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MESSAGE FROM THE CON CHAIR

Hi everyone! I'd like to welcome you all to Setsucon 2026! My name is Melvin Atsou-Dzini and I am a fourth year at Penn State majoring in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and minoring in Computer Science and Microbiology. Despite already having a pretty full hand, I also play sousaphone in the Penn State Blue Band and manage the finances of Penn State's Biochemistry Society.



Anime holds a special place in my heart. It has given me the ability to experience new things, travel to new worlds, and meet lots of amazing people! I grew up watching all sorts of anime like Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Bleach, Naruto, Inuyasha, and much much more. I feel so lucky to have gotten into it as early as I did, because without it, I wouldn't have met so many of the amazing people in my life today.

Before you go on to read about what we have planned for you this weekend, I'd like to first give my thanks to everyone who's made Setsucon possible this year. To my Executive Board and Vice Chairs, Esha, Colton, McKinley, Nate, and Mike, thank you all so much for all of the hard work and hours you've put into this convention, and thank you so very much for all of the support you've provided me through this tough year of planning, words truly cannot express the amount of gratitude I have towards you all. This team, along with all of our Directors, Coordinators, and Staff, has done an amazing job to make not only this event, but this entire year possible. I'd also like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the Blair County Convention Center for continuing to host us so graciously. Your staff's support and kindness mean a lot to us. And to our volunteers, your help and dedication keep this convention running. Thank you all for enhancing the Setsucon experience!

Lastly, I want to thank all of the guests and attendees. Without all of you Setsucon wouldn't be possible. So please, enjoy yourselves and take some time to check out all we have in store for you this year in our Manga Library and our Exhibitors' Hall, test your skill and your luck in our Video Game Tournaments, or just have a good time on the floor during our Masquerade. As far as winter events go, I really think we've hit the jackpot. If this year has taught me anything, it's that you can never be down on your luck when you're surrounded by great people. Wishing you all a great time in Your High Rolling Anime Oasis!

- Melvin Atsou Dzini, Setsucon 2026 Convention Chair



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Con Vitals

Get your essential con survival guide by using the Con Vitals section for navigating everything that Winter's Warmest Anime Celebration has to offer. While the flash of the masquerade and the roar of the gaming hall are the stars of the show, this section provides the structural backbone of the weekend. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a seasoned veteran, knowing where to go and how things work is the key to a stress-free and unforgettable convention experience.

If you have a question, hit a snag, or just need a bit of direction, our staff are here to support you, whether at the Info Desk (for all your general questions), at Con Ops (for lost & found, to report an issue, or to check in as a panelist or press member), at Cosplay HQ (for all your cosplay needs), at respective activity rooms, or with any of our roaming staff. If you ever need something - let us know and we will be more than happy to help!

Make sure to use this program guide to help you navigate the hundreds of hours of programming happening across the con and make sure to get to enjoying every part that Setsucon has to offer!

Information Desk

Have a question for our staff? Stop by the Info Desk located outside of Panels 1 & 2. 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 has closed). If you carry a prop that has not been checked, you will be asked 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's been turned in.

18+ Events

Attendees who wish to attend an 18+ event must first get an 18+ wristband from the Info Desk. A photo ID is required to be presented to the Info Desk staff to obtain a wristband. No admittance to an 18+ event is allowed without a wristband.

Setsucon Merch

Get yourself some official Setsucon Gear at our Merch Booth in the Exhibitors Hall! Buy the exclusive 2026 convention t-shirt, special Penguin 2026 pin, or check out the other Setsu-themed merch that we have to offer!

Silent Auction

Visit the Exhibitors Hall for our Silent Auction benefitting the Colon Cancer Coalition in Memory of Billy Kametz. Check out the items we have up for auction and bid throughout the weekend for your chance to take them home!

EVENT SIGNUPS

Hall Cosplay Contest

Sign-ups for the Hall Cosplay Contest, which will be held on Saturday, are available at Cosplay HQ on Friday night and Saturday morning, while open timeslots are still available. Stop by and sign-up for a time to present your crafted cosplay to our judges.

Iron Cosplay

Sign-ups for the Iron Cosplay Competition, which will be held on Sunday, 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, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, are available at the table in front of the Maid Cafe. It is \$15 per person (cash only) and includes one session, games, performances, and dessert. All sessions are first-come, first-served and require sign-up in advanced. There is a capacity for this event, so reserve your spot early.

Masquerade Showcase

Sign-ups for the Masquerade Showcase, which will be held on Saturday, are available in Cosplay HQ on Friday night and Saturday morning, while space is available. Stop by and sign-up as an individual or as a group. You must attend the Masquerade Practice Session on Saturday afternoon to be eligible to participate.

Tabletop Gaming Activities

Sign-ups for Tabletop Gaming Tournaments and RPG Sessions, which will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, are available in the Tabletop Gaming Room. For Card Gaming Tournaments, visit the Jake's Cards & Games table, for Tabletop RPG Sessions, visit the Quelmar Realm table, and for Tabletop Miniatures, visit the Snake Eyes Gaming table.

Video Gaming Tournaments

Sign-ups for the Video Gaming Tournaments, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, are available online at start.gg/tournament/setsucon-2026. Visit the Video Game Room to learn more about each tournament and ask any questions about how to register.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Paper Schedule

Make sure to grab a paper copy of our schedule to keep track of everything going on during the weekend. You'll get one when you pick up your badge, but more are available at the Info Desk and at the Registration Desk.

Online Guide

If you want to stay up to date on schedule changes, view more information at the click of a button, and stay plugged in to the schedule, check out our online guide.

Grab your online copy of the guide at:
<https://setsucon.com/con-guide>

CON POLICIES

Complete Setsucon Policies are Available at www.setsucon.com/policies.

Setsucon policies are in place to help ensure that all congoers have fun at the convention. If you have any questions, let us know and we'll be happy to help clarify. 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.

Guests of Honor



One of the most exciting parts of any convention is the opportunity to meet the creative minds, voices, and performers who bring our favorite worlds to life. This year, we are incredibly proud to present a lineup that spans the entire spectrum of the anime and gaming industry - from legendary voices of our childhood to the modern stars of today's biggest hits, and from high-energy performers to community leaders who use their platforms for good.

Our guest list this year is a celebration of both legacy and innovation. We are honored to welcome industry veteran Megan Hollingshead, whose voice has defined iconic characters in *Pokemon* and *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, alongside the powerhouse talents of Reagan Murdock and Ryan Colt Levy, who have recently taken the world by storm in their leading roles in *Chainsaw Man*. But the magic doesn't stop at the microphone. Our performance guests, including the electrifying Antipode, the dazzling Divas Drag Troupe, and the high-octane Awesomus Prime, are here to ensure that the energy of Setsucon stays at max!

Beyond the entertainment, we are also highlighting the incredible depth of our community. We are thrilled to welcome back Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer, who bridges the gap between fandom and advocacy, cultural analyst and D&D expert Lex Winter, and entertainment creators in Glinta, WildSpice, and Pixel Pop. Whether you are attending a Q&A panel to learn the secrets of the trade, watching a breathtaking live performance, or stopping by a "save point" for a snack, our guests are here to make your Setsucon experience unforgettable. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

MEGAN HOLLINGSHEAD



Megan is best known as the original voice of Pokemon's Nurse Joy and the original Mai Valentine in Yu-Gi-Oh!, as well as Rangiku in Bleach and Shizune in Naruto. Other fan favs include Villetta in Code Geass, Caster in Fate/Stay Night, Lenneth in Valkyrie Profile, Re-L Mayer in Ergo Proxy, the twisted twins Mion and Shion in Higurashi: When They Cry, several roles in the Fire Emblem series, Ada Wong in Resident Evil: Umbrella Chronicles, Adiane in Gurren Lagann (original and reprised in theatres) and over a hundred more characters in anime and games.

REAGAN MURDOCK



Reagan Murdock is a voice actor from Dallas, Texas. He is primarily known for his roles as the English voices of Aki Hayakawa in Chainsaw Man, Shion from Hell's Paradise, Isuomi from A Sign of Affection, Zunesha from One Piece, Jun Wu from Heaven Official's Blessing, The Sundown Kid in Live A Live, Moz from Dr. Stone, and Alvin from Don't Hurt Me, My Healer!. When not behind the microphone, Reagan is a trained opera singer, avid reader, and all-around lover of art, philosophy, language, and being mildly annoying to the people he likes.

RYAN COLT LEVY



Ryan Colt Levy is an actor/musician & artist from New York, now living in Los Angeles. He is most known for his work in Chainsaw Man, My Hero Academia: World Heroes Mission, Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Welcome to Demon School Iruma-Kun, Moriarty the Patriot, Fate Grand Order, Fire Emblem, Shin Megami Tensei V, The Saint's Magic Power is Omnipotent, Record of Ragnarok, NEO: Twewy, Barbie, Arcadegeddon, Gunvolt 3, and more! Ryan is fueled by caffeine & positivity & deeply believes we are truly better when we raise each other up in this life.

ANTIPODE



Antipode, founded in 2006, is an eccentric dance group that has combined their love of otaku/nerd culture with their love of bellydancing to create a unique form of dance. Antipode performs throughout the year at numerous conventions along the East Coast, and has performed at over 150 shows on 4 continents. Get ready as they bring you not just dance, but full geek entertainment!

AWESOMUS PRIME



Awesomus Prime is an Indigenous/Hispanic/Queer Artist, Producer/DJ, and CEO of the anime inspired independent label, Kawaii Kunai. Prime has been a household name in the anime and gaming convention circuit, showcasing their unique flare of nerdy EDM and interactive rock star performance which has captivated audiences around the US. Prime has dedicated their life to entertaining the nerdy masses!

THE DIVAS



Step into the world of the Divas Drag Troupe! This incredible group of drag performers light up stages all across the East Coast with their electrifying shows. From dazzling lip-syncs to jaw-dropping performances, these divas bring top-notch entertainment that leaves audiences wanting more. The Divas focuses on bringing a celebration of diversity and self-expression with their performances.

GLINTA



Mara "Glinta" is a cosplayer, occasional streamer, and Clinical Program Manager of Gender Affirming Care. Setsucon was her first anime con and she has continued to attend since 2014, becoming emcee in 2017. When she isn't cosplaying, Glinta occasionally streams a variety of games, supervises LGBTQIA2+ centered health care, and is deep in the MMORPG Final Fantasy XIV.

KARL CUSTER



Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer, LMSW was an anime-specific stand-up comedian/emcee in the con circuit from 2008 through 2017. Now, after acquiring his license to practice therapy in NYC, he dons his silver tie as an anime-specific social worker. Uncle Yo returns to Setsucon for lectures to destigmatize mental health recovery through nerd culture via half-educational, half-comedic presentations.

LEX WINTER



Lex Winter is a fan of many things, which anime and Japanese culture are but one (large) sphere. After discovering the medium through DBZ in high school, they spent their formative years indulging in giant robots, Pokemon, JRPGs, and Rurouni Kenshin, never expecting their coursework in cultural anthropology to ever intersect with their fandom identity.

PIXEL POP MAIDS



Established in 2019 in the DC Metro area, Pixel Pop is a gaming-themed maid cafe where you are the hero! Popping up at events all over the Mid-Atlantic region, PPMC serves as a save point. After a day filled with adventures, side quests, or exploring convention floors, we will replenish your HP with our delightful treats, live performances, and entertaining games.

WILDSPICE



WildSpice is a chaotic, demon idol VTuber! She was a member of OshiLinkEn's first wave, Comets, and is currently a member of SolarStars. Since 2018, WildSpice has been streaming JRPGs, retro games, and belting out karaoke like a pro over on Twitch. She became a VTuber in 2021 and loves it and you, the fans. She's also got over 20 years of cosplaying under her belt.

