isekai'd Dreams. See cars decked out from front to rear in anime gear, replicas of famous anime vehicles, or just awesome modded up rides!

## Hours (In Exhibitors)

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

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## What is Itasha?

Starting in the 1980s with the import of Italian and luxury cars into Japan and growing tremendously in the 21st century, itasha is a style of car decorating that traditionally consists of applying stickers/paint schemes (or wraps) inspired by anime, manga, or video games. Famous in the Akihabara, Nipponbashi, and Osu areas of Japan, itasha has spread around the world and to all different medias - with a strong following in Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, and here in the United States. It has even achieved traction from companies, such as Good Smile Co., which featured a Miku car in 2008.



# MAID CAFE

With a blend of cosplay, games, music, performances, and hospitality, the Setsucon Maid Cafe, presented by Pixel Pop, is an event that is sure to be something special!

## Cafe Seating Times

Sign-up in advanced outside the Maid Cafe Room to book your time for the following seatings. There is a fee of \$15 per person to sign-up, which includes the one-hour block, dessert, and refreshments. Each seating is available while seats are available; once full, no additional seats will be added.

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm

12:30pm - 1:30pm

2:30pm - 3:30pm

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

2:30pm - 3:30pm

4:00pm - 5:00pm

## About Pixel Pop

Established in 2019 in the DC Metro Area, Pixel Pop is a gaming-themed maid cafe where YOU are the here! They host pop up events and convention cafes throughout the east-coast catering towards the "nerd" scene.



## Maid Cafe Rules

During your time at the Maid Cafe, please make sure to abide by the following rules. Any rule infractions may result in removal from the Maid Cafe without refund, or escalation to the Convention Operations Department.

- Do not touch the maids.
- Do not ask for the maids' personal information.
- Do not change seats.
- Do not linger when your time is up.
- Do make sure to have fun & play lots of games!



# MANGA LIBRARY

Do you love reading manga? Take a break and enjoy our extensive manga library! We have over 500 volumes to choose from - with both popular titles & new ones to explore!

Unleash your inner bookwork, sit down, and find something we are sure you'll love!

## PSAO Manga Library Recommended Titles

We give thanks to the Penn State Anime Organization, known simply as PSAO, for providing part of their extensive library for us to use. With more than 600 titles and over 2,500 volumes of manga, the PSAO Manga Library provides members of the organization, Penn State students, and the local community a place to relax and enjoy the medium that they love.

The PSAO Laura Rayman Memorial Manga Library, which was renamed in 2016 in memory of long-time Setsucon attendee, manga library, and Central PA native Laura Rayman, is a fast growing collection of titles both new and old. Their collection is mostly donation based, having grown over the years as members have helped stock the shelves. A true symbol of the organization, the manga library is one of the first sights a new member sees as they walk into the organization's office at the Pennsylvania State University.



### Vagabond

It's the year 1600. The decisive battle of Sekigahara is over. Takezo Shinmen and Matahachi Hon'idan are badly wounded after the battle. After resting with two looters who were scouring the battlefield, the two men are attacked by a gang who demands the spoils of their looter employees. Takezo reveals his prowess with the sword, dispatching the group but losing his only companion who decides to stay with the looters. Now alone, Takezo wanders the lands, challenging strong foes and killing all who dare to cross his path - for he is "invincible under the sun."

### Kamisama Kiss

Nanami Momozomo is in a rut with her father throwing her life savings into the casino throughout her high school years. One day, her father leaves with only a note stating to never follow him. Now homeless, Nanami rescues a man, Mikage, who rewards her with a home; an old shrine. With nowhere else to go, Nanami takes the offer and is suddenly thrust into a whole new line of godly troubles. With her mentor and guardian, Tomoe the Fox, Nanami must now navigate the responsibilities... of the next god of the shrine? Run away with Kamisama Kiss, a romcom for the ages!

### Marchen Awakens Romance

Ginta Toramizu is bored with day-to-day life. He dreamed of adventuring into a fairy tale world, to be the hero of his own story. He would get his wish when a portal to the world in his daydreams opens in his elementary school's classroom. Falling into this new realm, Ginta makes new friends and learns of the magical ARMs, powerful weapons scattered across the land, but Ginta is far more interested in discovering more about the world he dreamed up. But not everyone in his dreams wants this new hero to rise and wants the ARMs to end this fairy tale for good. Find out more of Ginta's story in Marchen Awakens Romance.



# SWAP MEET

If you have merch, toys, games, collectables, or items that are looking for a new home, stop by the Swap Meet on Friday Night to see what items you can grab in exchange! Walk away from the event with your new favorite figure, DVD, manga volume, and more.

## Swap Meet Rules

To help make the swap meet safe, fair, & organized, all swappers must abide by the following:

- The primary swapper must be at least 16 years of age at the time of the event.
- All swappers must have a valid badge at the time of the event.
- Space is First Come, First Served.
- No money exchanges – this is an item for item swapping event.
- All exchanges must be done at the event; no exchanges can be done outside of the Swap Meet.
- Items should be in good condition; avoid bringing items that have rips, stains, or are in very poor condition. Older items with some wear are fine.
- Be respectful to others; if a swap cannot be made, then please move on.
- Commissions are prohibited.



- Shelving, racks, tables, etc. are not allowed to be brought into the room. Space at a table will be provided if available; all items shall fit in that space.
- Keep an eye on your own items; Setsucon is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- The following items are not allowed: Bootlegs, Weaponry of Any Kind, Metal Props, Flammable/Combustible Items, Unlicensed Reproductions, Food, Snacks, Beverages, Contact Lenses, 18+ or Adult Merchandise, Personally Created Artwork.

# CHIBI SETSU

Do you have a younger attendee with you and want to continue to expose them to anime? Then stop by our Chibi Setsu Room on Saturday for children's themed activities built just for them! With age appropriate activities, this is a great place for those 12yo & younger!

