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WELCOME TO THE 27TH YEAR OF NAN DESU KAN!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- **NDK is now offering locker rentals! Check out the Security section for more details.**
- **18+ Wristbands: All persons wishing to participate in 18+ programming MUST show their ID to get a wristband. Pick yours up at the Security Window or Registration.**
- **Art Academy is back! Please purchase tickets for the Art Academy at the Panelist Desk/ Office when it opens to secure your spot for the classes that day. Limit 2 tickets per person.**

This really is my favorite place in the world. It's like this tiny little universe that only exists for one weekend per year, but holds the same culture of kindness, excitement and creativity.

This is my 20th convention as Executive Director, and I couldn't be more proud of how NDK has grown since I started. As I look back, I am continually impressed by all of our amazing individuals, who have brought us so much beauty and joy throughout the years. You are the ones who make this place what it is, and we are glad to have each of you as part of this community. This particular year has felt like a big powerful push of creative evolution, and we are excited to share some new and exciting things with all of you! Make sure to check out our new beautiful heartspace in the Corridor Common area, and hang out with your fellow NDK family members.

For our 27th year, we are counting our blessings and leaning into our "lucky" theme. This year's art collection features lucky talismans, animals, and symbols. We hope that you all will carry a part of that luck home with you. Check out our beautiful Program, T-shirts and badge art to see what our fantastic new Art and Design team has created. And be sure to check out our merchandise booth for things that we have never been able to offer before, including a mysterious new line of Night Market merch available only after the sun has set!

And to you, my beloved Staff and Board of Directors, I give my deepest gratitude. I am constantly awed and humbled by the



incredible group of people that love this show so very much. I am truly and profoundly grateful for all of the support, dedication and commitment that they have shown this year. Each and every Staff member has made a huge difference to NDK, and deserve a heartfelt thank you. It is the hearts of the NDK Staff that make this convention what it is.

Here's to many many more years of Friendship, Anime and Community.

— **Amanda Liebermann,**
Executive Director

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NAN DESU KAN SOCIAL POLICIES

To support our attendees and ensure a safe and happy convention for everyone, we have created the following social policies. NDK has a single warning system for policy violations. If you break a rule, you will be spoken to about it, and your badge will be punched once. A second offense will lead to expulsion.

HARASSMENT

We have a zero-tolerance approach for any kinds of Harassment: Intentional physical, verbal and sexual harassment will result in permanent expulsion from the convention.

Verbal harassment includes derogatory terms, hate speech, and all manners of verbal abuse. Hate speech is legally defined as: Speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (such as race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status or disability). If you feel as if you've experienced harassment, please report it to the nearest NDK staff member immediately.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

While NDK strives to entertain attendees of all ages, the convention is mostly intended for those 13 years and over. We try to keep daytime programming acceptable for all ages, but there are many events that are intended for an older audience, such as AMVs, Burlesque and anything scheduled after 9 pm.

Children under the age of 13 must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Guardians maintain complete responsibility for, liability for, and control over their children's actions and what they see at NDK.

HOTEL

Respect hotel staff and policies. If the hotel kicks you out for trashing your room or going into restricted/construction areas, you will be banned from NDK.

We share the hotel's common spaces with the rest of Gaylord's guests. Please be courteous to other guests of the hotel while you are in the Grand Lodge, the Pool, and other common areas.

Elevators: Do not jump in the elevators, and please be respectful of elevator capacity and your fellow occupants when riding.

If you use body paint, please bring your own towels, and do not use hotel towels. If you ruin hotel linens, you will be charged for it, and the hotel may ban you from staying again.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Marijuana is illegal on hotel property in any form. If you are found with it, you will be charged with a \$250 fine, and may be removed from the hotel.

The police will be involved if anyone is caught providing alcohol to minors.



PHOTOGRAPHY

You **MUST** ask permission before videoing or photographing anyone. Consent is required.

Photos and Video are not permitted in the Dealers' Room, Artist Alley, Art Gallery or Video Rooms.

All photographers who bring in professional-grade cameras **MUST** check into Ops to sign the Photography Code of Conduct at the Security Window.

GAYLORD ROCKIES PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY FOR NDK

All photographers must have valid Nan Desu Kan credentials (attendee badge). Attendees who violate these rules may be removed from the property.

1. Photographers are allowed to take photos in the resort's public space using **hand-held equipment only**. Equipment cannot extend greater than a 15-inch radius around or above the photographer or subject.

2. Free-standing equipment is not permitted. Absolutely no set up of lighting with light stands, ladders, backdrops, large props/signs on the floor, running cords/wires across the floor, etc. will be allowed in public space areas.
3. Photographers and/or equipment cannot block any public area or impede the safe traffic flow of others (entrances, exits, hallways, etc.).
4. The use of drones is not permitted.
5. Attendees and photographers are not permitted in the Back of House (back halls of the resort).
6. It is not permitted to take photos of STARS (resort employees) OR other hotel guests not attending NDK.
7. Photography is NOT permitted in the pool area (Arapahoe Springs).
8. Photographers and their subjects (attendees in costume) must also respect the hotel environment by not being disruptive or doing anything unsafe, including but not limited to:
 - Standing on furniture
 - Climbing on any rock formations or railings
 - Climbing on any bronze statues (horses at the front drive, elk in the grand lodge, etc)
 - Hanging items from a light pole or any other part of the building

ADA + ACCESSIBILITY

At NDK, we do our best to look after each other, and we want to make sure that everyone has access to our panels and mainstage events. If you need extra time to seat yourself for events, please see our Operations Desk to get an ADA badge. This badge allows you and one (1) companion access to the following seating priorities:

Main Events lines: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line to find seating first.