EDM DANCE
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ARTISTS



Con Activities

Whether you are a seasoned “con-veteran” or this is your first con experience, the Con Activities section is your roadmap to the heart of Setsucon. Beyond the panels and shopping, our convention is a living, breathing community where you are encouraged to step away from the sidelines and become part of the action. This year, we have curated a diverse lineup of events designed to celebrate every facet of anime culture - from the high-octane artistry of custom cars to the quiet, meditative joy of a good book.

For those looking to immerse themselves in the creative side of the community, the Maker Space (presented by MAGFest) and the AMV Contest offer a look at the incredible technical skill of our fellow fans. If you’re looking to relax and recharge, you can find sanctuary in the Manga Library, or experience the whimsical hospitality of the Pixel Pop Maid Cafe. For the collectors and treasure hunters among us, the Friday Night Swap Meet provides unique opportunities to find that one-of-a-kind item. We are also proud to emphasize that Setsucon is about more than just entertainment; it’s about giving back, through the Jared Box Project and the Silent Auction in memory of Billy Kametz; you can help bring joy to children in hospitals and support life-saving medical research. And when the sun goes down on Friday, don’t forget to grab your kigu and head over to our Jackbox Party Night for some all-ages, high-energy laughs.

No matter where your interests lie, there is a place for you to create, play, and connect here at Setsucon!

Cosplay Activities

Cosplay HQ

Cosplay HQ is the central hub for all your cosplay needs throughout the weekend! Stop by to finalize your sign-ups for the Hall Cosplay Contest and the Masquerade Showcase, or to have any of your programming questions answered by our expert staff. HQ is also home to our Cosplay Repair Station, fully stocked with emergency supplies to help you fix any mid-con wardrobe malfunctions. Additionally, this room serves as the official gathering point for all scheduled meetups.

Cosplay Meetups

Find your "found family" at our fandom-specific Cosplay Meetups! These social gatherings are designed to bring together cosplayers from the same series or genre for massive group photography sessions and networking. Whether you're a part of a huge Genshin Impact group or a niche retro-anime squad, it's the perfect opportunity to meet fellow fans, trade crafting secrets, and capture incredible memories with a crowd of your favorite characters.

Cosplay Photo Suite

Preserve your convention memories with the help of the pros! The Cosplay Photo Suite, presented by our friends at The Variant, offers all attendees a chance to receive professional-grade photography for free. Featuring unique, high-quality backdrops and an expert team of photographers, this is the perfect opportunity to capture your hard work in its best light. All photos taken during the weekend will be edited and hosted on The Variant's website for you to download and share after the con.

Cosplay is more than just wearing a costume; it is an incredible fusion of performance art, and a profound love for the characters that inspire us. Whether you have spent the last six months hand-sewing every seam, 3D-printing complex armor, or are debuting your very first cosplay, we have something here to help celebrate your creativity and the vibrant community that brings these fictional worlds to life!

Throughout the weekend you will find an event for every type of cosplay creator. The Masquerade Showcase brings the perfect marriage of cosplay and theater to the main stage, while the Hall Cosplay Contest focuses on the technical mastery of intricate builds. If you enjoy high-energy creativity, don't miss the Iron Cosplay Challenge, where teams race the clock using mystery materials, or the Wig Styling Competition, which highlights the specialized art of transforming synthetic fibers into iconic silhouettes. And if you are looking for a unique way to end your Friday night, stop by the Cosplay Dating Game where you can find cross-universe romance and plenty of laughs. And don't forget to check out our Cosplay Meetups & the free Cosplay Photo Suite while you make your way around the con!

COSPLAY MAIN EVENTS

Hall Cosplay Contest

Do you live for the “build”? The Hall Cosplay Contest is your chance to step away from the stage lights and let your technical handiwork do the talking. This competition is dedicated to the art of construction, inviting attendees to present their handmade cosplays to our panel of expert judges for a deep-dive craftsmanship review. Whether it’s intricate embroidery, masterful foam fabrication, or clever engineering, we want to see the blood, sweat, and tears you put into your masterpiece. Stop by Cosplay HQ on Friday or Saturday morning to secure your judging time slot; spots are first-come, first-serve.

Iron Cosplay Challenge

Think you have what it takes to build a costume in a high-pressure environment? The Iron Cosplay Challenge is a fast-paced battle of resourcefulness and wit. Selected contestants will be presented with a “Mystery Box” of unconventional materials—think cardboard, duct tape, tinsel, and more—and tasked with creating a unique cosplay on the fly. You’ll have to collaborate with your team and race against the clock to impress our judges with your ability to turn “trash into treasure.” Contestants are selected directly from the audience just prior to the event, so arrive early and bring your A-game!

Masquerade Showcase

The “Crown Jewel” cosplay event! The Masquerade Showcase is our premier stage event, where the worlds of anime and gaming come to life through music, dance, and theater. This is more than a cosplay contest; it is a celebration of performance, featuring everything from high-energy idol dances and choreographed fight scenes to emotional dramatic monologues. Whether you’re cheering from the audience or performing under the spotlights, the Masquerade is a must-see celebration of the passion that defines our community.

Wig Styling Competition

Witness the ultimate styling gauntlet! In the Wig Styling Competition, participants (selected from the audience!) are given 60 minutes to transform a pre-selected base wig into a gravity-defying work of art - all while doing this live in front of our attendee audience. Using the tools provided (and any that you bring along), stylists must demonstrate precision, creativity, and wearability under a strict time limit. Our judges will be scoring based on the complexity of the style, the cleanliness of the finish, and the overall “wow factor.” Come watch these artists turn a synthetic bird’s nest into a masterpiece worthy of any protagonist!

Cosplay Dating Game [18+]

Are you ready to see if your favorite characters can find their “Happily Ever After”... or at least someone to grab dinner with? The Cosplay Dating Game is a hilarious, improvised look at cross-universe romance. Watch as iconic heroes and villains answer spicy questions and navigate awkward “first date” scenarios to see who will walk away with a match. This is an interactive, high-energy event where the audience and the characters create the fun!



COSPLAY JUDGES



Ang

With 14 years of experience under their belt, Ang has spent over a decade refining the skills necessary to bring complex characters and props to life. Specializing in a variety of materials and techniques—including EVA foam, Worbla, and 3D printing—Ang's favorite part of any project is the challenge of prop construction. When not in the workshop or at a convention, Ang serves the community as an EMT.



Corwynte

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. They have won craftsmanship awards at cons around the region including Tekko and Otakon, and have been judging craftsmanship competitions for 5 years. Corwynte is thrilled to be back at Setsucon and excited to see everyone's fantastic cosplays! When not buried in a pile of fabric, they enjoy reading novels and manga, binge watching anime, and collecting shiny things.



Mino

Mino has been a dedicated member of the cosplay community for over 15 years. Among the many facets of the hobby, Mino finds the most joy in the intricate arts of wig styling and prop fabrication. As one of Mino's very first conventions, Setsucon holds a special place in their heart, and returning each year is always a cherished experience.



Risuruuu

Risuruuu is a cosplayer, vlogger and streamer from the Great Lakes region. Despite being from out of town, Risuruuu considers Setsucon her home convention and is always excited to see the cosplays and performances presented by the attendees. As a cosplayer, she has assisted in promoting several anime series such as Jojo's Bizarre Adventure with Viz Media, and No Game No Life with Sentai Filmworks, as well as judging in other cosplay competitions around the east coast. You can find her in the form of a silly gaming goose on the internet swimming around on Twitch.



Riyuski

A long-time member of the Setsucon family, Riyuski considers the convention to be a true "homecoming" every year. Having started their cosplay journey in 2007, Riyuski has witnessed the hobby and the convention scene evolve significantly over the decades, finding that their passion for the craft only grows stronger with time. Riyuski is thrilled to return for Setsucon 2026 and looks forward to seeing the creativity of this year's attendees.

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Music & Performances

Our music & performance events are where our stage turns into a vibrant showcase of movement, music, and theatrical spectacle. From the traditional grace of cultural dance to the electrifying modern flair of pop idols and drag icons, this year's lineup is a curated celebration of the diverse talents that make our community so unique.

The excitement hits with a variety of shows designed to keep the energy high from sunrise to well past sunset. Prepare to be dazzled by The Divas Drag Troup - a celebration blending jaw-dropping choreography with amazing outfits that the queens will be strutting the stage with. Keep that momentum going the next night with our Setsu Odori Late Night Dance where you can dance the night away!

If you are trying to find some day-time dances to grace our stage, look no further than welcoming back Antipode for a full-scale geek dance experience, or our newest event, the Asian Pop Dance Competition - where dance crews and soloists showcase their talents. Finally - see the Idol's Revenge Show, where traditional idols break tradition for a chaotic and entertaining show that is sure to leave you wanting more!



Friday Night Drag Show [18+] featuring The Divas Drag Troupe

Kick off your Setsucon weekend with an explosion of glamour and talent! Step into the world of The Divas, an elite troupe of performers featuring the electrifying talents of Ashlyn Manhattan, Alizee LaDiamond, and Maja Jera. Led by their powerhouse host, Enigma, this group is known for lighting up stages across the East Coast with their high-fashion aesthetic and jaw-dropping choreography. From high-energy dances to theatrical performances, this showcase is the ultimate way to start the convention off with a bang!

Let's Join the Demon Slayer Bellydance Corps! with Antipode

Set your hearts ablaze! The members of the Demon Slayer Corp need to strengthen their breathing styles, but how? Through belly dance and laughing of course! Come see these FLASHY performers shimmy, and laugh at their pun-tastic jokes during this comedic dance show. Bring your friends and NICHIRIN BLADES, as all are welcome at this all ages show! CAW!

Asian Pop Dance Competition

Witness history in the making as we host our very first Asian Pop Dance Competition! This high-stakes event brings together the most talented soloists and dance crews in the region to compete for glory across the worlds of K-Pop, J-Pop, C-Pop, and beyond. This isn't just a performance; it's a masterclass in synchronization, stage presence, and technical skill. Whether you are a die-hard fan of the latest idol groups or simply love seeing world-class choreography, come cheer on these dancers as they leave it all on the stage in a battle for the top spot. Be there to see who will be crowned the first-ever Setsucon Asian Pop Dance Competition champions!

Setsu Odori Late Night Dance featuring DJ Awesomus Prime

When the sun goes down on Saturday night, the energy only goes up! Grab your glowsticks, pull on your favorite kigu or dance outfit, and prepare for the Setsu Odori, our premier late-night dance event. This year, we are thrilled to feature DJ Awesomus Prime, a powerhouse producer known for blending nerdy EDM with a rock star interactive performance. This rhythmic journey is the perfect way to cap off a day of excitement - so hit the dance floor, vibe to the grooves, and lose yourself in the music with your fellow attendees.

Sunday Concert featuring WildSpice

Cap off your con weekend with an unforgettable musical journey featuring the chaotic demon idol herself: WildSpice! A member of SolarStars and a veteran of the cosplay and streaming communities, WildSpice brings her legendary vocal power and energy to the stage for a concert like no other. Expect a setlist packed with powerhouse anime hits and gaming anthems.

Idol's Revenge Performance Show

Think you know what to expect from an idol showcase? Think again! Idol's Revenge is a one-of-a-kind event where we flip the script on traditional performances and celebrate idols taking back the power. In this wild, unhinged, and delightfully "memey" showcase, our talented attendee idol groups are given total creative freedom to perform to whatever genre they choose. Expect the unexpected as your favorite performers trade bubblegum pop for heavy metal, sea shanties, or viral internet hits. It's a hilarious, high-energy celebration of creativity that proves being an idol is more than just the music - it's about the attitude!

AMV Events

AMV Contest

Prepare to witness the ultimate fusion of music and animation at the AMV Contest! This event showcases the incredible technical skill and creative vision of editors from across the globe. Whether you are a fan of pulse-pounding action, heart-wrenching drama, or side-splitting comedy, this high energy screening event offers a curated look at the very best the community has to offer.