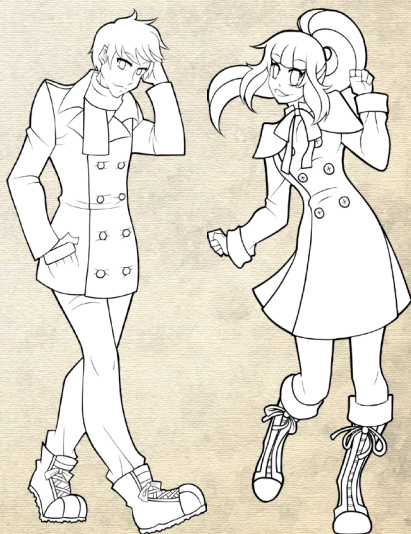
## Hours

Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

## Activities

Chibi Setsu is a place where children ages 5 to 12 can magically experience the world of anime! At Chibi Setsu, children can participate in awesome anime-themed activities. Whether it be through board games or drawing activities, Chibi Setsu is the perfect place for children attending Setsucon to have fun. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Activities include:

- Anime Drawing/Coloring Activities
- Origami
- Anime Board Games
- Children's Manga
- Pokemon & Yu-Gi-Oh Card Games
- Icebreaker Games
- Haiku Contest





# SILENT AUCTION

Returning for its sixth year, the Silent Auction is dedicated in memory of the late voice actor, Setsucon guest, and Pennsylvania native Billy Kametz. Visit the Silent Auction booth in the Exhibitors Hall to place your bids in support of the Colon Cancer Coalition.

## *Silent Auction Rules* *Colon Cancer Coalition*

- Bidding Opens at 10:00am Saturday
- Bidding Closes at 1:00pm Sunday
- All new bids must increase by a minimum of \$5.
- All winners must be able to pick up their prizes on Sunday, between 1pm and 4pm; winners will be contacted via phone call/text - after three missed attempts to contact, the next highest bidder will be selected.
- Payments can be made in person via cash or credit card donation to the Colon Cancer Coalition.
- Bidding may be halted or extended at any time at the discretion of the Setsucon Staff.
- Purchasing of items outright is not allowed; all items must be won via bidding.

The Colon Cancer Coalition raises awareness about the importance of colorectal screenings and colonoscopies to decrease deaths from colon cancer. Donate today to support their cause at [coloncancercoalition.org](http://coloncancercoalition.org).

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& PA Native  
Billy Kametz*



# THE JARED BOX

Join us in supporting the Jared Box Project by donating gifts, toys, games, and more to make a box of play for children in emergency rooms, hospitals, and surgical centers.

## *Hours (In Exhibitors)*

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

## *Donate Toys & Gifts*

Help support our creation of Jared Boxes by donating toys and gifts. The toy collection will take place in our Exhibitors Hall at the Jared Box table. Please see the list below for toy suggestions. All toys/books must be new and small enough to fit in a plastic shoebox. We can NOT accept food, holiday items, glass items, choking hazards, pencil sharpeners, or bubbles.

## *About Jared Box Project*

The Jared Box Project was started in 2001 in State College, Pennsylvania, to honor Jared, a brave little boy who battled cancer with a courage and faith that continues to inspire us all.

Since then, more than 999,000 Jared Boxes have been delivered to over 400 hospitals across the United States. Boxes filled with the "gift of play" are given to young patients in emergency rooms, hospital rooms, surgical centers, and clinics. Each box contains small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books and fun activities selected for a specific age group and gender.

Some suggestions for donations include: softcover books, cardboard books, rattles, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, small toys that clip on strollers/cribs, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, light up toys, musical toys, colorful pillowcases, crayons, coloring books, activity kits, reading books, puzzles, travel games, fun socks, small dolls, stickers, craft kits, journals, and action figures.





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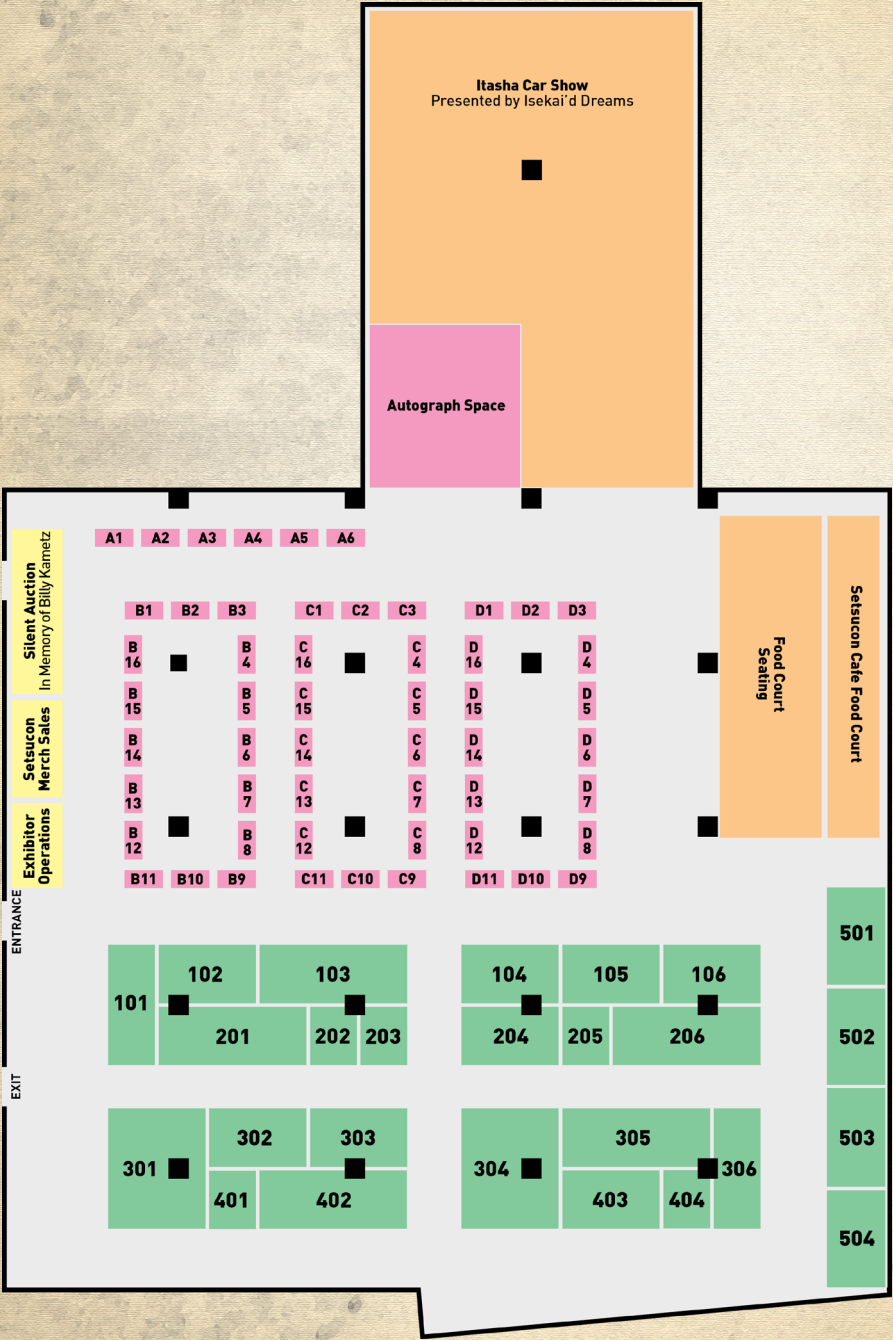


