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Convention and Registration

Information

Code of Conduct Policy

Our goal is for everyone to enjoy the convention. Please review our Code of Conduct policy.



Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency, please go directly to the hotel staff, not the convention staff – either the front desk or the nearest hotel staff member. The hotel has asked that all attendees work through them directly in these situations.

Follow the 5-2-1 rule: at least 5 hours of sleep a night, at least 2 nutritious meals a day, at least 1 shower a day.

Registration hours

Friday: opens at 11:00am, closes at 9:00pm

Program Schedule Updates

While we do our best to ensure all programming is locked in so you know what to expect, life happens. Pick up a "**Pink Sheet**" that includes any changes made since the Convention Guide went to print.

- "Death Becomes Her" has moved from Friday at 4:00 in Pin Oak, to Saturday at 5:00 in Red Oak.
- Amber Benson will not be able to attend Opening Ceremonies.
- Unfortunately, Dell Harris, Juan M. Perez, and Steve Wedel will not be able to attend FenCon.
- Due to the government shutdown, Paul Abell is not allowed to participate in programming.

Friday's Highlights

Opening Ceremonies, 7:00 PM, Trinity
Sure, the Con has been open all day, but this is where it "officially" begins. Stop by and meet all our guests and find out about the great weekend of programming we have lined up for you.

- John Ringo Early Bird panel @ 3pm
- Cory Doctorow Early Bird panel @ 4pm
- Running Sound for Concerts workshop @ 4pm (no signup required)
- What's under the Dome??? Cheese tasting @ 5pm (sign-up required)
- Heather Dale Concert @ 8pm
- Tom Smith Concert @ 9pm
- Bedlam Bards @ 10pm
- GoH Grudge Match! At 10pm
- ORAC Reception for Amber Benson @ 10pm
- Friday night Chaos Filk and Bardic Filk @ 11pm

Check the Convention Guide for the Autograph Schedule and Readings Schedules – don't miss time with your favorite guests!



Charity Support

Our designated charity for FenCon X is the **Autism Treatment Center**. For the past 35 years, the ATC has assisted individuals with autism throughout their lives as they learn, play, work, and live in the community.



Gaming

Friday hours: opens at 6:00 PM, runs all night
Friday Night Magic Tournaments: The members of Urban Legends comics in Mesquite will be hosting this event. So bring your cards and let the spell casting begin!

2013 Short Story Winners

- Third Place - Recoleta by Ash Robbins of Aubrey, Texas
- Second Place - Teeth by Mark Carroll of Austin, Texas
- First Place - Orbital Decay by Michael Fair of Cedar Park, Texas

In addition to the annual story contest for adults, this year saw the introduction of a student writing contest. The winners of the first ever Young Authors division of the FenCon Story Contest are:

- Third Place - The Outside World by Brinda Bobbala (7th grade) of Coppell, Texas
- Second Place - The Paper Boy That Became a Warrior by Rebecca Herrin (10th grade) of Dechered, Tennessee
- First Place - Primordial by Michael Chiappone (8th grade) of Farmersville, Texas

Winners present at FenCon should see Fran Mahaffey at Con Ops to receive their prize money.

Notes from Around the Con

- Temporary disabled spaces are located in the garage on the south side of the hotel.
- Lazy Dragon will be featuring a free pocket knife with the minimum purchase of \$25.00 or a free ninja sword with the minimum purchase of \$50.00 or more (not cumulative) in the dealers room.

Special Art Exhibition

The Art Show has a display of art from the Humans in Space International Youth Art Competition. The display will include works of art from children all over the world.



In the Video Room

We are kicking off the video room an hour earlier this year. At 11:00am, we'll have the Terry Gilliam classic "Time Bandits." This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "X-Files," and we'll be screening the pilot episode 5:00pm. In recognition of our guests of honor, we'll be showing Amber Benson's first and last appearances on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (Hush and Seeing Red) and afterwards is "Stardust", based on Charles Vess' collaboration with Neil Gaiman.

Mobile Access

The full schedule is on our mobile site:



Create your own Schedule

Trying to find your next panel in the Convention Guide? Create your own custom schedule on our site:



Room "Gatherings"

Look on the announcement board at the convention to find out the where & when for this and other festivities.

Guerrilla Reading Room

Room 2009, Friday Night, 8PM to 2 AM
Sure, readings by Big Name Authors are fun, but they don't have snacks, drinks, and hourly door prizes! We do, along with readings from Jim Reader, and Rie Sheriden Rose, as well as Rachel Brune, currently serving overseas, and Debbie Williams from Australia. Readings are roughly fifteen minutes each, at fifteen and thirty minutes after the hour.