An AMV is more than just clips set to music; it is a transformative work of art where editors carefully synchronize rhythm, color, and narrative to tell a completely new story. Here, you'll feel the beat of the bass set to an intense battle sequence, or the collective intake of breath from the audience during an emotional climax as the music sucks your feelings into the piece. The contest spans a wide range of genres, including action, comedy & parody, dance & upbeat, drama & serious, and romantic & sentimental.

Make sure to check out both the AMV Contest on Saturday and the AMV Overflow event on Friday (or during Sunday Awards) to have a chance to see all of the videos that talented creators from around the world submitted to the contest.

What makes the AMV Contest truly special is that you are the judge! Every attendee in the audience has the opportunity to vote for their favorites in each category and the all around Best In Show winner! If you are looking to judge the complete contest, make sure to arrive early to grab your seat, stick around for all videos (from start to finish), and take notes during the event to make sure you remember everything that happened. Reminder - you must be there for the entire category in order to vote for a category winner, and must be there for the entire contest to vote for a Best In Show winner.

While judging, it is good to look at the contest through a technical lens, looking at the synchronization of the video and audio (look for movement in the video that lands exactly on beat, ask yourself if the cuts match the energy of the song), the creative storytelling and concept (does the narrative pull you in to the atmosphere that the editor intended), category specific excellence (how well does the video fit the theme of the category), and your own personal enjoyment of the AMV (did it give that wow factor that will make you want to watch it again and again).

Curious to see some of the videos that won in the past? Check out our website for a full list of past Setsucon AMV Contest winners, and check out below for the winners from the 2025 contest.

Judges' Choice:	Dance The Night by E_01
Best In Show:	POLKANIMANIA by hemlocksoames
Action:	Hero by Chiterra
Comedy/Parody:	POLKANIMANIA by hemlocksoames
Dance/Upbeat:	Dance The Night by E_01
Drama/Serious:	Jelly Fish by Safi
Romantic/Sent:	Courage is Not the Absense of Fear by Violet Skies

Itasha Car Show

The Itasha Car Show is one of the con's most visually striking attractions, transforming our corner of the Exhibitors Hall into a high-octane gallery of speed and style. Presented in partnership with Isekai'd Dreams, this showcase bridges the gap between automotive engineering and Japanese pop culture, featuring vehicles that have been meticulously transformed into moving tributes to anime, manga, and video games.

Whether you are a dedicated car geek or just a fan of amazing designs, the Itasha Car Show offers something for everyone. It is a rare opportunity to see the level of craftsmanship required to transform a car from an everyday drive into a magnificent canvas. See everything from sleek JDM legends to modern sportscars, all sporting vibrant wraps or detailed replications - looking like they'd fit right in within the world of Initial D. Get a chance to meet the owners of these vehicles - all who love to discuss their builds, the wrapping process, and the inspiration behind their designs.

The history of Itasha is a testament to the passion of the anime community and its desire to bring that into the car world. It began in the late 1980s and early 90s in Japan, particularly in the tech and anime hubs like Akihabara. Early enthusiasts would use small stickers and modest decals to signal their love for a particular series to fellow fans - it was a secret handshake of sorts, a way to make a car feel like a personal sanctuary for their passion.

As anime culture exploded globally in the 2000s, so did the ambition of Itasha owners. The rise of high-quality vinyl printing allowed fans to move beyond small stickers to full wraps - turning entire vehicles into high-definition tributes. This era saw the subculture shift from a niche hobby into a mainstream artistic movement. In Japan, events like Ita G Festa began drawing thousands of participants while professional racing teams began sporting liveries featuring characters like Hatsune Miku.

In the US, Itasha culture has become a cornerstone of the otaku lifestyle, representing a bridge between the automotive community and the anime world. For many owners, their vehicle is a labor of love that honors the stories and characters that have inspired them. It transforms the act of driving into a rolling celebration of medium, fostering a unique sense of camaraderie among fans who recognize a familiar character on the highway. Today, the Itasha movement stands as one of the most visible and impressive displays of fandom, where every curve of the car serves as a canvas for the art that defines our culture.



Jackbox Party

Kick start your con weekend with the ultimate cozy hangout at our Friday Night Party Night Jackbox Party Event! After a busy first day of exploring the con, there is no better way to unwind than with a night of chaotic, laugh-out-loud gaming.

The beauty of playing Jackbox is that it is for everyone! You don't need to be a "pro gamer" or have all the gaming talent in the world to participate - just bring your smartphone to participate as a contestant or as an audience member. We will be cycling through a curated selection of fan-favorite titles from Jackbox Party Packs, including the witty wordplay of Quiplash, the hilarious hidden-identity antics of Push the Button, and the creative chaos of Drawful. Whether you are competing for the high score on the big screen or voting from the audience to influence the results, everyone in the room is part of the fun!

And we take the "Party Night" theme seriously by embracing the cozy con aesthetic. We highly encourage all attendees to swap out their armor and wigs for their favorite kigus and pajamas! High-comfort is the theme of this environment, where you can relax with old friends and make new ones. It is the perfect atmosphere for those who want to experience the "nightlife" of a con in a relaxed, wholesome setting.

The Friday Night Party Night is specifically designed as an all-ages event, ensuring that everyone from the youngest fans to veteran con-goers can enjoy the Friday festivities together. It is more than just a gaming session; it is a community-experience! There is a unique kind of magic in a room full of people laughing at the same jokes and voting on the most who-knows-what drawings imaginable. If you are looking for a way to wrap up your Friday con experience, this is the place to be.



Maid Cafe

Step into a world of charm, hospitality, and magic at the Maid Cafe, presented by Pixel Pop! A beloved staple of the convention, the Maid Cafe offers a unique, immersive experience that transports you from the busy convention halls into a casino retreat where every guest is treated like royalty.

From the moment you step through those doors, you are no longer just an attendee, you are a guest of our maid cafe - where you will be treated to an hour of lighthearted fun, games, and snacks. Watch as our maids perform charms to make your food and drinks extra delicious and special, play games with other guests, your friends, and the maids - often competing for small prizes and bragging rights, and make sure to stick around for some special dances and song routines performed by the maids, showcasing the idol-inspired energy that has made these cafes a must-attend event at every convention!

In the middle of your packed, con weekend, the Maid Cafe serves as a perfect escape. It provides a relaxing environment where you can sit down, enjoy a sweet treat, and share a laugh with friends. Whether you are a long-time fan of the maid cafe aesthetic or a first-timer curious about the tradition, you'll leave with a smile with memories to last forever. It is a wholesome, family-friendly celebration of the cute side of anime culture that everyone should experience at least once.

All sessions are 60-minutes in length and include games, dessert, and refreshments. Sign-up in advance outside the Maid Cafe room to book your time - there is a fee of \$15 per person to sign-up - and each seating is first-come, first-served; once full, no additional seats will be added. You can also join for a special Saturday night session (\$15), which will include casual casino games and refreshments.

In order to ensure that every guest has the best experience, please follow these simple guidelines:

- No physical contact; please refrain from touching the maids, their hair, or their outfits at any time.
- Respect the persona; please do not ask for any real names, personal phone numbers, social media handles, or outside contact information.
- Keep it wholesome; the maid cafe is a family-friendly event so please avoid any topics of conversation that are inappropriate or that may make other attendees feel uncomfortable.
- No unauthorized photos or videos; general photography and filming of the maids or performances is strictly prohibited without permission.
- Mind the clock; each session is timed to allow as many guests as possible to visit - please be mindful and exit when your time is up.
- Keep your seat; please do not change seats with anyone or ask to change tables once you have been seated.
- Participate; to get the most out of your session, we encourage you to participate in games with the maids and help make the magic of the event come to life!

Maker Space

Make & Take: Your Own Poker Chips (\$)

Add a touch of "high-stakes" personality to your next game night! In this hands-on workshop, you can design and paint your very own set of poker-chips. Use them as gaming tokens, custom challenge coins, or unique cosplay props.

Hand Sewing 101: Ugly Dolls (\$)

Unlock the foundational skill of hand sewing while creating a perfect new friend! In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of threading a needle, the running stitch, and simple embroidery as you design and assemble your very own ugly doll.

Sketchbook Swap

Calling all illustrators, doodlers, and fans of artists' alleys! Join us for this unique community event designed to foster collaboration and inspiration. Attendees will trade their sketchbooks, allowing other artists to leave a unique sketch or message in their pages. Please make sure to label your sketchbook clearly so it's easy to retrieve it after the session.

Machine Sewing 101: Dice Bags (\$)

Ready to level up from hand-stitching to high-speed crafting? Join this drop-in session to learn the fundamentals of operating a sewing machine. Working in groups of two, our expert teachers will guide you through all the steps to make your own, custom dice bag.

Activity: Your Own Playing Cards

Ever wanted to be the Ace of Spades or King of Hearts? Step up to our drawing station and make your very own playing card. Whether you want to draw yourself as a powerful fantasy hero or create a card based on your favorite anime protagonist, this is your chance to design a one-of-a-kind collectible.

(\$)-Activity Costs \$5 for Materials (Cash Only)

Unleash your inner creator at the Maker Space, presented by MAGFest.

This interactive, hands-on hub brings the legendary "maker" energy of Super MAGFest to our con floor, offering a dedicated sanctuary where creativity knows no bounds.

Whether you are a seasoned crafter or someone who hasn't picked up a glue gun since grade school, the Maker Space is designed to be a welcoming environment to attendees of all ages and skill levels.

The Maker Space is the ultimate ultimate drop-in discovery experience. In partnership with the experts from MAGFest, the room is stocked with a wide variety of supplies and tools that you can use to bring your ideas to life. From perler bead crafts to custom button making stations, there is always a project waiting for you to start.

In the middle of the con, the Maker Space serves as the perfect creative recharge station. It's a place to step away from the crowds, sit down with fellow fans, and engage in meditative joy of making something with your hands.

Manga Library

Finding a quiet moment in the middle of a bustling convention can be a challenge, but the Penn State Anime Organization Laura Rayman Memorial Manga Library offers the perfect sanctuary for bibliophiles and casual readers alike. This massive, curated collection is brought to you through over 25 years of manga collecting by the Penn State Anime Organization (PSAO). Whether you're looking to catch up on the latest hit series or discover a hidden gem from decades past, the library serves as a peaceful retreat where the only thing on your schedule is "just one more chapter."

The library is more than just a collection of books; it is a living tribute to the heart of the Central Pennsylvania anime & manga community. Formally renamed in 2016 in memory of Laura Rayman, a cherished long-time Setsucon attendee and manga library enthusiast, the collection represents the collective passion of the PSAO members. This mostly donation-based library has grown year after year, fueled by the generosity of fans who want to share the stories they love with others. Today, the collection boasts an incredible selection of over 600 titles and more than 2,500 individual volumes, ranging from the "Big Three" shonen staples to niche indie titles and classic shojo.

In the high-energy environment of Setsucon, the Manga Library serves as an essential "recharge station." It is a place where the sounds of the con floor fade away, replaced by the soft turning of pages. Explore new worlds with the thousands of volumes at your fingertips, relax and unwind in a library that provides a comfortable, low-stimulation environment to sit down, rest your feet, and enjoy the medium that started it all, and connect with a new title, be it taking a walk through manga history or finding a new hit book.

To ensure that the volumes remain in pristine condition for future generations of Setsucon attendees and Penn State students & alumni alike, we ask that you follow a few simple rules:

- **Let Us Take Care of Your Badge:** in exchange for reading in the library, please make sure to leave your badge with our library staffer at the front table; don't worry, you'll get it back once you return all of your books and are done reading.
- **Handle with Care:** please treat every volume as if it were your own. Please take care not to leave any marks, bends, or tears in the pages.
- **No Food or Drink:** to protect the volumes from spills and stains, please enjoy your snacks and beverages outside the library.
- **Return to the Shelves:** when you are finished with a volume, please return it to its designated spot or give it to a library staffer so that it can be ready for the next reader.