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# EXHIBITORS





## List of Artists

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A3	Kawaii Kunai	C8	cheppoly
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A5	Quick Save Band	C10	Gerry Selian
A6	DePiro's Divas	C11	Easybriizy Draws
B1	Seabunnyart	C12	On Dragon's Wing Studio
B2	Mintimeli	C13	HEYUWITHEFACE
B3	kurapixel	C14	CHIOU
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B6	Blulious	D1	scrims
B7	Huiyi Kuo Prints	D2	Caffeinated Rabbit Art
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B9	Jason Lenox	D4	Cindy Tran Art
B10	Belli-Buttons	D5	Sewing With Whiskers
B11	Senpai Sauce	D6	Hikazio
B12	Atelier in April	D7	Gendakiwi
B13	Lavenderlce	D8	IMINZEMI
B14	Cafe Beret	D9	GARBO GUTS
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## Special Events, Activities, & Areas

### Itasha Car Show

Check out the amazing anime & Japanese inspired cars, presented by Isekai'd Dreams.

### Setsucon Cafe Food Court

Grab a bite to eat at the onsite cafe, presented by the Blair County Convention Center.

### Silent Auction & Jared Box Project

Support our great charitable causes by checking out our Silent Auction or stopping by the Jared Box Project (A1) areas.

### Bubble Tea & Sweets

Get your bubble tea fix by stopping at Koala Tea (505) or grab some great homemade desserts from At Your Service Maid Cafe (404).



# FOOD GUIDE

Enjoy a bite to eat throughout the con weekend! Stop by the Food Court in the Exhibitors Hall throughout Saturday and Sunday, or drop in to the Courtyard Altoona next door for Breakfast and Dinner. You can even venture outside to some of our favorite spots!

## Onsite Food Court

### Entrees & Platters

Yuengling Meatloaf	7.25
w/ French Fries, Corn, & Roll	
Penne Pasta with Chunky Marinara	6.00
w/ Meatballs	7.25
w/ Grilled Chicken Breast	7.75
Chicken Tenders & Fries	8.00

### Sandwich Platters\*

Mountain Top Burger	7.25
w/ Onions, Bacon, Lettuce, & Tomato	
Charcoal Roasted BBQ Pork Sandwich	6.50
w/ Texas BBQ Sauce	
Cheese Steak Platter Sandwich	7.75
w/ Peppers, Onions, & Cheese	
Meatball Grinder Sandwich	6.75
w/ Shredded Mozzarella & Provolone	
Hot Sausage Sandwich	6.75
w/ Peppers, Onions, & Garlic	
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	7.50
w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion	
Meatless Chicken Sandwich	7.75
w/ Lettuce & Tomato (vegetarian)	

### Pizza, Fries, & Sides

Plain or Pepperoni Pizza	7.25
Mac & Cheese	4.50
Frankfurters	2.25
French Fries	3.50
Salad Du Jour	2.50
Assorted Chips & Pretzels	1.00

### Beverages

Assorted Soda	3.00
Spring Water	2.25

### Desserts

Assorted Ice Cream Novelties	3.00
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**\*Gluten Free Roll & Vegetarian Sandwich Options Available**

*Food Court is Located in Exhibitors Hall  
Menu Items, Prices, & Hours are Subject  
to Change at the Discretion of the Venue*

## Courtyard Altoona

The connected Courtyard Altoona hotel will have onsite breakfast, Starbucks, and dinner available in the hotel lobby. Stop over for a quick bite to eat or a late night snack.

## Local Recommendations

### Aki Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi

Be taken into a memorable dining experience for sushi, hibachi, steak, and more.

### Allegheny Creamery & Crepes

Experience French cuisine in the heart of Altoona! Perfect spot for breakfast or lunch!

### Knickerbocker Tavern

Delicious and unique food options, craft beers, and a piece of Altoona history awaits!

### Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.

Visit Altoona's home for pizza, Italian dishes, & microbrews (try the crab rangoon pizza)!

### McAbee's Super Subs

You won't be hungry after stopping here - big subs & platters - don't miss out on this!

### Texas Hot Dogs

An Altoona staple for over 100 years, it is known for their unique sauces & killer dogs!

## Other Places to Try

### American

Eat'n Park	814-943-4070
Jethro's Altoona	814-942-2178

### Barbecue

Old Carolina Barbecue	814-949-9222
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### Breakfast

Cracker Barrel	814-944-0691
Denny's	814-942-4223

### Chinese

China Buffet	814-695-9005
Gourmet Buffet	814-942-6663
No 1 Chinese	814-949-9583

### Mexican

El Campesino	814-944-3121
La Fiesta	814-201-2811
Plaza Azteca	814-317-5246

### Pizza

Bella Italia Pizza	814-944-6015
Brothers Pizza	814-942-1900
Dino's Pizza	814-940-8447



# LOCAL DISCOUNTS

Explore Altoona throughout the convention weekend to grab some great food at a discount - all thanks to your Setsucon badge! Experience some of what Altoona has to offer by stopping by some of these great restaurants and grabbing a bite to eat.

## Show Your Badge

Your Setsucon Badge gets you access to discounts from Friday, February 2nd til Sunday, February 4th at our partner restaurants in our Show Your Badge Discount Program. Head on over to our partner restaurants during the convention weekend, show your badge/mention Setsucon, and you'll get the associated discount at each.