Dealers Room line: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line, but do not get access before Dealers Room opening.

Panel Room lines: Everyone,

OPS & SECURITY

At NDK, we have two open windows that handle different types of needs and problems at the convention. Both are open the longest of all NDK departments to help with any issues that arise.

OPERATIONS

Operations is the center of the convention, and can offer general information, can help with directions, and makes the final call on any Dress Code questions. Operations also handles all Lost and Found items, and is our welcome center for new volunteers.

SECURITY

The Security window helps people comply with NDK policy. If you need a weapon peacebonded, need an 18+ band for a panel or have security concerns, this is the place to go. Security also handles our professional photographer codes of conduct. For 18+ bands, make sure to have your ID ready when you get to the window so the lines will go faster.

NEW! LOCKER RENTALS

New this year! NDK is offering locker rentals from Security for the day and weekend. Here's the scoop:

- Lockers are located inside the NDK Cafeteria.

including attendees with ADA badges, need to get a Panel Room pass. When an attendee with both an ADA badge and a Panel Room pass arrives at the panel room, they go to the front of the line to find seating first.

Autograph lines: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the autograph line **ONCE** per voice actor/guest. They may not use the ADA badge to skip the same line multiple times.

Any other NDK line: Attendees with ADA badges go to the front of the line.

If you have questions about service animals, please contact the hotel directly for their service and companion animal policies, and to fill out the appropriate paperwork.

2024 CHARITY

This year benefits our new friends at Safehouse Denver, an organization that provides support and shelter to victims of domestic abuse and their families.

The ability to be in a truly safe place is a crucial factor for victims of domestic abuse, and NDK is proud to be partnering with Safehouse Denver, and introduce this amazing resource to our NDK community. Stop by and say hello at their table across from Operations, and be sure to check out the Charity Auction benefiting this amazing organization!



- Lockers are \$10 for the day, \$20 for the weekend, \$5 for use during the Rave.
- Locks are available for rent at the Security Window during their operating hours.
- Lockers size is 15-inches high, 12-inches wide and 15-inches tall.

RULES FOR LOCKER USE:

1. Day rentals are good through 2 am of the following day of the locker purchase. If items have not been removed by then, we will hand over the items to the Gaylord's Lost and Found.
2. Weekend lockers must have all items cleared after 6 pm on Sunday of the convention. Any remaining items will be turned over to Gaylord Lost and Found.
3. NDK/RMAA is not responsible or liable for items stored in the lockers.
4. No illegal or banned items/substances are allowed inside the lockers.
5. No food is allowed inside the lockers.

JAPANESE GUEST AUTOGRAPH LOTTERY

Due to high demand, all Japanese Guest Autograph Passes are given away via a lottery system. You may sign up for the lottery using the QR Code below. Signups begin in late July, and continue until 9 am Saturday morning of the NDK weekend.

The winners of the lottery will be informed via email, and may pick up their passes at the badge Pickup desk anytime after 11 am on Saturday of the convention. You must have a government issued ID to pick up the pass. Passes will be available for pickup from 11 am Saturday until the scheduled autograph session is over later that afternoon.



NORTH AMERICAN GUEST AUTOGRAPH PASSES

Free Autograph Passes are handed out at the Merch Window during these times:

- Friday:** 4 pm
- Saturday:** 11 am
- Sunday:** 11 am

There are a very limited number of free passes given out per day, and once they are gone, they are gone. Autograph Passes are handed out on a first come-first served basis. You may line up no earlier than one hour before the passes are scheduled to be handed out.



KIKUKO INOUE

Kikuko Inoue was born on September 25 in Kanagawa prefecture. She has an amazing career as a voice actress, singer and narrator. You may heard her voice from various anime such as Ranma 1/2 (Kasumi Tendo), Ah! My Goddess (Belldandy), Please Teacher! (Mizuho Kazami), Cells At Work! (Macrophage), Fairy Tail (Minerva Orland), Fullmetal Alchemist (Lust) and more.

In video games, she covered the voice in Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater (The Boss), Death Stranding (Amelie), Final Fantasy XIV: Endwalker (Venat / Hydaelyn), Biohazard Village (Alcina Dimitrescu).

She is the founder and manager of the voice acting company, Office Anemone. She received the Best Supporting Actress Award at the 4th Seiyu Awards, and the Kazue Takahashi Award at the 10th Seiyu Awards.

AUTOGRAPH



BRIANNA ROBERTS

Brianna Roberts has been singing and acting on stage for over 20 years. Developing a character and bringing it to life for an audience has always fed her creative soul. You can often find her performing on stage at various theater in DFW.

She started her voice acting journey in 2013 and has never looked back. She loves the art and challenge of bringing words to life in a natural and interesting way. She made her anime debut in 2018 and has voiced characters in many shows since then.

She is best known for voicing Capt. Kayoko Huang in Fire Force, Emma Spring in Astra Lost in Space, Suzuna in Afterlost, Valerie Hawthorne in Ace Attorney and Grammi in Fairy Tail.

AUTOGRAPH



**COLE
FEUCHTER**

Cole Feuchter is an Androgynous Voice Actor based out of Dallas, Texas. They have worked extensively in the voice over industry since 2017, having lent their voice to several anime, numerous mobile games and even audiobooks and commercials.