The PSAO library continues to grow thanks to generous donations from the community. If you have gently used manga that needs a new home where it will be loved and read, please speak with a library staffer about how to contribute to this collection.



Swap Meet

Turn your old favorites into new treasures at the Swap Meet! Held on Friday night, this event is a must stop by gathering for collectors, gamers, and fans who are looking to refresh the shelves. Whether you have outgrown a particular series, have extra doubles of a gashapon figure, or just want to find a unique item that can't be bought in stores, the Swap Meet is the place to be for the ultimate bartering experience.

The Swap Meet is a "moneyless" exchange zone, focusing entirely on item-for-item exchanges. This creates a unique community atmosphere where the value of an item isn't determined by a price tag, but by the shared passion between two fans. It's a fantastic way to meet fellow attendees, talk about your favorite series, or walk away with something special without ever opening your wallet. From vintage manga and rare trading cards to plushies and video games, you never know what "holy grail" might be sitting on the next table.

Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for tables, so we recommend arriving early if you have a larger collection to trade, or bring your own table to set up.

To ensure a safe and fun environment for everyone, all participants must adhere to the following rules:

- **Badges & Age:** all swappers must have a valid Setsucon 2026 badge and the primary swapper at any station must be at least 16 years of age.
- **No Cash Exchanges:** no currency exchanges are allowed.
- **Be Respectful:** if a trade doesn't feel right for either party, it's okay to politely decline and move on.
- **Item Condition:** please only bring items in good condition; while older items with some wear are acceptable, please avoid bringing anything with significant rips, stains, or damage.
- **Respect the Space:** no outside shelving or racks are allowed and all items must fit within your space; please limit your area to at-most one rectangular table (either ones we provide or ones that you bring) or one-half of a circular table.
- **Finality:** all exchanges must be completed within the Swap Meet area during the event area; no exchanges in a different place or time are allowed.
- **Prohibited Items:** to maintain a family-friendly and safe environment, the following items are not allowed to be exchanged.
 - Bootlegs or unlicensed reproductions.
 - Weaponry of any kind (including metal props).
 - 18+ or adult-themed merchandise.
 - Food, snacks, beverages, or contact lenses.
 - Personally created artwork or commissions.
 - Flammable or combustible items.



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Rachel Luttrell and David Hewlett will sign one FREE autograph on Saturday and Sunday for each attendee.

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Jared Box Project

Be a part of brightening the day of a child in need by participating in the Jared Box Project. This heart-warming initiative focuses on delivering the "gift of play" to young patients in emergency rooms, hospitals, and surgical centers. Originally founded in 2001 in State College, PA, the project honors the memory of Jared, a brave young boy whose courage during his battle with cancer inspired a movement that has now reached every corner of the country.

The mission of a Jared Box is simple: to provide a distraction from the stresses of medical treatment through the joy of toys and games. Since its inception, the project has grown from a local effort into a national phenomenon, with over one million Jared Boxes delivered to more than 400 hospitals across the United States. Each box is a small, plastic shoebox filled with carefully selected items, such as crayons, card games, and small toys - tailored to a specific age group and gender. For a child facing a scary medical procedure, opening a Jared Box is a moment of pure magic that reminds them they are not alone.

Donate Toys and Gifts

If you would like to contribute physical items, we will be hosting a toy collection at the Jared Box tabel in the Exhibitors Hall. We are looking for new items that are small enough to fit inside a shoebox. A full list of suggested items are available on the Jared Box Project website, and include: rattles, stacking blocks, board books, bath toys, and soft plushies for infants/toddlers; action figures, small dolls, stickers, coloring books, crayons, and puzzles for children; and journals, fun socks, travel games, card games, craft kits, and reading books for teens. To ensure the safety of the patients, we cannot accept the following: used items, food or drinks, glass or fragile items, holiday-themed merchandise, choking hazards, bubbles, or pencil sharpeners.

Decorate a Box

You don't need to be a donor to make a difference! We invite all attendees to stop by the Maker Space to help us add a personal touch to our collection. Decorate a box top to turn a plain container into a vibrant, cheering treasure chest using stickers and art supplies.

Card Creating

Sometimes a kind word is the best gift of all. Sit down for a few minutes to write a message of encouragement or draw a picture for a child to find when they open their box. You can drop off the cards at the Jared Box booth.

Silent Auction

The Setsucon Silent Auction returns for its eighth year, continuing a proud tradition of combining fandom with philanthropy. Located in the Exhibitors Hall, the auction is a premier destination for attendees looking to acquire rare collectables, autographed memorabilia, and unique anime treasures. More than just a place to bid, this event serves as a centerpiece of our community's charitable efforts, bringing fans together to support a vital cause.

Our Silent Auction is held in loving memory of the late Billy Kametz, a beloved voice actor, former Setsucon guest, and a Pennsylvania native. Known for his incredible talent and infectious kindness, Billy left an indelible mark on the anime industry and the fans who knew him. In honor of his legacy, all proceeds from the auction are donated directly to the Colon Cancer Coalition. This organization works tirelessly to raise awareness about the importance of screenings and colonoscopies, aiming to decrease deaths from colon cancer through education and support. By participating in the auction, you aren't just winning a prize; you are contributing to a mission that saves lives and honors an incredible man.

Bidding is easy and open to all attendees, but the competition can get fierce as the clock winds down! Whether you are eyeing a rare figure or a one-of-a-kind industry item, here is how you can get involved.

- Visit the Silent Auction booth starting Saturday morning; simply write your name, phone number, and bid amount on the item's bidding sheet.
- Keep your eye on your favorite items throughout the weekend; if you've been outbid, you can jump back into the fray - just remember that every new bid must increase the amount by at least \$5.
- If you are the highest bidder when the auction closes on Sunday, you'll be contacted to come and claim your prize (you don't have to be at the con on Sunday to claim the prize - just have to have a way to get it either that day or in the days following).
- All winners will be notified by phone call or text; after three missed attempts to contact the winner, we will move on to the next highest bidder.
- All items must be won via bidding; no buying is allowed.
- Staff have the discretion to halt bidding at any time for any reason.



It's time to roll for initiative and find your seat in the Tabletop Gaming Room. This year, we've brought together an incredible coalition of local gaming experts and community organizations to transform our gaming space into a bustling hub of cardboard, dice, and miniatures.

We are proud to host this room in partnership with some pillars of our local gaming community. Jake's Cards & Games, a Bellefonte staple, brings the excitement of nightly game nights at the store into the room with their expert-run card gaming tournaments. Joining them is Snake Eyes Gaming from Altoona, providing an expansive play area with board games and miniatures. If tactical combat is more your speed, the PSU Wargaming Club and Nittany Wargaming will be on-site, showcasing the intricate world of miniature wargaming and fostering a social atmosphere where you can learn the ropes of the strategic skirmishes like Warhammer 40k. And for those that crave deep immersion, The Quelmar Realm is here to ensure that "no story goes untold." Specializing in tabletop role-playing games, Quelmar provides a massive world setting and resources to help both new and veteran players find their place in the grand narrative.

Tabletop Gaming

About Jake's Cards & 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.

About 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.

About 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!



Board Games

Looking for an "out-of-the-box" gaming experience? The board game library, hosted by Snake Eyes Gaming, is the perfect place to gather your party and settle in for some tactical fun. Whether you have five minutes for a quick round or an hour for a deep strategy session, we have a seat waiting for you. Snake Eyes Gaming offers a massive variety of titles ranging from family-friendly classics to the newest tabletop hits. It's the ideal way to relax, make new friends, and discover your next favorite game!

Tabletop Miniatures

Does your idea of a perfect afternoon include fire-breathing dragons, bands of feral orcs, or giant mechs armed with laser rifles? Step into the immersive world of Tabletop Miniature Gaming, where strategy meets artistry. Snake Eyes Gaming brings this hobby to life at Setsucon, offering a wide variety of genres for every type of commander. Whether you prefer the tactical precision of a skirmish-sized game—perfect for those with limited time—or the grand scale of a full-scale war that pits your strategic mind against a worthy opponent, there is a battlefield waiting for you.

CARD GAMING, PRESENTED BY JAKES CARDS AND GAMES

Magic The Gathering Commander

A Magic the Gathering Competitive Commander tournament hosted by Jake's Cards and Games! It is a highly competitive Constructed format. The tournament will follow 1v1 rules and will enforce the standard Competitive Commander banlist. There is no entry fee, and Jake's Cards and Games will add two card packs to the prize pool per participant, with a chance for participants to claim them and other prizes!

Pokemon TCG Standard

A Pokemon TCG tournament following the Standard/Traditional format hosted by Jake's Cards and Games! This is a constructed tournament, meaning participants must bring a deck made for the Standard Format. Each round will be 50 minutes and the number of rounds depends on the number of players but there will be a minimum of 3. This is a Swiss round tournament. Entry fee will be \$15, and Jake's Cards and Games will add two card packs to the prize pool per participant, with a chance for participants to claim them and other prizes!

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28 TABLETOP RPGS, PRESENTED BY THE QUELMAR REALM

A Familiar Problem

One-Page TTRPG (Beginner Friendly); You are the familiars of a powerful wizard who has been missing for days. With no one else to turn to, it's up to you to save his sorry butt before it's too late! (2-6 Players)

A Real Pizza Work

Fallout 2d20 (Pre-Gens Available); While low on caps, your group is contracted by a strange wastelander to recreate a legendary pre-war dish: "pizza." Battle raiders and mirelurks as you attempt to bake the first pie in centuries. (3-6 Players)

Blood on the Clocktower

Social Deduction; The townspeople of Ravenswood Bluff must discover the demon hiding in their midst. In this game of mystery and deception, even the dead have a voice—lend your aid from beyond the grave to save the town. (5-12 Players)

Candela Obscura

Candela Obscura (Pre-Gens Available); Step into a world of investigative horror and supernatural mystery. Join the secret society of Candela Obscura to explore the thinning veil between our world and the Flare. (3-5 Players)

Fight Night in the Junkyard: A Bedlam in the Badlands Tale

D&D 5e (Level 3/Pre-Gens Available); Come learn more about the setting of Quelmar's current community campaign in this one-shot where you're needed to battle test some new scrap golems in a cambion's junkyard. (3-6 Players)

Honey Heist

One-Page TTRPG (Beginner Friendly); The plan is simple: You are a team of bears. There is a massive stash of honey. You're going to steal it. Don't let the humans catch you! (2-6 Players)

Little Shop of Floral Dragons

Daggerheart (Level 2/Pre-Gens Available); A group of floral dragons has taken up residence in a local diner. Help rescue these mythical creatures and save the restaurant from a catastrophic health code violation. (3-6 Players)

MASKS: A New Generation

Powered by the Apocalypse (Beginner Friendly/Pre-Gens Available); Being a young superhero is hard. You'll have to balance saving the city with finding your own identity in this high-drama, comic-book-inspired RPG. (3-5 Players)

No Mourning in Mossbank

D&D 5e (Level 2/BYO Character); The sleepy town of Mossbank is in mourning, but rumors of foul play are causing tension to boil over. Investigate the truth behind a sudden demise before the town tears itself apart. (3-5 Players)

Oh No! My One-Page RPG Got Reincarnated as an Isekai Anime!?

Narrative/Real-Lite; It was supposed to be a regular game night—now you're trapped in an anime! Use familiar tropes and hilarious transformations to find your way back home. (2-6 Players)

Queen by Midnight

Deck Building Card Game (Beginner Friendly); The clock is ticking! Battle as a powerful Princess in this tactical deck-builder to prove you have what it takes to be crowned the new Midnight Queen. (2-6 Players)

Red Dragon Inn

Card Game (Beginner Friendly); The adventure is over—now the real challenge begins. Settle in at the inn to see who can out-drink, out-gamble, and out-last their fellow adventurers. (3-10 Players)

Red Dragon Inn (Pub Crawl!)