We want to thank all of the participating businesses for being a part of our discount program. Make sure to stop by during the con to take advantage of these discounts - the more people who use them this year, the better chance of more discounts next year!

## Discount Partners

Grab a discount at these participating places:

### Arby's- 10% Off

524 W Plank Road, Altoona, PA 16601  
814-942-4725 | [www.arbys.com](http://www.arbys.com)

### Denny's- 15% Off

220 Park Hills Plaza, Altoona, PA 16602  
814-942-4223 | [www.dennys.com](http://www.dennys.com)

### Little Tokyo- 15% Off

2720 Plank Road, Altoona, PA 16601  
814-317-5635 | [www.mealkeyway.com](http://www.mealkeyway.com)

### Panda Express- 10% Off

240 Park Hills Plaza, Altoona, PA 16602  
814-940-7208 | [www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com)

# WILD BILL'S SODA

Get your taste buds ready for the best soda you can find! Wild Bill's returns to Setsucon once again to share their heavenly sodas with you. Purchase one of their mugs and let the carbonation start flowing! Find them by the balcony in the upper level.

## About Wild Bill's

As a veteran-owned and operated company, Wild Bill's Craft Beverage Co. does more than just serve up the most delicious, authentic, vintage sodas and craft beverages in American. They go out of their way to invest in the men and women who put their lives on the line for our great country, and for everyone who lives here.

By reimagining Wild Bill's potential, Michael & Michael have been able to help dozens of their fellow veterans translate their military skills into civilian professions, providing franchise opportunities to those looking for an entrepreneurial lifestyle, which means you get to enjoy those tasty beverages knowing you're supporting the fine folks who laid it all on the line for you!





# TREASURE HUNT

Our Deep Sea Staff have hidden treasure throughout the convention center! It is up to you to find it as our Adventurers! Figure out each of the hints below and stop by the location described to scout out your treasure - pick up a sticker at each of the specific places' staff. Discover all locations to unveil the treasure under the Setsucon sea!

1

*Where costumes craft tales, and sketches prevail,  
at Setsucon's creative side, what haven I for artists  
worldwide?*

2

*Amidst the code's symphony, where bits dance in  
harmony, in Setsucon's virtual domain, what room  
holds the digital terrain?*

3

*Within the realm of printed lore, where fanatics  
explore, at Setsucon's collection of ink and dream,  
what library stands as a fandom's gleam?*

4

*Not a celestial sphere, but where gaming strategies  
adhere. In Setsucon's realm of dice and play, what  
room ignites strategies in a gamer's array?*

5

*Amidst the marketplace's bustling cheer, where  
treasures of fandom appear, in Setsucon's square,  
what marketplace enthralls all?*

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## Open Stage

The Stage Awaits! A Fan Favorite Con Feature is Here to Celebrate Your Talents!  
Step Right Up to the Stage and Show Off Your Skits, Dances, Music, & More.  
No Need to Sign-Up - the Stage is Always Available

Located Outside of the Video Gaming Room

Note: Be Mindful of Those Around You; Excessive Noise is Not Allowed

 arda wigs  
*Make a little magic*





# GUEST PANELS

## **Are You a Hero? A Discussion of Urban Youth & Anime** w/ Heroes 4 Hire

Join your favorite multimedia universe jumping emcee producer team Heroes 4 Hire as they take you on a journey to discuss how closely otaku culture and urban communities relate. Ray Riley will break down soundtracks and beat similarities and Tray Digga will break down characters and references that have been used in songs meanwhile, telling their individual stories and expanding the H4H mythology. Come "Hero Up" and see beyond the looking glass.

## **Chainsaw Man Bellydance Comedy Show** w/ Antipode

Oh, CRIT! Roll for initiative! Aki has offered to be the Game Master for Power, and Denji's adventuring party! But alas, Aki's worst fear is coming true; these PC's are constantly having a power struggle with each other and destroying the campaign! Feel free to laugh and cheer during this comedic dance show as these CHAOTIC devil hunters might CRITICALLY FAIL. Watch the two partners enter combat, as all their havoc CANTRIP them into trouble with Aki! Bring your jam bread and your friends! Everyone is welcome to this all ages show, no contracts required! Watch this, and tell the tale! Fusing the theatrics of acting with a mix of cosplay, pop-culture, and off-beat humor Antipode brings the audience not just dance, but full geek entertainment.

## **Demon Slayer Cosplay Meetup** w/ Friendly Neighborhood Con Artists

Not every hero has a cape, but every hero has an anthem! Explore your fandom of anime and superheroes with our Nerdcore music and videos. It's Your Friendly Neighborhood Con Artists! We'll watch our favorite Demon Slayer fight scenes together, raffle prizes, and do some good ol fashioned slayer/demon LARPing (live-action role playing) for those that want to swing some swords or just watch!

## **Fun and Games & the Black Bulls!** w/ Antipode

Ha-ha! Attention all Magic knights, Black Clover fans, and otaku! You're invited to a panel full of games, prizes, and fun with Antipode! Can you stump our game masters or will you consult your Magic Grimoire? Never give up! Come bring your knowledge, skills, and friends as we will have games for individuals and squads! Everyone is welcome! Yu-no you don't want to miss this!

## **Hayao Miyazaki: A Storyteller's Journey** w/ Lex Winter

Guess what: Miyazaki retired again. Or came out of retirement. Or changed his mind on what anime is/ is not. All of it, really. With the release of "The Boy and the Heron," the legendary director returned to the medium that made him an international success. But how has this movie changed or enhanced his legacy? How has the recent death of his mentor impacted him? How has he reinvented his craft, or himself. Let's look at his entire career and make the call for ourselves.

## **Jackbox Games** w/ Anne Yatco

Have a fun Sunday by playing your favorite Jackbox games with VA Anne Yatco!

## **Kawaii on the Fly: Getting the Cosplay Look You Want** w/ ThaGataNegrra

So you have a cosplay you'd like to do but don't have much time, and few resources. Don't panic! Cosplay can just take a little ingenuity and a lot of improvisation. You just have to know where to look. Cosplaying "kawaii-hop" artist ThaGataNegrra will show you how to get a great look—maybe with things you already have! She will also tell you how to get some Japanese street style with simple techniques that work.