Known for voicing Tada Tomonari in Bluelock, Marcel in Saving 80000 Gold as well as Wheel in One Piece. He can be heard in the anime dubs of Vinland Sage, Buddy Daddies, The Saint's Magic Power is Omnipotent, The Case Study of Vanitas, Chainsaw Man and more.

Cole is also fluent in Japanese, earning his degree at the University of North Texas, and is also a content creator and was even one of the creators for Gamestop TV featured in the "All-In" segments.

AUTOGRAPH



**HOWARD
WANG**

Howard Wang is a voice actor, ADR director, and ADR script adapter. And an audio engineer. And also a video game developer. Howard has lent his voice to characters like Xie Lianin Heaven Official's Blessing, Langa in SK8 the Infinity, Luka in Honkai: Star Rail, Narciso Anasui in Jojo's Bizarre Adventure: Stone Ocean, Hajime Kokonoi in Tokyo Revengers, Tsutomu Goshiki & Rintaro Suna in Haikyuu! and many more.

As a video game developer, Howard previously worked at Riot Games as the VO Audio Designer on VALORANT. When all of the things mentioned above aren't keeping him busy, Howard enjoys cooking, whaling in gacha games, and trying to get his cat to love him.

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FREE AUTOGRAPH SESSION RULES

1. Free Autograph Passes are only good for North American actors; they do NOT work for Japanese guests.
2. Free Autograph Passes are good for only ONE item to sign for only ONE Guest. Use your free pass wisely.
3. Free Autograph Passes do not have a time limit. They can be used any day of the convention for any time that the guest is at their table. Please check Artist Alley to see if the guest you want the autograph from is there.
4. Please note that Guests can charge for additional signatures, selfies, or prints at the autograph table after the free pass is used.
5. Bootleg items are not allowed in the autograph lines. Ask a Staff member if you're not sure.
6. Do not touch, kiss, or otherwise maul the guests. You may not offer the guests gifts, food, or anything else. You may be removed from the convention if you do.

***These policies are enforced by NDK and not the guests. Asking the guests to bypass and ignore our policies may lead to ejection from the autograph area.*



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**JESSICA
CAVANAGH**

Jessica Cavanagh is a voice actor, theatre artist, and writer composed of many different geekdoms smooshed into one lady-body. A voice actor with Funimation Entertainment (now Crunchyroll!!!) for the past decade, Jess can be heard in over 100 titles but is most known for her roles in fan favorites My Hero Academia (as Deku's sweet mama, Inko Midoriya!), Fairy Tail (Aquarius), Attack on Titan (Carla Jaeger...another fierce mama!), One Piece (Curly Dadan...also kind of a mama? Wait, are we seeing a trend here??), Steins;Gate (Moeka), among others. Jessica is particularly passionate about telling women's stories now that she's actually tried it, she's determined to spend the rest of her life doing as much of that as possible!

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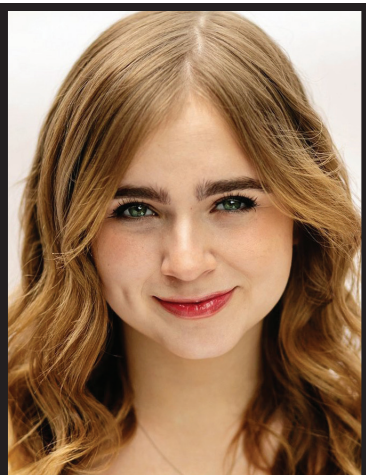
KIBA WALKER

Kiba Walker is an actor, musician, and drag performer based out of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. Known for his roles in anime such as Phantom of the Idol (Yuya Niyodo), My Hero Academia (Cider House), One Piece (Jo, Dachoman), Bluelock (Young Barou), Haikyuu!! (Koganegawa, Komi), Horimiya (Makio Tanihara), among others.

In video games, you can hear him in Genshin Impact, Tiny Tina's Wonderland, Dragonheir, Legend of the Phoenix, and Contra Returns, to name a few.

He's a former Gamestop TV host and correspondent, has worked with Mattel, and runs a streaming channel and podcast with his partner, Cole Feuchter, called The Retrocade and File Select respectively.

AUTOGRAPH



**MACY ANN
JOHNSON**

Macy Anne Johnson is an American voice actor most well known for playing Shikimori in Shikimori's Not Just a Cutie, Swindler in Akudama Drive, Child Big Mom in One Piece, Emile in Spy X Family, Howan in Show By Rock! MASHUMAIRESH!!, Shouta in Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid S, Mei in Hell's Paradise, Chiyuki in Smile Down the Runway, and Kaede in Gal and Dino.

Outside of acting, Macy stays in the world of anime as an ADR Scriptwriter. She has written the English dub scripts for Trigun Stampede, The Devil is a Part-Timer Season 2, More than a Married Couple, but Not Lovers, Why Raeliana Ended up at the Duke's Mansion, My Clueless First Friend, and many more!

AUTOGRAPH



**MARISSA
LENTI**

Marissa Lenti, best known as the voice of Moze (Borderlands 3), is a voice actor who you can also hear in anime roles like Malva (Pokémon Evolutions), Cocotte (Dragon Ball Super), Libra (Fairy Tail), Yuna (Kuma Kuma Kuma Bear), Arue (Konosuba), Momoko Hyakushiki & Kuu (NANBAKA), Chiaki Hoshinomori (Gamers!), Mistress Sadie (One Piece), Ilse Langnar (Attack on Titan), among others!

