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FenCon Rules & Etiquette

For best results, bear in mind the following social expectations when planning what to do during this convention.

FenCon expects its members to respect each other and behave in a generally civilized fashion. Members should respect common sense rules for public behavior, personal interaction, common courtesy, and respect for private property. If you wouldn't do it at home, please don't do it here.

Please see the full policy in the Convention Guide. If you have any medical emergency, please see the hotel at the registration desk or any hotel staff.

Mobile Access

The full schedule will be on our mobile site: <http://m.fencon.org/>.

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. Look for last minute changes to Saturday and Sunday programming in the ION.

5-2-1 Rule

Follow the 5-2-1 rule of conventions:

- at least 5 hours of sleep a night
- at least 2 meals a day
- at least 1 shower a day

Information Kiosks

We will have two Information Kiosks where members can see upcoming panels and schedule changes. One will be in the Dealer Room and the other in the east hallway near Registration.

Food at the Hotel

McArthur's restaurant at the Crowne Plaza will have a breakfast buffet Friday-Sunday for \$12, tip included. Both the Atrium Bar and the restaurant will be selling food baskets, including burgers, chicken fingers, etc.

Room Parties

The fun at FenCon continues into the night, as we've become a hot spot for convention parties. Four Worldcon bid groups, perhaps five, will be hosting parties at FenCon. Other regional conventions usually hold parties at our convention. Look on the party board at the convention to find out where and when the festivities will be.

Giving to Others

This year's FenCon charity is Literacy Instruction for Texas (LIFT). LIFT's mission is to enhance lives and strengthen communities by raising the adult literacy rate in Texas.



Our 2012 charity efforts will include a limited edition signed and numbered art print by our Artist Guest of Honor, Donato Giancola. Ninth in the highly collectable FenCon charity print series, the printing costs of these works of art are paid by FenCon so your entire \$10 donation for each print goes directly to the charity. The prints will be available for purchase at the FenCon Store, which will be located inside the Dealer's Room.

We'll also have our annual charity auction on Saturday night, in conjunction with our art auction, plus a donation jar so you can give directly to this worthy cause.

We will have a donations table outside the Art Show for Charity Auction items. Please make sure that donated items are in good condition.

To learn more about LIFT use your QR reader or visit www.lift-texas.org.



Carter BloodCare

The 2010 FenCon charity, Carter BloodCare, had such a great success with their FenCon blood drive that they're coming back this year. The blood drive will be on Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hotel parking lot.

Join the Team

FenCon is a volunteer-run convention, and we need volunteers to help keep it running. If you've got a few hours to spare during the convention, you could earn prizes and credit toward next year's membership while also meeting new people and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the convention. For info on volunteering, visit our volunteer page:

<http://www.fencon.org/team.html>.