Card Game (Experience Encouraged); A special "stroll through town" edition of the classic game. Visit various local taverns and see which adventurer can keep their wits (and their gold) during the ultimate pub crawl. (3-8 Players)

Star Trek

2d20 System (Pre-Gens Available); Boldly go where no one has gone before! Join a Starfleet crew to solve interstellar mysteries and uphold the Prime Directive in the final frontier. (3-5 Players)

Super Ink Burst

Hard Wired Island (Pre-Gens Available); A Jet Set Radio-inspired scenario. Grab your spray cans and roller blades to disrupt a gated corporate community and unravel a massive conspiracy by tagging the sky itself. (3-6 Players)

Sylvanna

Perils & Princesses (Beginner Friendly/Pre-Gens Available); What if you were a princess invited to a magical, dangerous game of "Fey Jumanji"? Use your grace and grit to survive the perils of a whimsical, enchanted world. (3-5 Players)

Taco Cat Goat Cheese

High-Speed Card Game; A fast-paced game that is incredibly simple to learn but difficult to master. Your reaction timing and observation skills are the only things standing between you and victory! (2-8 Players)

TABLETOP RPGS, PRESENTED BY LEX WINTER**My Brother's Enemy "Ani-ue no kataki"**

D&D 5e (Level 3/Pre-Gens Available); Missing caravans in the Ama Basin point to bandit raiders. You have been hired to traverse the route, find the bandits, and eliminate their threat. (3-5 Players)

TABLETOP MINIATURES, PRESENTED BY SNAKE EYES WITH PSU WARGAMING CLUB AND NITTANY WARGAMING**Gaming & Demonstrations**

Does your idea of a good time include fire-breathing dragons and bands of feral orcs? Maybe it includes giant mechs and aliens with laser rifles. Of course there's always your favorite cape-clad superheroes, swooping in to save the day! Get introduced to the immersive world of tabletop miniature gaming. Stop by to see a wide variety of genres, including sci-fi, fantasy, and adventure. Smaller skirmish-sized games can satisfy those with a limited amount of time and space, while larger games can offer a more in-depth experience, pitting your skills against your opponent's. Come experience games such as Warhammer 40k, Heroclix, Star Wars Legion, and Blood Bowl.

The Virgin Dies Last

Campy Horror TTRPG; Using the classic "Never Have I Ever" as a core mechanic, this RPG emulates the tropes of 80s and 90s slasher flicks. Will you be the final survivor? (2-8 Players)

Wands of Wonder

D&D 5e (Beginner Friendly/No Characters Needed); A wandering wizard needs brave adventurers to test a collection of experimental, highly unpredictable wands. Expect total chaos and magical mayhem! (4-6 Players)

Relic Recovery

Command has lost contact with a team returning a valuable relic. The team's transport stopped communicating in the middle of the city. Your mission is to reach the transport, recover the relic, and retrieve any survivors. Beware. Other forms of life may also want to collect such valuable artifacts. They will fight at all costs to take them as their own. Nobody is your friend. In the grim darkness of the future, there is only... war. This ongoing Warhammer 40k game will take place throughout the entire weekend. Step up, take control of a unit, work to achieve objectives, collect points, and aim to win prizes! Still hunger for more after your first game? Play again! The event will continue throughout the weekend for you to rack up as many points as you can!

Video Gaming

About 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 to win prizes.

About 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.

About 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.

Level up your con adventure at the Video Gaming Room! We've teamed up with three premier names in gaming to bring you a massive hall filled with flashing lights, pounding beats, and the latest & greatest in gaming.

Whether you are a competitive fighting game enthusiast, a rhythm game master, or a casual player looking to relive your childhood favorites, this room is designed to be your ultimate high-score sanctuary.

Experience the sights and sounds of a Tokyo game center without needing the passport! We are thrilled to welcome back Snow Phoenix and Kawaii Catchers. From high-energy rhythm games that will test your coordination to authentic Japanese crane machines that test your skill and precision, you will feel whisked away to that true "Game Center" world.

And at the console gaming action is Origin of Play - transforming our gaming space with a wide variety of console gaming options, ensuring that whether you want to settle a score or try a new game, there is a controller waiting for you.

And don't forget to stop by our retro gaming area to see a collection of consoles that are a blast from the past!



Console Gaming

Step into the ultimate living room setup with our Console Gaming area, managed by the experts at Origin of Play. Featuring the latest generation of hardware and a massive library of titles, this is the place to settle old rivalries or discover your new favorite game. From high-octane sports titles and chaotic 'couch co-op' party games to the latest fighting game masterpieces, there's a controller waiting for every type of player. Whether you're playing for bragging rights or just to unwind, our modern console stations provide a high-definition experience for gamers of all ages.

Arcade Cabinets & Machines

Experience the electric atmosphere of a Japanese game center right here in the hall! Thanks to Snow Phoenix, our floor is packed with authentic, imported Arcade Cabinets that bring the best of Tokyo's nightlife to Setsucon. Test your reflexes on world-class rhythm games, explore rare Japanese titles, and enjoy the tactile thrill of genuine arcade hardware. Don't forget to visit the Kawaii Catchers area, where skill-based crane machines like the SEGA UFO Catcher offer a chance to win exclusive plushies and figures. It's a perfect blend of high-energy competition and the unique charm of international gaming culture.

Retro Gaming

Before there were 4K graphics and online matchmaking, there were pixels, cartridges, and local high-score boards. Our Retro Gaming section is a celebration of the classics that started it all. Relive the golden age of gaming with a curated selection of vintage consoles and 8-bit/16-bit masterpieces. Whether you want to introduce a younger fan to the original adventures of Mario and Sonic or you're looking to perfect your run in a classic arcade port, the retro area is a nostalgic sanctuary where the history of gaming is alive and well.

Tournaments

Do you have what it takes to be the best in the con? The Setsucon Tournament Circuit is where the community's top players face off for glory, prizes, and the title of Champion. Throughout the weekend, we'll be hosting brackets for the most popular fighting games and rhythm games. Our tournaments are designed to be fair, professional, and high-energy, featuring dedicated setups and live commentary for select finals. Check the schedule at the Tournament Desk to register, view brackets, and see when your favorite game takes the main stage! This year, we will be featuring tournaments for the following games:

- Guilty Gear: STRIVE
- Pokemon Scarlet & Violet (bring own device)
- Dance Dance Revolution
- Tekken 8
- 2XKO
- Melty Blood: Type Lumina
- Under Night In-Birth II
- Granblue Fantasy: Versus Rising
- Street Fighter 6

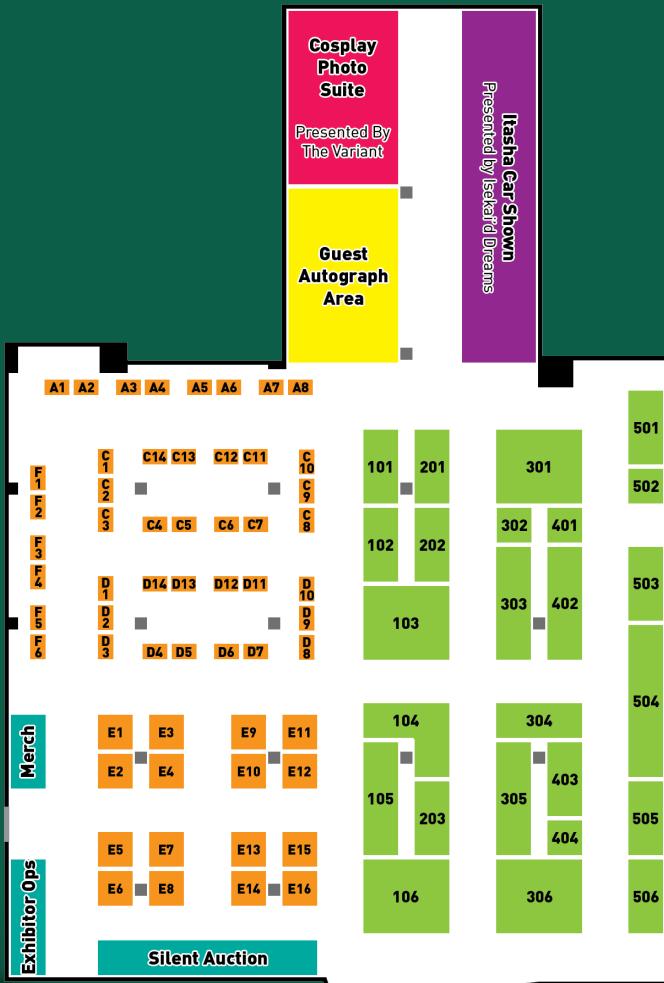
Retro Gauntlet

Do you have what it takes to conquer the classics? Step back in time with the Retro Gauntlet, a high-speed test of skill and gaming prowess across multiple generations of gaming history! In this event, players must race against the clock to complete as many in-game challenges as possible on a variety of vintage consoles. From perfect platforming runs to high-score sprints, every second counts as you battle for retro glory. Whether you're a seasoned veteran of the 8-bit era or a newcomer curious about the roots of gaming, come see how many challenges you can crush!



Exhibitors Hall

The Exhibitors Hall is the vibrant heartbeat & sprawling marketplace of the con where fandom comes to life. Whether you are a dedicated collector searching for a rare figure or a casual fan looking for a unique souvenir to remember the weekend, the hall is your premier destination for all things anime, gaming, and Japanese culture.



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Panels Guide



Our panel rooms are where our community truly comes together to share knowledge, debate theories, and celebrate the niche corners of fandom that we love. From deep-dive academic lectures on Japanese history to high-energy late-night game shows, our programming schedule is designed to ensure that every hour of your weekend is packed with discovery.

To help you navigate the hundreds of hours of available programming, we have organized our content into specialized “tracks.” No matter your interest, there is a topic designed specifically for you. And with panels running simultaneously across multiple rooms, planning is key! We recommend planning ahead for your “must-see” panels by checking out the guide on the following pages.

Whether you are here to learn how to manage a career in content creation with WildSpice, explore the “yaoi-fication” of mainstream media, or simply find out why your favorite character is (according to our staffers) actually “trash,” there is a seat waiting for you. If you’re feeling competitive, our Game Show track offers everything from Anime Bingo and Shonen Trivia to the return of Wheel of Fortune – they are your chance to take the stage, win amazing prizes, and prove your status as an “Animexpert.” For those who prefer a deeper, more contemplative experience, our Educational and Culture tracks offer a “university-style” look at fandom. Learn about the real-world biology that inspired your favorite Pokémon from a researcher, or explore the intersection of 1960s jazz and coming-of-age stories. Even local culture gets its moment in the spotlight – yes, we are finally talking about the wonder of Altoona Pizza!

Adolescent Trauma Recovery in Naruto

Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer

In this mental health lecture on short-term, trauma-informed interventions for anxiety and social isolation, Uncle Yo will present the members of Team Kakashi as case studies to illustrate the presenting factors, protective factors against, and recovery methods from developmental trauma.

Anime Fun and Games

Antipode

Ready to laugh? Think you can you stump our game masters? Want to see some Cosplay dance? Then bring your knowledge, skills, and friends to this panel as we will have fun & games for Anime lovers! Everyone is welcome to this all ages gathering.

Balancing Act: Juggling a 9 to 5 with Content Creation

WildSpice

Are you wanting to get into content creation? Are you juggling a full time job with creating content? Do you not have enough time in the day to be everywhere and in front of everyone? Come join WildSpice of SolarStarsVT as she goes over tips and tricks for managing the life of a content creator (whether facecam or vtuber) and a full time career.

Fanfiction: A History, The Divine Comedy, AO3, Mary Sue & More

Lex Winter

A cheeky overview of media history and fan studies- with an emphasis on fanfiction.

Foxes & Faith in Silent Hill F

Lex Winter

A look at religious horror and Silent Hill's newest entry. Find the beauty in terror with us as we look at Inari faith, the roles of religious horror in general, and how Silent Hill F brings it all together to make a stunning tale.