When they're not acting, they're casting & directing for Sound Cadence Studios, with some of their most notable projects being directing the English dubs of the anime Kemono Friends, Tribe Nine, Gunbuster, and Kageki Shjojo!!; and several more!

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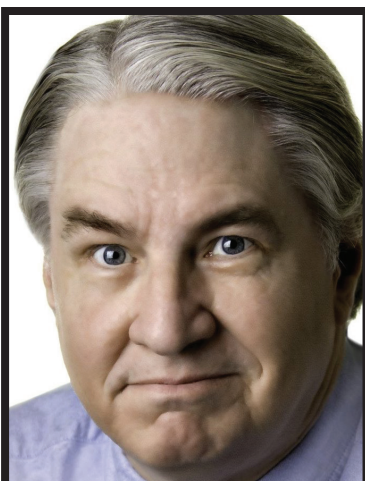
OSCAR SEUNG

Oscar Seung hails from Lausanne, Switzerland, and is a Dallas-based actor, violinist, pianist, opera singer, and music director. From film and television pilots to theater and voice overs, Oscar champions the representation of Asian Americans in media and the arts.

Oscar can currently be seen in We Can Be Heroes (Netflix), A Cowgirl's Song (Netflix), and The Turkey Bowl (Hulu).

Anime/video game voiceover highlights: Attack on Titan (Varis), One Piece (Daruma), Ayaka (Kurama), Ranking of Kings (Mitsumata, Borderlands 3 (Nettle), Yuri on Ice (Seung-Gil Lee), Free! (Nao Serizawa), Why Raeliana (Nick Maddox), and more.

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**R BRUCE
ELLIOTT**

R Bruce Elliott has been a professional actor for decades, working in theatre, film, TV, radio and commercials, not to mention the occasional bar mitzvah and tailgate party. He started dubbing voices for anime at Funimation (now Crunchyroll) in 2003 and has continued ever since, having performed over 270 roles in nearly 250 anime shows and movies.

From his first role as bumbling detective Richard Moore in Case Closed, he has become known for his range and versatility in shows such as Attack on Titan, One Piece, Space Dandy, Fairy Tail, FullMetal Alchemist, Dragon Ball Z Kai (and Super) and Black Butler, and more recently in shows like Kingdoms of Ruin, Dead Mount Death Play, My Dress-Up Darling, Sacrificial Princess and the King of Beasts, Fire Force, and The Devil is a Part Timer.

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RISA MEI

Risa Mei is a singer, voice actress, motion capture artist, and suit actress with dwarfism based out of Los Angeles, CA. She is the co-creator of 4TE ([Youtube.com/user/4TEOfficial](https://www.youtube.com/user/4TEOfficial)), a remotely created Japanese electronic pop girl group and released three singles, all while living and performing in Osaka at Universal Studios Japan where she performed for shows like The Amazing Sesame Street - a stunt show, the One Piece Premiere Show and events, and Halloween Horror Nights.

Upon her return to California, Risa joined Funimation in a variety of shows including Sing A Bit of Harmony as the lead Satomi Amano, My Senpai is Annoying as Futaba Igarashi, and Shadows House as Rum and Shirley!

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WENDY POWELL

Wendy Powell absolutely loves what she does, performing in all forms of media: film, television, radio, narration, and video games. But where her character-creating skills truly come to life is in anime! Mirroring the shapeshifting abilities of her iconic Fullmetal Alchemist role Envy, she changes her voice into anything and everything imaginable, including quirky robots, mysterious omnipotent aliens, little old fox ladies, wispy exorcists, and everyday human beings.

Wendy's passion for acting is matched only by her passion for teaching. For over a decade, she has taught middle school theater, grateful for the opportunity to educate and encourage young actors. She also loves meeting people at conventions, which lets her share her love of acting in person.

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DR ALISA FREEDMAN

Alisa Freedman is a Professor of Japanese Cultural Studies and Literature at the University of Oregon. Her books and co-edited volumes include *Introducing Japanese Popular Culture* (40-chapter textbook), *Tokyo in Transit: Japanese Culture on the Rails and Road*, an annotated translation of Kawabata Yasunari's *The Scarlet Gang of Asakusa*, and *Modern Girls on the Go: Gender, Mobility, and Labor in Japan*. She is currently writing a book about the forgotten story of Japanese women who studied abroad at American universities between 1949 and 1966 and became professors and pioneers of historically male-dominated professions. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *U.S.-Japan Women's Journal*.

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DECEMBER WYNN

December Wynn is a cosplayer and craftsperson based in Denver, Colorado. They are one half of WCS Team USA 2022. December specializes in fabric dyeing, painting, sewing and filmmaking. Other areas of interest include leatherwork, millinery, embroidery and sculpting. They have guest-lectured in crafts artisan techniques at conventions both domestically and abroad, as well as served as a guest-lecturer at the University level.

In addition to a cosplay career, December has worked professionally as a crafts artisan for five years, including time as a dedicated painter/dyer. They graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder with BFA in Theatre Design and Technologies and a BFA in Studio Arts with an emphasis in painting.

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HEATHER MARTIN

HeatherAfter Cosplay is an artist, model and longtime cosplayer. A part of the convention scene since 1996, Heather quickly won her way to becoming a Master cosplayer. By 2000 she had achieved Professional status. Sony Entertainment's video game department, Marvel, Image Comics, Ziff Davis, Amazon, and Google are just a few of the companies Heather has worked with. She has made over 300 cosplays to date, and her cosplay and artwork have appeared in numerous publications worldwide!

Heather is honored to be featured as a cosplay judge, host and guest at conventions throughout the country, as well as represent various businesses and charity organizations.