## **Learn To Geeky Bellydance: Black Clover** w/ Antipode

Calling all magic knights and squad members! Do you want to learn to belly dance? Do you want a few new Charmy moves for the dance floor? Is your magic never giving up... on trying new things? Bring your magic grimoire and friends, as Antipode teaches you some new moves and a short choreography to a NEW Black Clover theme song! Antipode has been teaching dance for over 15 years, ha-ha! Everyone (black bulls included) is welcome in this judgment free class!

## **The Life and Times of Godzilla** w/ Lex Winter

When you think giant monsters, usually the first, last, and only option revolves around one gigantic mutated dinosaur known as the King of Monsters. Gojira, Godzilla, he goes by those names and more. This panel looks at his entire life story from his origins as an avatar of nuclear destruction, to his superhero phase, his reinvention, and his two SUBSEQUENT ones as well. We leave (almost) nothing out. Not even the US versions.



## **Madness of Junji Ito**

w/ Lex Winter

This man is insane. Or maybe not. When you hear the name Junji Ito, it conjures up terror, body horror, bizarre faces, the uncanny valley, and elder beings/situation/worlds. But who is the man BEHIND this? This panel explores Ito the man, the mangaka, and the fan himself- someone who took his passion and turned it into a career that has inspired countless others to pursue their own.

## **Video Game Voice Acting**

w/ Chris Hackney

Voice acting in a video game can be tough... but VA Chris Hackney has taken on the challenge in many games, including in the Fire Emblem series, Al: The Synchronic Files, Code Vein, Genshin Impact, Shin Megami Tensei, The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom, and the upcoming Persona 3 Reload. Learn more about what it takes to be a video game voice actor and see if this may be in your future!

## **Voice Acting Q&A**

w/ Chris Hackney & Anne Yatco

Looking to learn more about voice acting and hear stories from the voices behind your favorite characters? Join VAs Chris Hackney and Anne Yatco as they answer questions, talk about their careers, and give you insight into what got them to where they are today.





# FAN PANELS

## Anime Fandom

### **Finding the Horror in Anime w/ Consider the Nonsense**

Good horror can be hard to find in anime, but that doesn't mean it's not out there. From spooky atmospheres, thrilling moments, and constant nightmares, there's something for everyone. Let us be your guides on a journey through some of the darker and spookier elements of anime.

### **Gettin' Ghibli With It w/ Vitamin H**

A different take on a typical Studio Ghibli panel that focuses less on the films themselves and more on the magic behind the wonder of the "Japanese Disney" - a Kingdom of Dreams and Madness two legendary animators worked themselves (and those around them) to the bone to create.

### **Getting Into Gundam w/ Consider the Nonsense**

The Gundam franchise is almost half a century old. In that time there have been dozens of Gundam stories told across multiple continuities. With so much to choose from, where do you even begin? We'll help you untangle the web of continuity and choose your own starting point.

### **Hilarious Hentai Dubs [18+] w/ Vitamin H**

Experience the world of outrageously over-the-top adult anime dubbing. Whether it's bizarre lines, contrived plots, insane innuendos, or just plain bad acting, you're sure to laugh out loud as we bask in the madness of some of the best(?) English-dubbed scenes from adult anime.

### **Hot Dads of Anime w/ Vitamin H**

Oyajicons rejoice! If you like your anime men to be a bit more on the mature side, maybe with a beard or a bit of scruffy stubble, then you're not alone! Come join Vitamin H for this hour-long collection of the best ossans anime has to offer, including some you might not've met before.

### **I Read Every JoJo Spin-Off So You Don't Have To**

w/ Valentine (anon.galactic)

For an already long manga series that's been running for over 30 years, JoJo's Bizarre Adventure has an absurd amount of spin-off content. Novels, light novels, manga, video games, live action tv shows and movies-- Where to start? Come find out which ones you should check out, which ones to skip, and explore the wild wild west of fan-translated content about our favorite series!

### **No Really Blank Is Good - Re:Zero Edition w/ Merc with a Podcast**

In the second edition of No Really Blank is Good, our host talks about why Re: Zero is actually a good show! No really! This is a hill he is willing to die on and is prepare to tell you why you have been wrong this whole time. So stop by, take in the laughs, and learn why this anime truly is brilliant.

### **No, Really, I Promise It's Good w/ A Nerdy Couple**

From horse girl idols to body checking bikini sports, from yakuza maids to agriculture, and beyond, there's a ton of anime that might have flown under your radar from an too out there. Join A Nerdy Couple as we deep dive into some of the hidden gems of anime in both recent years and the past that might not seem like much at first, but you soo might recommend to your friends with an enthusiastic "No, really, I promise it's good!"

### **Slice of Life: Aliens, Witches, & Love Triangles w/ Merc with a Podcast**

What is the first thought that comes to your mind when you think of Slice of Life? What if I told you that is wrong? Crazy right? Welcome to Slice of Life where there are Aliens, Witches & more Love Triangles than a CW Show...oh my! So put that Moe & After School thoughts aside as our host dives deep into the overlooked anime genre of Slice of Life.

### **The Ethical Dilemma of Hetalia [18+]**

Talking about the history of the anime/manga Hetalia and the fandom.



## Anime History

### **1980's Anime: Our Childhoods Were Different w/ Children Driving Robots**

Welcome to the 1980's where we not only have iconic series, but the golden era of movies and OVA's. Come join Children Driving Robots as we discuss our favorite and most impactful anime of the 1980's!

### **1990's Anime: A Decade of Hits! w/ Children Driving Robots**

After the wild and crazy 1980's, the 1990's calmed down and produced some of the greatest anime that is still relevant today. Come join Children Driving Robots and we'll show you why the 1990's was a great time to be an anime fan!

### **Anime Monsters and Society w/ Consider the Nonsense**

Monsters in fiction almost always have something to say about the society they're created by. From vampires trying to survive a hostile world to the challenges a lamia faces in the Tokyo fashion scene, there's always something to explore. Join us for a journey through anime's best monsters and help us figure out what they have to say.