From Musician to Actor

Ryan Colt Levy

Though I always had a passion for storytelling, filmmaking, & acting, I never expected to have a career in VO. After picking up a guitar at 12 & starting my first band, I began a 15 year journey in pursuit of a completely different life & how I ended up here has been quite the surreal ride. I'll dive full on into the wild rollercoaster that found me working as an actor full time & how major detours in life can give you the greatest of gifts when you least expect them.

Learn to Jujutsu Kaisen Bellydance

Antipode

Calling all High-ranking Sorcerers and Curses! Do you want to learn to belly dance? Do you want a few new moves for the dance floor? Do you want to expand your dance in a Domain Expansion? Bring your "besto friendo," your shikigami, & your cursed tools, as Antipode teaches you some new moves and a short choreography to the JJK Ending: "Lost in Paradise." Everyone is welcome in this all ages judgment free class! No experience required!

Now Suitable for Worship

Lex Winter

Dosojin. Sekibo. Shunga. Those three words all share something in common- they refer to SEX GODS. And yes, Japan has a rich and varied history dealing with the divine phallus. Join us, then, as we uncover the X-rated gods that are Now Suitable For Worship.

Pokemon Bingo

Awesomus Prime

Come join Pokémon Professor Prime and help them Catch'em All... with Bingo! You'll have your very own Bingo card on your personal device (phone or tablet) to check off each Pokémon as they're called and win some prizes. Let's fill up our Pokédex together.

Tabletop Anime

Lex Winter

When you think of anime and gaming, what comes to mind? Pokémon? YuGiOh? Are you like me and fawning over One Piece? What about a game like Ani-Mayhem? Or BESM? Or Mekton? Anime and tabletop gaming have a LONG history, and this panel aims to pull back the curtain on some relics of the past, waiting to be discovered by a new generation.



The Theatrical Side of DM'ing

Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer

Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer has over 20 years of producing black-box live theatre, immersive theater, haunted houses, LARPS, and radio plays. Join this high-energy lecture on using props, music, and lighting to make your next evening of tabletop role-play an unforgettable experience.

The World of Voice Acting

Reagan Murdock & Megan Hollingshead

Ever wondered what it's really like to bring your favorite characters to life behind the microphone? Join Megan Hollingshead and Reagan Murdock for a deep dive into the professional world of voice acting. This moderated session explores the reality of life in the booth—from the adrenaline of the audition process and the technical demands of dubbing to the secrets of maintaining a voice during an intense battle sequence. Whether you are an aspiring actor or a fan curious about the "magic" behind the screen, our guests are ready to share stories and insights from their unique journeys in the industry.

Top 10 Anime Openers

Awesomus Prime

Want to know the Top 10 songs from anime that make the cut for Awesomus Prime? Join them as they countdown their favorites and explain what makes them worthy of being on Prime's list. You may just get to know the inner workings of the mind of a DJ.

TTRPGs as... Group Therapy?

Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer

Join reformed anime comedian, Uncle Yo, for a discussion on the parallels of group therapy and your favorite table-top role-playing games. Learn the benefits of drama & art therapy in personal trauma-recovery and how so many geeks are aging into their master degrees and doctorates to use games as a therapeutic intervention. And then learn why, even with all its fame and accessibility, D&D is the wrong game for therapist to employ, and the real game practitioners should be studying.

Voice Acting Roundtable

Ryan Colt Levy, Reagan Murdock, &

Megan Hollingshead

What happens when you bring a trio of industry icons together on one stage? Join Ryan Colt Levy, Reagan Murdock, and Megan Hollingshead for an exclusive, star-studded roundtable discussion covering the past, present, and future of voice acting. This moderated session goes beyond the basics to get to the heart of why we love these characters. Through a series of deep-dive questions, our guests will share their personal favorite roles, the most challenging scenes they've ever recorded, and those legendary "behind-the-scenes" funny moments that only happen in the booth. From the iconic sounds of early-2000s classics to the high-intensity energy of today's biggest hits, this is a unique opportunity to see these three performers interact, share stories, and celebrate the craft that brings our favorite anime to life.

Vtuber Agencies: The Inside Scoop

WildSpice & Friends

What does a vtuber agency entail? How does one join a vtuber agency? Come join WildSpice of SolarStarsVT (formerly of Oshilink) & other v-tubers who have been in or are in an agency and we'll go over tips and tricks for auditioning to a vtuber agency and things to consider as a member of an agency and before joining one. We'll also talk about what you may or may not know when it comes to being indie versus with an agency.

Vtubing 101

WildSpice

Do you know what a Vtuber is? Ever heard of Hololive, Phase Connect, or some other vtuber agencies or talents? What the heck is Live2D, and what is a Fugi? Join WildSpice (and maybe some other v-tubers) as we dive into the exciting world of vtubing! We'll cover the basics of what vtubing is all about, how to get started without spending a fortune, and tips for connecting with other v-tubers for awesome collabs. Plus, we'll share our own experiences in the community!

ANIME FANDOM

Dead Fandom Necromancy!

Elliott

Is your favorite fandom dead? Are you wishing to revive it? Welcome to Dead Fandom Necromancy! A game where you tell us what fandom you think deserves to be revived and we'll vote on whether you're right. Be prepared to fight for it!

I Woke Up Kawaii in Another World

Kawaii Neko Productions

Look out! Here comes Truck-kun! Come learn about some of the cutest isekai anime out there!

Kawaii AF [18+]

Kawaii Neko Productions

Do you love kawaii anime? How about fan service? What if I told you there are tons of anime that combine them? Come learn all about anime that is super kawaii and a little naughty! *chu*

No Really Blank Is Good-

Kakegurui Edition

Merc with a Podcast

In the 3rd edition of No Really Blank is Good, our host talks about why Kakegurui is actually a good show! No really! This is a hell he's willing to die on & is prepare to tell you why you've been wrong this whole time. So stop by, take in the laughs, & learn why this anime truly is brilliant.

Umas are the New Catgirls?! Galloping

Into the World of Uma Musume

A Nerdy Couple

Move over, cat girls—horse girls are here to steal the spotlight! From a mysterious teaser to a full-blown manga, anime, and world record-breaking gacha sensation, these umas have captured hearts—and wallets. Want to dive in without going broke? Curious if the lore has roots in real life? And who really is Best Uma, anyway? Saddle up with a Nerdy Couple as we trot through the wild, whimsical world of Uma Musume.

ANIME HISTORY

Anime Lost to Time: A Discussion of Anime Lost Media

Cas & Tune

While the term "lost media" can encompass a variety of digital content no longer available to the general public, we'll be taking a focus on how lost media impacts the Otaku directly. And that's of course, through lost anime! Join us as we discuss our favorite anime that has been unfortunately lost to time.

OVA: The Secret Gem of Anime Children Driving Robots

With the creation of the OVA in the 1980s, Anime got a new format to express itself. Come join Children Driving Robots as we discuss the world of Anime OVAs, where shows can be minutes long...or took years to complete.

PTSD in Anime: Slice of Life Edition

Merc with a Podcast

What is more agonizing than your everyday life? Watching a Slice of Life Anime. But you know what is even worse than a slice of life? A character with PTSD in a Slice of Life. In the 4th season of PTSD in Anime, our host dissects the causes of different characters' PTSD in shows like Fruit Basket, Horimiya and more.

Satoshi Kon: A Legacy

Nihilistdeath

Step into the dreamlike, disorienting worlds of legendary anime director Satoshi Kon, whose films blur the line between reality and illusion like no other. This panel explores Kon's surrealist storytelling, visual editing techniques, and psychological themes that challenge traditional narrative structures. Whether you're a longtime fan or new to his work, come discover how Kon crafted some of the most thought-provoking, mind-bending stories in animation history.

The Rise of Live Action

Lucky 13 Cosplay Studios

From Speed Racer to One Piece, the film and television industry has put out many adaptation of our favorite Animes and Mangas. Some are amazing, others not so much. But what makes a truly good adaptation of this beloved stories. Join us for a deep dive and discussion about what makes a good live action anime.

Cosplay Competitions 101**Corwynte**

So you've made a super-awesome cosplay, and you're ready to show it off! Come to Cosplay Competitions 101 to learn about how to enter in cosplay contests and various types of competitions, as well as how to prepare for your first cosplay competition!

Cosplay Creation Crash Course**Corwynte**

So you're ready to try making a cosplay, but not sure where to start? We will cover the basics of picking, planning, and crafting your very own cosplay! Learn how to plan design elements, source materials, and find resources to help guide you on your creating journey!

Cosplay in a Post-JoAnn World**Onfrozenwings**

With the loss of JoAnn Fabrics as a staple in the cosplay community, where do you turn when you need things such as fabric, patterns, machine accessories, and other supplies? Whether you're just starting out or have been around for a while, we aim to help make things just a little easier now that we've lost one of our community go-tos. We'll discuss things such as what places are out there for fabric and notions, where to find patterns, how to take your measurements so that you can select the right pattern size (and how not to feel discouraged by what the pattern recommends), and how to select the right machine for your needs. We'll also provide a hard copy of the different places so that you have it on hand instead of having to rely on memory when searching for things! After all, cosplay is for everyone, and gatekeeping isn't cool.

Cosplay Makeup 102: The Not Quite As Broke, Still Just Pre-Rich Guide**Ion**

We're back again with more tips, tricks, and secrets to level up your cosplay game with flawless makeup! Join us for an elevated crash course in cosplay cosmetics! We'll cover how to get started with skincare and cosmetics to contact lenses and kit essentials while keeping your wallet in mind! Discover the pros and cons of different products, application techniques, character-specific makeup, contouring, must-have tools, proper care, and when to splurge or save. You'll also get more shopping recommendations, enjoy mini-demos, and some fun giveaways. Plus, there will be plenty of time for a Q&A, so come with your questions and leave feeling confident and ready to shine!

Cosplay Photography 101**Andrew Dule, Photographer**

Do you enjoy taking photos of cosplayers at cons and want to take the next step and start doing shoots? Are you a cosplayer who is interested in doing a cosplay photoshoot but don't know how to choose the right photographer? Join Andrew from Dule Design & Photography as he goes over tips for photographers and cosplayers alike. These tips will help photographers improve their communication with cosplayers and help them make better images, while helping cosplayers be more confident they are selecting the right photographer for them.



Domain Expansion Touchdown: The NFL for Anime Fans Bamforth Panels

Think football is just a boring sportsball for your dad? Think Again! Football is the nerdiest and most anime sport around, and to prove it I'm going to explain it using exclusively Anime references and comparisons.

Literature in Anime/Gaming: Practical Ways to Use the Popular Media to Reach Students

Victorian Rose Art Studio

Have you noticed how students tend to zone out during reading or just refuse to participate with their assigned reading? Often students might not realize some of their favorite anime or gaming is inspired by various classical/modern literature. Come explore with us ways to use this popular medium to spark and sustain student interest.

Pokemon and the Wildlife that Inspired Them

Many of the over a thousand Pokemon are inspired by real animals. I am a professional wildlife researcher with a doctorate in biology, as well as a Pokemon fan since childhood. I wanted to look at where those two loves intersected, while using anime and video game fan's excitement for Pokemon to teach them about some weird and fascinating wildlife species. Since there are so many Pokemon, this will not be a comprehensive look, but will pick a sample of 10-15 Pokemon and talk about the currently living wildlife species that inspired them, as well as touch on how the behavior and ecology of these real animals are referenced in the Pokemon games and anime. Some examples include the connection between tapirs and Drowsee, Relicanth and coelacanth, and the Nincada evolutionary line and cicadas. The goal of this panel is to educate about wildlife and entertain in the process!

Romance in Media: The 5 W's and H of Shipping LX_FENIX

Do you find yourself wanting to see romance in some way spark between characters in your favorite show, book, game, or anywhere else? You are not alone! Join us for an open discussion and examination of the who, what, where, when, why, and how of shipping throughout anime, video games, other media, and beyond!