Visit her Facebook and Instagram accounts for daily updates, and be sure to check the NDK Art Academy Schedule for her popular make-and-take craft workshops!

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ANIME LAYER

Anime Layer Cosplay is an award-winning cosplayer from Minnesota who is best known for her Sakizo and CLAMP cosplays. She has 20 years of cosplay experience and over 10 years of competition experience. With the focus of pushing her designs to their limits and always looking to gain new skills, she is forever in con-crunch. She also loves to share her passion and knowledge of cosplay with others.

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PANNON

Pannon (The Pannonator's Pan-Tastic Cosplays) has been cosplaying since 2001. Over the past 23 years, she's refined her craft and competed all over the United States and abroad. Pannon has won over 60 awards nationwide and represented the U.S. twice in international competitions. First in 2014 as part of the World Cosplay Summit, and again in 2017 for The Netherlands' C4 competition. Though she still competes in the international circuit, Pannon has also judged for over 30 contests, returning as an Alumni Judge for the World Cosplay Summit. She has made everything from mascots for pro sports teams like the Denver Broncos and Chicago Bulls, to red carpet and Fashion Week looks. She loves sharing her knowledge and positivity with the cosplay community and runs a cosplay advice podcast together with her co-hosts(VFire and CrestSphinx), "Cosplay Stitch and Seam."

AUTOGRAPH

Photographed by Ivan Montoya



QUEEN D

Make way for Queen D! The self-proclaimed southern queen of crossplay! You may recognize her from her wildly unsuccessful YouTube show the Dlist!

Queen D is a fourteen-year seasoned cosplay veteran, emcee, and burlesque performer! Known for her wild antics and insane style of hosting shows, causing general chaos, and eating chicken nuggets! A known makeup artist, she has traveled all over the country blessing peasants...Uh...attendees with her shenanigans. She will be hosting a variety of panels throughout the NDK weekend, teaching general cosplay knowledge, stage presence, posing, and makeup! Known as the queen of late night at conventions, she is infamous for her 18+ panels so be sure to attend if you are of age!

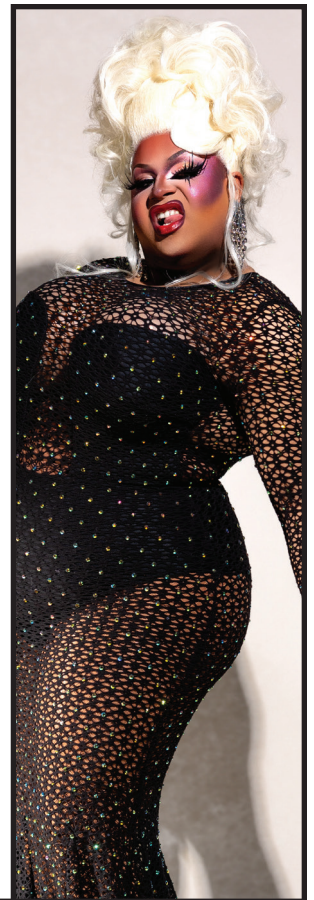
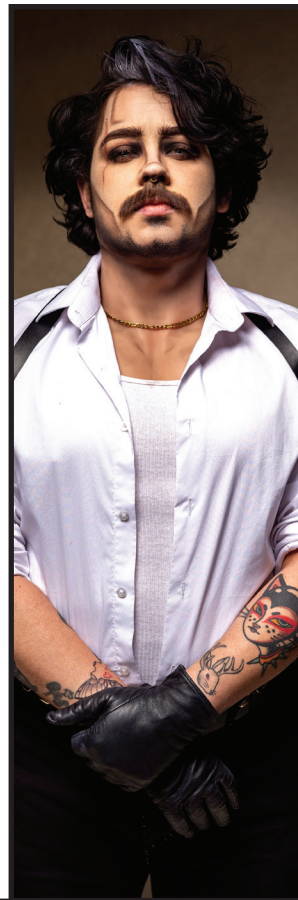
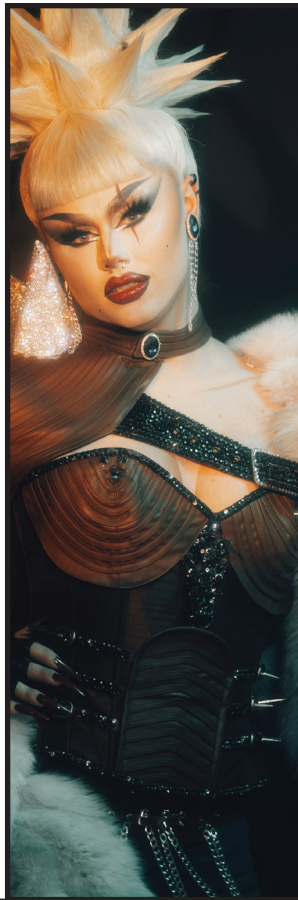
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ROYALE REVUE

Sound the Trumpets! Roll out the red carpet, and unravel those dollars, the nerdiest and flirtiest show is about to begin. Born in the magical swamps of Louisiana, The Royale Revue is the South's crown jewel of the Nerdlesque entertainment. Founded by Queen D and powered by a diverse and ultra talented troupe, the RR brings you more entertainment and thighs than a Popeyes. Embark on a Pokemon adventure, or solve a sexy mystery with the Scooby Gang, all from the comfort of your seats!

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WELCOME DRAG PERFORMERS!