### **Anime Rewind: From Stealing to Streaming w/ A Nerdy Couple**

There's nothing more enjoyable than viewing that new shiny episode of anime as it airs in Japan. Maybe you finally have time to binge that series all your friends are raving about this weekend on your phone during that family road trip. Anime hasn't always been this accessible...or legal. From the early days of fan subs, licensing perils, to translation horror stories, A Nerdy Couple will uncover how anime has evolved in American culture.

### **But We're Both Girls! The Yuri Experience w/ Vitamin H**

While male homosexuality has been well-documented in Japan since samurai days, love between women, well, hasn't. Yuri – lesbian manga and literature – has a relatively recent history in Japan, owing largely to Japan's strict gender roles and conservative culture. Vitamin H documents the history of this genre, which most certainly extends past the blushing fanservice seen in today's anime.

### **Classical Literature in Anime/Manga w/ Victorian Rose Art Studio**

Ever wonder why the story of your favorite anime/manga sounds just like that book (or spark notes) you had to read for English class? Anime/manga has created a new medium to bring an interest in classical literature to a new generation. Come learn about anime/manga that take their inspiration/cues from classical literature.

### **Gods and Historical Figures: As Only Anime Can Portray Them w/ Consider the Nonsense**

Join us to learn about the time Joan of Arc was a Magical Girl, the time Oda Nobunaga piloted a giant robot, the time Jesus and Buddha were roommates, and more. We'll try to give you something new to enjoy, and maybe we'll all learn something in the process.

### **History in Anime/Manga w/ Victorian Rose Art Studio**

Ever wonder how much of the history depicted in the anime/manga you are enjoying is accurate? Anime/manga has created a new medium to bring an interest in history to a new generation. Come learn about how accurately, or sometimes inaccurately, history is portrayed in popular anime/manga.

### **Mahou Shoujo Universe w/ Vitamin H**

For more than 50 years, we've been enchanted by the frilly pink badasses known as magical girls. But beneath their elegant exterior lies a complex and captivating history that's filled with all kinds of surprises. Join Vitamin H as we explore the universe of magical girls, from the early inspirations in American TV to the modern, ultra-slick shows that captivate audiences throughout the world.

### **PTSD in Anime: One Piece Edition w/ Merc with a Podcast**

Come along and bring aboard all the emotional damage One Piece has to offer. In the second volume of this panel Merc with a Podcast dives deep this time on what is PTSD and how the Straw Hats & company all have through out the series.



# FAN PANELS

## Cosplay

### **Broke Fabulous Cosplay** w/ Enrana of Asgard

On a tight budget? Still want to cosplay and look fabulous? Come learn ways to look fabulous and not spend a fortune. From finding good quality costumes to innovative ways to get props, to amazing quality wigs. Come learn from a master whose broke cosplays have placed in competitions. This panel covers both standard and plus size cosplay because everyone deserves to look fabulous.

### **The Do's and Don't of Cosplay** w/ Lucky 13 Cosplay Studios

When you have been a cosplayer for years you think you would have seen it all but I'm back again with some more things to say. Come and learn from my mistakes about what do do and not do while cosplaying. (Now with a Makeup Demonstration)

### **What's In My (Ita) Bag: Cosplay Edition!** w/ Slothtier Cosplay & SpookyLooksPGH

Do you find yourself asking: Where did I put that wig brush? Does someone have a safety pin? Can I borrow your lash glue? Well, fret no longer! Your genderless con moms Slothtier Cosplay and SpookyLooksPgh are here to show you what they bring in their bags to cons, and give you ideas on how to make your con life easier!

## Educational

### **Anime in Schools** w/ Abigail Bender

Between 85% and 90% of students are watching anime or reading manga after school is done, which sparks interests in different fields like history or culinary arts. Teachers and parents could use this to their advantage, to help students learn more in the school environment. This panel will help teachers (or students trying to convince their teachers) with including anime/manga in classroom.

### **Let's Talk Fontaine: Law, France, and Folklore** w/ Bee

Calling all Genshin Impact Fontaine lovers! Are you interested in if the legal system in France really works like that? Are you curious as to how the melusines got their name? Do you wonder why all the Fontaine NPCs are named so weird? Learn the answers to all these questions and more by joining us for a discussion about the cultural elements in Fontaine!

### **Mental Health in Anime and Gaming**

Ever wondered just how much a dark past weighs on the hero. Come and discuss the aspects of Mental health that relate to your favorite animes and games. (Warning: Sensitive topics to be discussed)

### **Pokemon and the Wildlife that Inspired Them**

Many of the over a thousand Pokemon are inspired by real animals. Led by a professional wildlife biologist, this panel will highlight a few of the wildlife species that inspired Pokemon in both appearance and behavior. Come learn about species from tapirs to coelacanths and be entertained in the process!

### **Witchcraft in Anime** w/ Shelly Rice

Come join us while we explore witchcraft in anime and discuss the similarities and differences to real life practices.



## Fandom & Culture

### 101 Conventions (and the Lessons Learned from Them)

w/ MelloPanther Productions

On February 18, 2005 one guy went to his first fan convention. Actually, that was probably a lot of people's first convention, but nearly 19 years and 100 additional conventions later, only one guy is here to talk about what he's seen, what he's learned, and what lessons he can impart to the generations to come.

### Anime Conventions of Year Past

w/ Bamforth Panels

Curious about the history of anime conventions like the one you are at right now? Ever wanted to experience what it was like to go a con at different points in history. Join us on a journey through the rapid evolution of anime cons & the people who attend them.

### Doctor Who: A Brief History of Time and Space w/ Children Driving Robots

Come join Children Driving Robots as we discuss the adventures of the last of the Time Lords. We'll cover his early days on the run to him taking his place as the savior of the universe. We will also inform newer fans of the series on the earlier adventures of everyone's favorite time traveler, as well as share things you may not know about the series and its production.

## Game Shows

### Anime Bingo

w/ Fuzion Games

The classic bingo game, but with a trivia twist! Do you know your anime protagonists as well as you think? Use the clues about the character to mark your bingo sheet, 5 in a row wins! Bring some friends & win some prizes!

### Anime Family Feud

w/ Fuzion Games

The popular television game show with an anime twist! A team earns EXP depending on the amount of total points they earned and the team with the most points after 5 rounds, moves on to Fast EXP to earn even more EXP to spend on amazing prizes!