GYARU 101*Elliott*

Calling all aspiring gals! Are you looking to become a full fledged GYARU? Or maybe you're just fascinated by the flashy outfits and dramatic makeup? Come learn everything you need to know to become a gyaru!

Lolita 101*Kei-Mart*

Have you ever wanted to wear lolita fashion but struggle to start? Join us for a fun & inclusive intro to the fashion where we go over the basics including the history, substyles, and where to find the perfect items to add to your closet.

GAME SHOW**Anime Bingo***Fuzion Games*

Bingo with a twist! Combine your bingo luck with anime trivia! Bring some friends and win some prizes!

Anime Family Feud*Fuzion Games*

The popular television game show with an anime twist! Two teams compete to try and match surveys asked of fellow attendees at the convention! A team earns exp for getting the points for the round and the team to attain the most points after 5 rounds, moves on to Fast EXP to earn even more EXP to spend on amazing prizes!

Anime Trivia [18+]

Come one, come all, to the sixth installment of Kin and Bre's legendary anime trivia! As usual, our trivia will feature silly segments, curious questions, and special prizes for our top three. Join us for an hour of hilarity, presented by your favorite game show hosts, that you (probably) won't regret (and Mike definitely will)!

Cards Against Anime [18+]*Leecat.cos & Friends*

Join us for Cards Against Anime, an 18+ panel where your favorite chaotic card game gets an otaku makeover! We've taken Cards Against Humanity and added a hilarious, hand-crafted deck of anime-themed cards!

Name That Tune

A bumper year of anime means a bumper year of anime tunes. If you think you know a few of them, then you could win fantastic prizes!

One Piece Bingo

Come join us for a friendly game of bingo but with a twist: One Piece! There will be prizes and lots of fun!

Shonen Trivia

Do you know a lot about different Shonen Anime? Come Prove it at Shonen Trivia! From Jujutsu Kaisen to Naruto, and many more, you'll be asked questions about Music, Power Systems, and more from your favorite shows.

Smash or Pass: Villian Edition! [18+]

@taetertotcos, @solarplexuscos, & @eyesofsparda

I dont care that hes evil! I love him! Come play smash or pass and finally get to express your deep feelings for that awful villain in your life!

The Shoujo Gameshow

How well do you know your shoujo? Come prove it! Join your favorite Setsucon staffers in testing your shoujo mettle with trivia questions, mini games, and plenty of girl power. Can you fight evil by midnight and win love by daylight? Or are you running from this real fight?

Wheel of Fortune

It's America's Game as presented by the longest-tenured continuously-active* Wheel of Fortune Host! Contestants drawn straight from the audience try to spin, buy, and solve their way to fabulous and exciting merchandise! [*-I've been doing this since 2016. Take that, Seacrest.]

A Deeper Dive into Kingdom Hearts [18+]

@solarplexuscos & @eyesofsparda

Most of us in the Kingdom Hearts fandom have heard of or even watched the "Riku is Gay (And Why it Matters)" video, right? Well, if that video caught your eye, come to this panel! Here, we will be discussing mental health in Kingdom Hearts, as well as many other deeper issues the game presents us with.

A Prefect's Guide to Surviving Twisted Wonderland

Step through the Mirror for a magical journey in the world of Twisted Wonderland! Join us for a panel full of series insights, hidden details, and fun tips every Twisted Wonderland fan – new or old – can enjoy. Meet other TWST fans, learn about Night Raven College drama, and master the art of being a Prefect!

Intro into Daggerheart
Cyanmage

Ever wanted to learn how to play Daggerheart but you aren't sure it's for you? Come join us and learn the game mechanics and how to create your own character and play a one-shot to try it out!

Intro to Tabletop Gaming
Snake Eyes Gaming

"You mean gaming on a real table and not a console?" Yes - and it is glorious! Thousands of gamers across the region gather in person, to play various miniatures-based games on a regular basis. Some of these games include Warhammer 40k, Heroclix, Marvel, and Star Wars Legion. This workshop will cover a variety of these games and introduce you to the wide world of tabletop miniature gaming!

The Long History of Fire Emblem [18+]

@solarplexuscos & @eyesofsparda

Every game series has games in it that stand out to most fans and gain popularity, but Fire Emblem is a series that's existed since 1990. Many don't know the history of the series, or how many games there are, and this panel will be a massive deep dive into the history and general wackiness of the Fire Emblem franchise.

Tilting with Purpose: A Pinball Panel
Children Driving Robots

Did you know pinball was previously banned? Are you still trying to figure out what a Skill Shot is? From history, to gameplay, to even what it's like to maintain a pinball machine, come join Children Driving Robots where we'll talk everything pinball.

Yaoi 101: Nitro+ Chiral [18+]
Dirk Strider

Love Dramatical Murder? Are you a fan of yaoi history? Are you just looking for some visual novel recommendations? Come visit Yaoi 101 where I will tell you all about the game studio that made some of the most popular BL visual novels since 2005, the games they made, and all about the fandoms surrounding them.



All About Gundam Models 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? Have you already started and want some advice on what to do with them? Well, stop by and get a crash course in the world of Gundam models and how you can join a community that spans decades.

Create a Key!

Have you ever read "Cinderella Boy" by Punko? Even if you haven't would you like a fairytale themed key to take home? If you do, come down and join us for creating your own key, while discussing some of the lore from how the Keys in Cinderella boy were created.

GunPla for Beginners Build Workshop Mk.III A Nerdy Couple

GunPla, or Gundam Plastic Model building, is a fun and 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 to attendees that require no tools, glue, or even stickers to make a fully functioning Gundam model kit, with hands on help and guidance, as well as plenty of 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 and have a model all your own! A \$5 cash fee per kit will be required for build portion of the workshop, collected at the workshop.

Learn to Paint Miniatures Snake Eyes Gaming

We have all seen some gorgeous miniatures at our local gaming shops. Dungeons & Dragons, Star Wars, Warhammer, Marvel Comics - the list goes on. With a little time and some solid advice, you can paint just as well as everyone else - if not better! In this workshop, our painting expert will guide you through the process of painting your very own tabletop miniature! A \$10 fee for a miniature and the use of the tools to paint it will be collected at the workshop.

Setsubun Mask and Origami Oni Craft

Come prepare for Setsubun (Monday) at Setsucon by making an origami oni and a mask! Let's enjoy this Japanese tradition to honor the transition from winter to spring, and bring good luck to the con. Remember: "evil out, good luck in!" Supplies provided while they last.

Twisted Wonderland's Lanterns of Wishes Event Craft

Come let down your hair with other Twisted Wonderland fans while we decorate paper lanterns and craft origami boats inspired by the Lanterns of Wishes event. Don't worry, you don't have to be locked in the library to participate.

JAPANESE CULTURE AND HISTORY

Beyond Gacha: The Reality of Gambling in Japan A Nerdy Couple

Think Japan is all glitz, gacha, and gimmicks? That's just the start! From neon pachinko parlors to lottery at the 7/11 and horse racing tracks, the ways to chase lady luck are endless. But behind the flashing lights it isn't always glamorous. Join A Nerdy Couple as we dive into the big wins—and even bigger losses—of Japan's gambling history!

Crazy-A#\$ Moments and People in Japanese History [18+] Rob Fan Club

Ready to learn some crazy s#!% For the fourth year, Nate & Rob Fan Club is bringing you crazy, disturbing, insane, and not often discussed stories from Japanese history! Alongside his vic... I mean... friends, you will learn something new from Japanese history guaranteed!

Japan Loves Dogs Consider the Nonsense

Dogs have a long and beloved history in Japan. We'd like to tell you about Japanese dog breeds, their histories, and roles in modern society. We'll also explore some of their most iconic real-life and animated dogs.

Japanese History in Anime Victorian Rose Art Studio

Ever wonder how well historical events are depicted in popular media? Come explore some key points in Japanese history and how well, or not so well, they are portrayed in various anime.

Visiting Japan Consider the Nonsense

Want to visit Japan? We've been there a few times, and during those visits we've seen and learned a lot. We'll provide resources that helped us while we were there, tools to help plan your trip, and places you might want to visit. If going there yourself is on your bucket list, we're here to help.

MANGA, MANHWA, AND LITERATURE

Devil's Advocate - How to Write a "Good" Villain

Painting Dragon Feathers

A hero is only as good as their villain, and the best villains are the ones we love to hate. But how do you avoid the pitfalls of making your villain too flat, or too lame, or "evil for the sake of being evil"? In this lecture we'll discuss the morals, motives, and modus operandi of some famous villains, the nuances of antiheroes, antagonists, and villains, and how to cut Satan a break—there are much more interesting and sinister figures for inspiration for your big baddies. A Q and A will follow.

Omniscient Your Reader: Korean Manhwa and Web Novels 101

Arise! Korean web media is taking over! From dungeons to villainesses, Korean web comics and web novels are continuing to increase in popularity in the western fandom space. Come learn about the originals behind the anime adaptation, from Solo Leveling to Raeliana and everything in between. We'll discuss some South Korean history, learn a little Korean, review common tropes, and you might even leave with a reading list!

FanFiction: Writing Them and the Best Places to Do So

Lucky 13 Cosplay Studios

We have all had that time that we thought a story should have gone a different way. What if I told you there was a way to see how that plays out. Welcome to the world of FanFiction. Come out and discuss what it takes to make a good fan fiction.

MUSIC

Karaoke!

The Quelmar Realm

Come and perform your heart out on the stage! Karaoke is a timeless Japanese pastime that allows everyone to be the star of their favorite songs! Open to everyone, you will be able to sign up to sign pop hits, anime OPs and EDs and more!

Animexperts Live [18+] 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!

KPop Demon Hunters and Why We Love It

Lee Dunmire

Have you watched Kpop Demon Hunters? Join us for a fun discussion on what has made this movie such a huge hit. The panel is going to be "Golden"!

Pixelated Fear to Anime Flair: Web Horror's Next Chapter [18+]

Merc with a Podcast

A is for Anime. B is for Borrasca. C is for Cryosleep. And so. The internet is filled with spooktacular horror stories that are just primed to become adapted in one way or another. Our host Merc with a Podcast is here to dive deep into some of the scariest, disturbing, most derange, and some comical horror stories that would be perfect for an anime adaptation. So gather around campfire friends, if you dare.

Shou Tucker (FMA), ALTOONA PIZZA, and Other Crimes Against Humanity

Audra

Okay, so we are only talking about one crime today, Altoona Pizza! Have you heard of Altoona Pizza? Have you HAD Altoona Pizza? Join us as we discuss its origins, ingredients, and lore as well as local places to try out this local delicacy. Who knows, it might be your next must have Setsucon tradition.

Take a Gamble on this Panel! A Nerdy Couple

Join A Nerdy Couple as we present a panel on... something! Seriously, we're not completely sure what! Roll the dice with us (literally) for a bit of extra thrill, as we take a group of panels from our library and take a gamble on what we're going to talk about depending on how the dice land. It could be anything from horse racing, to cats, to food, and plenty more! All we can say for sure is you'll be in for a good time, and see us find out the topic the same time you do!

The Yaoi-fication of Mainstream Media [18+] Lio C

Do you think House and Wilson should have been together? What about Dean and Castiel? Harry and Draco? If so, you're in the right place! This panel covers the most popular gay ships from mainstream to semi-mainstream media, and we'll even hold a vote to crown the best "yaoi-fied" ship!

When Cons Go Wrong Bamforth Panels

We all love conventions, but what about when things go terribly terribly wrong. Come join me on an investigation into the disasters that have befallen many cons.

Your Waifu/Husbando is S#!% [18+]

Rob Fan Club

Think your waifu or husbando is the best? Spoiler alert, they aren't. Nate and his friends will gladly explain why. Come join us as we roast your favorite anime guys and gals!