From left, Kylee O'Hara, Lady Monroe, Blue Valentine, Logan Liqueur and Salem Moon

KYLEE O'HARA

Kylee O'Hara, aka the POC-Pop of Color of Texas, is a drag entertainer and producer living in Dallas and a former Miss Gay Texas America.

She is a high energy, colorful, crackhead showgirl know for being the loudest queer in the room. Kylee has been in the drag industry for eight years where she has traveled all over the country and even internationally leaving her colorful mark on every stage she graces.

She is the owner of "A Side of Drag, LLC" a drag staffing company that works and produces events throughout Dallas-Fort Worth and internationally! The slogan is everything goes better with A Side of Drag!

She is the creator of "The Queer Off" one of the largest Queer competitions in Texas that has help jump start or enhance the careers of over 100 entertainers in Dallas Fort Worth.

She's been in movies, TV, walked Fashion Week and more. When she's not snatching titles and flipping wigs she taking up all the gigs so she can put her dog through college!

LADY MONROE

Lady Monroe is known as the Popstar of DFW. From writing songs to leaving it all on the floor, she knows how to mix comedy with touching people's hearts.

She was also a finalist in Season 7 of the Queer Off.

BLUE VALENTINE

Blue Valentine is a vibrant, punk rock, passionate drag artist birthed from the digital world. A vivacious spark of ever-changing style and wicked glamour.

You can catch her performing all across Texas or on cast at the legendary Rose Room based in Dallas.

LOGAN LIQUEUR

Logan Liqueur is the walking red flag you can't help but love. He's a bad boy drag king that has been seducing coast to coast since 2018. He was just crowned the 2024 King of FemmeFest and is the current 1st Alternate Mister USofA MI and Mister Southern States USofA MI. He's here to show you the night of your life and not call back the next day.

SALEM MOON

Salem Moon is the Glamour Punk of Texas, mixing horror, glamour, punk and black culture in everything she does.

She's a vocalist, voice actor, and producer, and hosts shows all over DFW. She's Fort Worth Weekly's Critic's Choice for Best Drag Performer of 2023, a former Miss Gay Eyes of Texas USofA at Large, the winner of Season 4 of The Queer Off, and the creator of Ready Player Drag.



SPOTLIGHT ON COSPLAY

COSPLAY CONTESTANT CHECK-IN

Located on the MainStage
Friday from 6 pm – 7 pm

Cosplay Check-in is mandatory for all cosplayers who have entered the competition. Check-in is held on the MainStage right after Opening Ceremonies around 6 pm. Contestants will have a chance to get on the stage and get a feel for it during this time. There are NO on-site sign-ups. For those on the waitlist, there is a NDK Cosplay Discord with a live waitlist.

COSPLAY CATWALK

Cosplay Catwalk is available for on-site sign-up during Cosplay Check-in.

COSPLAY GREENROOM GATHERING POINT

In the back of the VGR
Saturday 3 pm – 3:45 pm

Anyone who does not make it into time to check in will not be permitted backstage and to compete. Cosplay Catwalk Participants also check in at this time.

COSPLAY COMP

Cosplay Comp starts promptly at 4 pm and ends at 6 pm.

COSPLAY CRAFTSMANSHIP JUDGING

Spruce 3 on Lower Level

Judging is by appointment only on Friday and Saturday. Slots are filled prior to the convention.

AFTER THE COSPLAY COMP

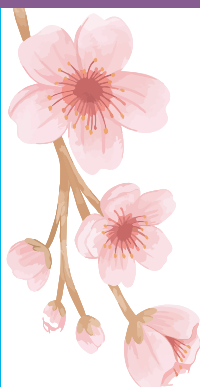
No photos after the Cosplay Comp on stage. All photos are moved to the Cosplay Photography Corridor outside of Main Events. Leftover portfolios will be able to be picked up after the Comp at Ops with their cosplay names.

WHAT'S THE QUIET ROOM?

On the NDK map, you may notice something labeled as "Quiet Room". This is a safe and quiet place that NDK has held for the past 8 years, specifically designed for folks to take a break from the hectic environment that NDK can be. It is outfitted with white noise generators, some coloring books and materials, and plenty of space to sit down and relax.

Please respect the other people in this room and maintain a low volume while visiting. Please do not eat or use anything that can emit strong smells such as glue or nail polish while you are in the quiet room; it can disturb the folks trying to take a sensory break.

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JUNIPER DANCE HALL

Welcome to the official dance room of NDK! This room is specially set up for workshops where you can learn new dances from guests and attendees alike!

FRIDAY JPOP DANCE

Get your heart pumping to the thumping beats of DJ Onemadcow! It's the traditional Friday night J-Pop Dance!

THEATRE NERDS, UNITE!

Come hang out with Jessica Cavanagh and your fellow theatre-obsessed attendees and participate in a fun, casual read-thru of a (shortened) version of *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS!* This will also be a sing-along, so come ready to wail! FEED ME, SEYMOUR!!!

SATURDAY DANCE W/THE ROYALE REVUE

Royale Revue is here to dance, and so can YOU! Twist and shout your way through an exhilarating panel! Royale Revue will show you the steps, and be there for you at every turn. Wear things to move to the groove and remember to drink water.

LOVE LIVE RANDOM DANCE

Are you a fan of Love Live? Then this panel is perfect for you! Come join us and show off your skills by dancing to our randomly selected list of songs from every group in the franchise!