### Anime Trivia [18+]

Let's get ready for trivia! For the fourth year in a row McKinley and Bre return to do kahoot trivia with new questions and segments.

### Gambler's Den [18+]

w/ Bee

Have you ever wanted to test your luck against the king of the undead? Join Hua Cheng and Xie Lian in the gamblers den for a night of games and homosexual activities. Just make sure you're prepared to lose a finger...

### Guess That Anime! [18+]

w/ Fengari.cos

Based off this random pic and a random quote, can you guess which show or character this is? Come find out and possibly loose your mind over these obscure references.

### Jujutsu Kaisen Trivia

w/ Evelyn Flickinger

Want to flex your Jujutsu Kaisen knowledge? Come on down to fun filled trivia on the Jujutsu Kaisen Anime - hosted by your Setsucon Convention Chair! Questions will be manga spoiler free, but will cover the movie as well as season 1 and season 2. There will also be prizes to be won!

### Name That Tune 10th Anniversary Special w/ MelloPanther Productions

We've been testing Setsucon's fandom music knowledge for 10 years! And we're going to do it again with a big special episode full of fun and prizes!



# FAN PANELS

## **No Ifs, Ands, or Butts. One Piece Edition [18+]** w/ Fengari.cos

Do he got the Booty? How well do you know the many bums of One Piece? Can you spot that backside from across the room? Let's find out and show off just how much you've watched specifically the butts in One Piece.

## **Panel Quiz Attack 25** w/ MelloPanther Productions

Ever watch Jeopardy and think "the players should capture the squares they get right?" Good news! Japan has had a trivia show that does just that for nearly 50 years and now it's come to Setsucon! Four people who think they're good at trivia try to outsmart and outattack their opponents on the way to fantastic prizes!

## **Poke-Lympics** w/ Homer Is Where The Heart Is

The Pokelympics are back with new and exciting events! Test your Pokemon trivia skills with: Which pokemon doesn't belong! A spot the difference game that will challenge even veteran fans, and the Pokedex Puzzler, a trivia game that will give 4 clues to identify a specific pokemon. We will also have classics like, Who's that pokemon, and the pokeball egg hunt! All participants can win tickets for our raffle just for showing up! Gotta catch em all!

## **Rate My Husbando and Waifu 2.0 [18+]**

Rate my Husbando and Waifu returns as we continue to battle for our husbandos and waifus. Love Gojo? Love Makima? Come ready to defend your husbando or waifu!

## **Wheel of Fortune X2** w/ MelloPanther Productions

X2 the spinning brings X2 the winning as more Setsucon attendees try to spin, buy, and solve their way to fantastic prizes!

## **Who's That Rodent? (A Sonic the Hedgehog Kahoot)** w/ Marcy Galley

Amy Rose (with Cream the Rabbit and Big the Cat) hosts a panel based all around the most obscure and quirky characters throughout Sonic the Hedgehog history! Test your knowledge of the most niche sonic characters, learn about them, and decide whether the characters are real or fake!

## *Japanese Culture*

### **Crazy-A#& Moments and People in Japanese History [18+]**

Let the crazy continue! Join Nate - back from Japan - as he discusses such events like the failed WW2 invasion of Alaskan island and how the Beatles's only tour of Japan resulted in death threats and a major shift in Japanese culture and music!

### **The Raw History of Sushi** w/ A Nerdy Couple

You know it, you love it, and it's a staple of Japanese cuisine: Sushi. What you might not know is the rich history behind this dish that has gained worldwide popularity. Join A Nerdy Couple as we explore the world of sushi, from humble beginnings to wild market auctions,

modern influences, forms, & sustainability.

### **True History of the Ninja** w/ Vitamin H

You know who were really awesome? Ninja, that's who. They may not've really had the amazing superhuman powers we see in film and anime, but their ingenious use of chemistry, physics and the martial arts were just as amazing. From walking on water to breathing fire, invisibility to reading minds, we'll be examining the myths of the ninja's great powers and explaining the fascinating reality behind these legends.



## Manga

### **The Twisted Worlds of Junji Ito** w/ Vitamin H

Welcome to the world... or, rather, worlds of Japan's most darkly inventive and disturbing manga author. A world where disembodied heads float through the skies and hideous young boys gulp down cooking oil like water. Fish that walk on metal legs, girls who mutate and grow like living fungus. Spirals in the air, horrors in the ocean, a hole that was made for you in the side of a mountain. And above it all, a vast, living star that consumes everything it touches. This is the world of Junji Ito.

### **Translating Manga: An Overview** **(Revenge!!)**

w/ Laura Egan

So you love to read manga, but what's the process behind going from the original Japanese text to getting the English words on the page? Local JP-ENG translator Laura Egan (The Music of Marie, Captain Corinth) shares with you her steps to working on volumes now in print, and how you may be able to start on that same path! Updated from last year's panel with new examples and information. Come with questions!

## Tabletop

### **4 Idiots and a DM** w/ Enrana of Asgard

This is a D&D panel about 4 veteran players and their DM and all the craziness from their virtual table. From the dragon shifter Paladin who constantly makes the DM face palm, the crazy cowboy gunslinger who seems to be the only sane person around, adventures in Hell, to the literal apocalypse and the time we had a Christmas episode. This is sure to be one wild ride of fun tales from DM Enrana's veteran table.

### **Anime and RPGs** w/ Consider the Nonsense

Join us as we explore the history of tabletop storytelling tropes in anime from classics like Record of Lodoss War to modern favorites like Konosuba, and then try to reimagine some shows as ttrpgs.

### **What in the World is Warhammer?** w/ Marcy Galley

In the grim darkness of the far future there is only war. Come learn about the setting and tabletop game of Warhammer 40K!

## Variety

### **Animexperts Live [18+]** w/ Children Driving Robots

Are you an Animexpert? Could you describe an anime series with just one image and anime opening? Or would you describe it as the coolest and craziest series never made? Then come join Children Driving Robots and prove yourself to be an Animexpert!