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HOW
IT
WORKS

- 1) PURCHASE A MUG
- 2) PICK A FLAVOR
- 3) DRINK
- 4) KEEP COMING BACK



Viewings Guide



Take a front-row seat to the best the industry has to offer in the Viewings Room. Whether you're looking to catch the season's hottest new premiere or want to revisit a certified classic, the Viewings Room provides a cinematic escape right in the middle of the convention. It is a dedicated space where the only thing on the agenda is to sit back, relax, and immerse yourself in art of anime.

While streaming at home is convenient, nothing beats the energy of a theater-style experience. In the Viewings Room, we bring high-definition visuals and booming sound to our curated selection of series and movies. It's a rare opportunity to see every detail of a high-octane battle or every stroke of a beautiful background as the creators intended. Our schedule is carefully balanced to offer a little bit of everything: from the pulse-pounding action of modern shonen and the whimsical charm of slice-of-life to the deep narratives of psychological thrillers and the nostalgic warmth of retro gems.

The true magic of the Viewings Room isn't just the screen—it's the audience. There is a unique thrill in laughing together at a comedy, gasping at a sudden plot twist, or cheering alongside a room full of fellow fans during a climactic transformation. This is the ultimate social-viewing experience, allowing you to bond with other attendees over shared excitement. It's also the perfect place for series discovery; many fans walk in for a single episode of a show they've never heard of and walk out with a brand-new favorite to add to their watchlist.

Accel World

Set in 2046, Haruyuki Arita uses a secret program called "Brain Burst" to enter a virtual world where time stands still. To stay in the game, he must fight in a high-stakes combat arena to reach the top and uncover the program's origin. (Sci-Fi/Action/VRMMO)

Amagi Brilliant Park

Narcissistic high schooler Seiya Kanie is forced into managing a dilapidated amusement park. The catch? The staff are actually magical refugees from another world, and if the park doesn't get 500,000 visitors, they'll lose their home forever. (Comedy/Fantasy/Workplace)

Girls und Panzer

In a world where "Sensha-do" (the art of tank warfare) is a traditional martial art for high school girls, Miho Nishizumi leads a ragtag team of newcomers to save their school from closure. It's "World of Tanks" meets high school spirit! (Action/Sports/Military)

Hunter x Hunter

Young Gon Freecss dreams of becoming a legendary Hunter to find his long-lost father. Alongside friends Kurapika, Leorio, and Killua, he faces a series of dangerous missions and deadly trials that test his wit, strength, and resolve. (Action/Adventure)

Inuyasha

A classic feudal fairy tale! Modern-day student Kagome is pulled back in time to Sengoku-era Japan, where she teams up with the half-demon Inuyasha to recover the shattered shards of the powerful Shikon Jewel. (Action/Fantasy/Romance)

Kaiji: The Ultimate Survivor

Debt-ridden loiterer Kaiji Itou is thrust into a world of illegal, high-stakes underground gambling. With his life on the line, he must use every ounce of cunning and survival instinct to outsmart his ruthless opponents. (Psychological/Thriller/Gambling)

Kakegurui

At the elite Hyakkou Private Academy, status isn't determined by grades, but by gambling prowess. Transfer student Yumeko Jabami shakes up the hierarchy not for money or power, but for the pure, compulsive thrill of the risk. (Psychological/Drama/Gambling)

Kids on the Slope

Set in the summer of 1966, introverted honors student Kaoru Nishimi discovers the soul-stirring world of jazz through a local delinquent and a shared love for the piano. A beautiful coming-of-age story set to a world-class soundtrack. (Drama/Music/Romance)

K-On!

Yui Hirasawa joins the Light Music Club thinking it will be easy—only to realize she doesn't know how to play an instrument! Join the girls of "After School Tea Time" for a heartwarming journey of friendship, practice, and a lot of cake. (Slice-of-Life/Comedy/Music)

Non Non Biyori

Experience the peaceful rhythm of the Japanese countryside. This charming "iyashikei" series follows five students of varying ages in a tiny village school as they find wonder and humor in the simplest moments of daily life. (Slice-of-Life/Comedy/Healing)

One Punch Man

Saitama is a hero for fun who has become so powerful that he can defeat any enemy with a single punch. Bored by the lack of challenge, he searches for a worthy opponent in a world filled with bizarre monsters and ranking-obsessed heroes. (Action/Comedy/Superhero)

Oshi No Ko

A stunning look behind the curtain of the idol industry. After a doctor is reincarnated as the child of his favorite pop star, he must navigate the glitz, glamour, and dark secrets of the entertainment world to solve a deep-seated mystery. (Drama/Mystery/Supernatural)

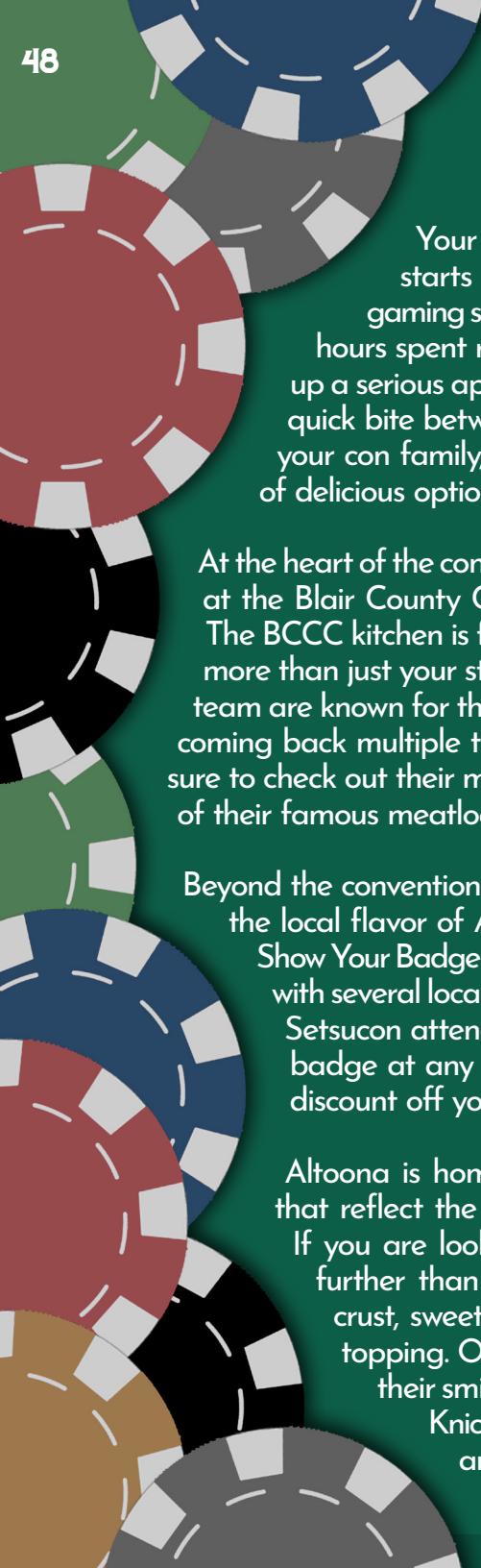
Princess Principal

In a Victorian-era London divided by a massive wall, five young girls serve as undercover spies for the Commonwealth. Using high-tech gadgets and masterful deception, they navigate a dangerous web of international intrigue. (Action/Mystery/Steampunk)

RWBY

In the world of Remnant, young warriors train at Beacon Academy to become Huntsmen and Huntresses. Follow Team RWBY as they master their unique weapons and "Semblances" to protect humanity from the monstrous Creatures of Grimm. (Action/Adventure/Fantasy)

Food Guide



Your road map to fueling your weekend starts right here! We know that marathon gaming sessions, high-energy performances, and hours spent roaming the Exhibitors Hall can work up a serious appetite. Whether you are looking for a quick bite between panels or a sit-down dinner with your con family, we have you covered with a variety of delicious options!

At the heart of the convention is the incredible culinary team at the Blair County Convention Center, led by Chef Tom! The BCCC kitchen is famous among Setsucon veterans for more than just your standard "con food." Chef Tom and his team are known for their curated classics, that will have you coming back multiple times throughout the weekend! Make sure to check out their menu - and don't forget to grab a bite of their famous meatloaf.

Beyond the convention center walls, we invite you to explore the local flavor of Altoona while saving money with our Show Your Badge Discount Program! We have partnered with several local restaurants to offer exclusive deals to Setsucon attendees. Simply present your convention badge at any of our partner locations to receive a discount off your meal.

Altoona is home to a rich variety of local eateries that reflect the city's unique history and culture. If you are looking to try a local tradition, look no further than Altoona Pizza - known for its thick crust, sweet sauce, and distinct Velveeta cheese topping. Or try local staples like Eat'n Park (for their smiley cookies), tavern fare at the historic Knickerbocker, or a casual brew at Marzoni's and Levity Brewing!

CAFE MENU

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Entrees & Platters

Yuengling Meatloaf	\$8.50
angus beef meatloaf made with onions, garlic, seasoned breadcrumbs, and lager; served with fries, corn, brown sauce, roll, & butter	
Grilled Half Chicken Platter	\$11.00
marinated half chicken served with salad du jour, cowboy baked beans, & corn on the cob	
Penne Pasta Marinara	\$6.75
house prepared chunky marinara over traditional penne; served with a roll & butter	
w/ Meatballs	\$8.75
w/ Grilled Chicken	\$9.25
Fritters & Fries	\$9.00
famous breaded chicken tenders with crisp fries served with ranch dressing	

Sandwich Platters

Mountain Top Burger	\$8.50
grilled seasoned angus beef patty on a kaiser roll, with cheddar cheese, caramelized onions, crisp bacon, lettuce, & tomato	
Charcoal Roasted BBQ Pork	\$8.25
slow roasted pork shoulder with bbq sauce on a kaiser roll with cheddar cheese	
Cheesesteak	\$9.00
thinly sliced rib eye steak with peppers, onions, & cheddar cheese on a steak roll	
Meatball Grinder	\$7.75
house made meatballs with fine tomato sauce with shredded mozzarella & provolone	
Hot Sausage	\$7.50
italian hot sausage with peppers, onions, & garlic on a steak roll	
Grilled Chicken	\$8.00
marinated grilled chicken breast with lettuce, tomato, & onion on a kaiser roll	
Meatless Chicken Patty	\$8.50
meatless chicken patty with lettuce and tomato on a kaiser roll	

Salads

Build Your Own	\$6.75
greens with choice of toppings including tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, cheese, egg, olives, mild pepper rings, garlic & herb croutons (grilled chicken & steak are extra)	

Pizza, Fries, & Sides

Plain or Pepperoni Pizza	\$8.25
Mac & Cheese	\$4.75
Hot Dog	\$3.00
French Fries	\$4.50
Salad Du Jour	\$2.50
Assorted Chips and Pretzels	\$1.25

Beverages & Desserts

Assorted Soda	\$3.50
Spring Water	\$2.50
Assorted Ice Cream Novelties	\$3.25

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Nostalgic Local Staple Famous for Signature Sauce & Dogs

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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 by 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 2,250 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 SETSUCON

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.

Ribbon Game

Transform your weekend by earning unique, collectible badge ribbons by exploring every corner of the convention! Claim these ribbons and many more throughout the con & show off your ribbon haul!

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See the Full List of Ribbons at www.setsucon.com/con-guide.



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Join Us for the Cosplay Dating Game on Friday Night (18+ Only)



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Show Our Merch Booth Your Gacha Winnings from the Weekend



Show Up to the Setsu Odori with Your Best Neon Glow: LED Outfits, Glowsticks, Etc.



Randomly Given Out by Setsu Staff to Those that Go "All In" on the Con



Visit the Info Desk and Show Our Team What Your Lucky Charm Is



Join Us for the Iron Cosplay Contest on Sunday and Cheer on the Competitors



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Visit the Info Desk & Tell Our Team Something You Love About Altoona Pizza



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