KAIJU MAFIA

In the middle of a Kaiju attack, the Defense Force is ambushed by a group of Kaiju! One of the Kaiju's mysterious powers has left everyone's identities mixed up! Put your Kaiju slaying skills to the test in this interactive experience as the evil Kaiju try to eliminate Kafka while his fellow Defense Force members attempt to stop them!

KPOP JPOP RANDOM DANCE

We had such a fun time last year. Let's see what you have learned this year! Come show us how much you know as we have a random dance, when we say random we mean it! Older songs, newer songs, girls, boys, groups and soloists, so how much do you know?



SHIMMIES N' LUV! WITH TAKA

Bellydancing is for EVERYBODY. Come shake, shimmy and slink with Taka. We will tap into our bodies and feel the love through the beautiful art of bellydance!

TAKE YOUR BROKEN HEART AND TURN IT INTO ART

Come take part in a monologue workshop with Jessica Cavanagh, who will discuss what it was like to turn some of her darkest times into a piece of theatre that ultimately brought healing and changed her life. Attendees will be given time to write, and some will perform their pieces for us. No pressure to perform unless you WANT to – this panel is meant to inspire you to take that next step, whatever it may be!

SUNDAY IMPROV THEATER W/ JESSICA CAVANAGH

On your marks, get set... improv! Improv Theater is a live performance in which the actors make up scenes, dialogue and characters on the spot! Learn from the spicy Jessica Cavanagh as she puts you through the paces of creative performance on the go!

LET'S DANCE PARA PARA!

Learn about this unique dance craze popularized by Japanese Gyarū culture in the 90s and 2000s. Para Para is a style used for Eurobeat music that focuses on arm movements and is performed in unison, similar to line dancing. Learn the history and routine of this unique dance style.

LET'S LEARN A JPOP DANCE CHORUS

Come out and learn a dance chorus! We will spend this time teaching you a Jpop chorus and want this to be as fun and interactive as possible, so please bring your dancing shoes!

TODAY YOU BECOME A SCHOOL IDOL!

Have you ever wanted to be a school idol, even for a day? Come join Jules and Magpie for a super special school idol event! Make friends, craft friendship bracelets, and learn a fun dance to get a taste of what it would be like to live your school idol dreams!

THE ULTIMATE JPOP RANDOM DANCE

Grab your penlights to come and join us in dancing to some of the most popular and fun idol songs in our randomized setlist of Jpop choruses!

WOTAGEI: THE ART OF OTAKU

This panel will teach you the basics of Wotagei through clips of popular idol anime, a detailed tutorial, and plenty of demonstrations. After learning how to wotagei, attendees will be challenged to cheer their hearts out for a live performance! All attendees will receive a free glowstick and the wota who cheers the loudest will take home a penlight!

NDK MUSEUM

NDK's Museum is dedicated to showcasing NDK's 27 years of history. Come check out the collection of program guides, badges, photos and other artifacts of years gone by.

The museum also hosts a Friday night Memorial session at 9 pm to honor those who are no longer with us.



PANELS

Our panels feature a large number of different subjects including Japanese culture, games, comedy, and historic events. We welcome your attendance at every panel, but please be warned that panel rooms can fill up quickly. We've implemented several rules in order to give both attendees and panelists the fairest chance of having a positive experience.

- Panel rooms will be cleared after every panel.
- Attendees will be required to show a badge to gain entry to a panel. We are unable to hold spots in line for attendees without their badges, so please make sure to keep your badge with you.
- Lines for all panels will begin when the previous panel line has been let into the room. In the case of the first panel of the day, the line will form 1 hour before it starts. Attendees will be brought into the room in the order you arrive.
- Please be aware that panel lines are located outside of the panel hallway, and that a Panel Pass for the room may be needed to enter.
- Panel overflow lines may be located on the floor below the start of the panel lines.
- If you have any questions, please ask one of the orange vested staff members in the panel area.

FRIDAY

MAIN EVENTS

READY, PLAYER DRAG WITH SALEM MOON 18+

Ready Player Drag is a fun and feisty drag experience with dancers and pieces that were brought together just for NDK late-night programming! From start to finish, this is a visually stunning show full of performances from some of the best Drag Performers from both Denver and Dallas Texas! Ready Player Drag aims to entertain the audience and introduce them to a community of Queens that are supportive, successful, and nerdy like just them!

ROYAL REVUE BURLESQUE SHOW 18+

When the lights go down, the clothes come (mostly) off and characters come alive! Welcome back to our friends from New Orleans: the Royale Revue burlesque troupe! Bringing to life characters from anime to fantasy to the big screen, this performance features dancers from all over South Louisiana. Come be entranced by the more sensual side of some of your favorite characters!

PANEL 1 ANIME-NIUM!!

An interactive game show loosely based off Cranium with an Anime theme with challenges that include drawing, trivia, charades, and more designed by our panelist troupe Super Happy Otaku Entertainment or Shoe.

COSPLAY LIP SYNC BATTLE 18+

It's back! And better than ever! Come join us to lipsync as your favorite character in this Raunchy panel!

LET'S PLAY OTOME! 18+

We're back for another round of playing an otome dating sim. In this interactive panel, participants will vote on the choices for the main character as we navigate potentially problematic relationships in an otome dating sim. We'll be making decisions for the main character at the whims of the attendees and following through with any endings that come our way.

TABLETOP GAMING WITH JAPANIME GAMES

Bringing you the best of games from Japan, and bringing your favorite anime characters to life! What do we have in the works? Come learn a bit more about the company, our games, and what licenses we are working on right now. We've got trading card games, board games, role playing games, and card games. Featuring some of your favorite licenses such as Attack on Titan, Lupin III, Fruits Basket, Sword Art Online, Naruto, Tokyo Ghoul, Bananya, Fairy Tail, and many more!