### **Bungo Stray Sleepover** w/ Bee

Come hang with members of the ADA, Port Mafia, and others for some fun sleepover games and stories! Minimal war crimes will be committed, a good time will be had by all. (ps: Chuuya sucks -Dazai)

### **Not Your Grandfather's Pinewood Derby [18+]** This isn't your childhood Pinewood Derby.



# FAN PANELS

## Video Gaming

### Otome-nia! Dating Games for Girls w/ Vitamin H

A somewhat tongue-in-cheek look at the world of otome games - dating games for girls. We look at the history of these games, the precursors that defined them, and the vast amounts of spinoffs the genre has spawned. Otome RPGs, Otome Rhythm Games, anime, iPhone games, and even... Choose-Your Own-Adventure CDs?! Even those who aren't huge fans of the genre are sure to enjoy this panel as we explore some of the most unique, inventive, and just plain weird stuff that otome games have to offer.

## Workshop/Hobbies

### All About Gundam Models w/ Consider the Nonsense

Have you seen all of these model kits in the dealer's room and want to know what it's all about? Well stop on by and get a crash course in the world of Gundam models and how you can join a community that spans decades.

### GunPla for Beginners Build Workshop w/ A Nerdy Couple

GunPla, or Gundam Plastic Model building, is a fun & engaging hobby that can be intimidating to get into. Join A Nerdy Couple as we not only dispel the concerns of getting into GunPla, but also make your very first build! We'll be providing kits that require no tools, glue, or stickers to make a fully functioning Gundam model kit, with hands on help and guidance, as well as time to ask questions. If you've ever been curious or hesitant about trying it out, now's the time to give it a chance & have a model all your own!

### How to Win an AMV Contest w/ Altoona Mew Mew

Two AMV contest judges reveal the secrets behind a great AMV contest submission. With over 30 years of AMV editing experience between them, these AMV veterans are here to teach you the tips and tricks to making a great AMV. Learn what judges are looking for, what you can do to stand out, some AMV lingo, and watch a few winning AMVs along the way!

### MakerSpace Workshop w/ MagFest

Join the team from MagFest as they bring their Mobile MakerSpace to Setsucon - an open space for you to work on projects, learn new skills, and take on new crafts.

### NSFW Voice Acting [18+] w/ JMBCHIEF VA

Come learn some tips and tricks about NSFW voice acting and showings of some of my work!

### Paint and Take w/ Snake Eyes Gaming

Ever wanted to paint a miniature for a tabletop game or large scale war game? Snake Eyes Gaming will be instructing attendees in how to paint miniatures - giving you a chance to pick from a wide array of miniatures to paint and paints to paint with! (Workshop Costs \$5)

### YOU Can be a Voice Actor! No, Seriously - Come Record With Us! w/ Rachel Schumacher

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## About Setsucon

Setsucon is a 3-day anime convention held annually at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Run under the Penn State Anime Organization's student, alumni, and associate members since 2007, Setsucon has been bringing anime, manga, and Japanese culture to the winter months in Central Pennsylvania. After a year of planning, Setsucon debuted as a one-day event with 288 people filling the halls of the Days Inn Penn State. Since then, we have expanded to more than 2,000 attendees, moved 45 minutes southwest to Altoona, and have expanded to include all things anime and Japanese culture.

Since the beginning, the focus has been on three pillars: Anime, Cosplay, Gaming. We hold events, such as fan and voice actor panels, viewings, a Masquerade, an Iron Cosplay, a Gaming Gauntlet, various charitable programs, & much more to help make the weekend as exciting as possible for any type of fan. With both a family-friendly atmosphere and big con amenities, Setsucon has become the premier location to celebrate anime and Japanese culture during the chilly winter.

Setsucon is a proud member of the International Otaku Expo Association (IOEA).

## Our Mission

Setsucon strives to bring a safe and inclusive social environment to anime and manga fans of all ages across Central Pennsylvania and beyond. We aim to bring the big con feel to a more intimate and affordable convention.

## About the Name

While planning our first Setsucon, we discussed several names. Our original name was to be "Daikon" like the radish and also "dai" for big. It was decided that this might be confusing as there was a "Daicon" held in Japan previously. Our next just was "Setsucon." Setsu comes from the Chinese reading (on'yomi) of the Japanese word for "snow", yuki. Since the convention is held during the winter months, where snow is not uncommon, we felt the name was fitting.



# AUTOGRAPHS







# CHECK OUT THESE OTHER CONS!



## Ai-Kon

**July 12-14, 2024 | RBC Convention Center | Winnipeg, Canada**

Ai-kon is a Japanese and pop culture convention held annually in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Ai-kon is dedicated to the appreciation, celebration and enjoyment of Japanese animation, video games and culture.



## Anime USA

**October 11-13, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Crystal City | Washington, DC**

In 1999, a group of anime fans came together and started Anime USA, a 3-day con celebrating Japanese animation, art, culture, history, and fashion. Anime USA's mission is to promote, as well as educate the public about Japanese arts and popular culture.



## DerpyCon

**October 25-27, 2024 | Hyatt Regency New Brunswick | New Brunswick, NJ**

DerpyCon is New Jersey's Anime, Gaming, Sci-Fi, and Comic Convention, bringing every nerdy genre under one roof.



## Hazard Con

**June 21-23, 2024 | Ambassador Center | Erie, PA**

Hazard Con is a pop-culture con, with a focus on anime, manga, and video games. Created by the local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Society of Utills, Hazard Con was created as a fun, all ages event for all pop-culture fans in the tristate area.



## MagFest

**Winter 2025 | Gaylord National Harbor | National Harbor, MD**

Short for "Music And Gaming Festival," MAGFest is a four day-long event dedicated to the appreciation of video game music, gaming of all types, and the gaming community. The event runs 24 hours a day, and offers gaming, bands, vendors, & much more.



## Tekko

**July 18-21, 2024 | David L. Lawrence Center | Pittsburgh, PA**

Tekko is Pittsburgh's largest Japanese pop culture con, attracting more than 12,000 diverse fans from across the region! We offer even more by featuring Japanese arcades, J-rock concerts, J-fashion shows, and educational panels in our programming.



## Tora-Con

**March 23-24, 2024 | Rochester Institute of Technology | Rochester, NY**

We are a student run anime convention with 3000-4000 attendees each year going on for 20 years, located in Rochester, NY (Upstate New York). We have special guests, events, panels, contests, vendors, artists, and more!



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# VENUE MAP