PANEL 2 A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COSPLAY MAKEUP

Come and learn makeup techniques for cosplay! Tips from makeup artists, party performers, and long-time cosplayers to make sure your makeup withstands the con and photos!

KARAOKE WITH DJ MONIQUE

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Sanshin is a three stringed instrument local to Okinawa, Japan. You may have heard its nostalgic gentle tone in several different anime. Join the local Japanese duo Mamiko and Mayumi for their music and lecture of this interesting instrument!

PANEL 3 25 YEARS OF NARUTO

The story of Naruto has been known the world over since 1999. Join other Naruto fans in a relaxed discussion as we reminisce on how the story of the boy who wanted to become Hokage impacted our lives.

THE ACE AND I 18+

This panel will cover examples of asexual characters in media, books and video games.

THE ART OF CROSS – GENDER COSTUMING 18+

Crossplay and Genderbending: Crossing the gender boundaries of cosplay from changing the designs of your favorite existing characters to learning how to transform yourself to better fit the cannon.

COSPLAY SFX MAKEUP MASTER CLASS

Step into the transformative world of cosplay with our master artist as they unveil the secrets behind SFX makeup. From full body-paint to realistic wounds, discover the artistry and techniques that bring your favorite characters to life. Join us for an immersive journey into the realm of cosplay transformation, where creativity knows no bounds.

SEW! YOU WANT TO GET INTO MACHINE EMBROIDERY!

Have you wanted to dabble in home machine embroidery but don't know where to start? Come learn about the basics of machine embroidery for cosplay or other fun decorative projects! We'll go through budgets and machines, accessories, troubleshooting, maintenance, digitizing patterns, and more!

PANEL 4**ANIME AND TEA PRESENTS: BAD DESCRIPTIONS!**

Welcome to Anime Bad Descriptions Trivia Night! Get ready to laugh, scratch your head, and shout out your answers as we give you hilariously vague and twisted summaries of your favorite anime. If you guess correctly, you'll receive a special coin. The top 3 players or teams with the most coins at the end of the night will win awesome prizes!

GOOD LUCK IN JAPAN WITH DR. ALISA FREEDMAN

Come discuss this year's NDK theme and learn more about Japanese lucky gods, creatures, charms, holidays, and rituals and how they inspire us in the U.S.

HOW BOOTLEGS ARE DESTROYING THE ANIME INDUSTRY AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

From Temu to Wish to Amazon, bootlegs of anime and pop culture goods are flooding the market and threatening to destroy the very stories, characters, and productions we know and love. In this panel, you can learn how to identify bootlegs as well as what you can do to help protect all our favorite anime. Attendees can bring any piece of merchandise and the experts at Fast Food Anime and Tangerine Mountain will evaluate it to tell you if it is legit.

LEVELING UP YOUR STORE-BOUGHT COSPLAY WITH DAHLIA AND BUNNY

Take your purchased cosplay from "off the rack" to "haute couture"! Veteran cosplayers Dahlia and Bunny will share their tips for where to shop and how to make your purchased cosplay look like a million bucks!

THE NEWLYWED GAME

Like its 1966 TV show namesake, the Newlywed Game will have couples competing by answering questions about one another and their relationship. The twist? Not all of these commonly shipped duos realize that they are in a romantic relationship. As they answer questions about their partner, will they realize that true love was in front of them the whole time?

SURVIVING AND THRIVING DURING COSPLAY JUDGING WITH DAHLIA AND BUNNY

Not sure what to expect when facing a panel of cosplay judges? Do the words "craftsmanship judging" make you break into a cold sweat? What goes in a build book anyway? Come join master cosplayers Dahlia and Bunny, who will walk you through all the ins and outs of cosplay judging.

VOICE ACTING IN JAPAN WITH KIKUKO INOUE

Join veteran Japanese Voice Actress Kikuko Inoue as she discusses her long career in voicing anime characters in Japan. Ms. Inoue is only at NDK on Friday and Saturday of the con, so make sure not to miss this appearance!

PANEL PASSES

We provide these passes as a way of reserving a spot in a panel without staying in line as long. They're available from the panel pass pickup table located near the panel hall.

Show up when the line would normally begin for the panel (1 hour prior to the start of the panel). The orange vested staff member for the con will give you a pass.

This pass reserves your access to the panel up until the panel begins.

Please remember to hand in your pass when you enter the panel!

18+ PANELS

All persons wishing to participate in 18+ programming MUST show their State License or ID to get an 18+ wristband. Pick yours up at Registration, Ops, Dealer's Info Desk, and at a pop up table in the Main events hall 2 hours before our Burlesque shows start on Friday. Please note that we can't accept pictures of ID's, High School Diplomas, or texts from your mom swearing you're 18.

PANELIST CHECK IN DESK/ OFFICE HOURS:

The Panelist Check-In Desk is inside the Panel Office. The Panel Office's hours are:

Friday: 5 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 8:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am – 4:30 pm



SATURDAY

MAIN EVENTS ANIME MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

Welcome to NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world, and featuring editors from around the globe. We have an unprecedented amount of international entries from Armenia, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Chile, Australia, Finland, India, Germany, the U.K. and more. This is one of NDK's most popular events, so show up early to get in line!



COSPLAY CONTEST

Our Saturday Cosplay extravaganza!! Show up early for a good seat, and stay to watch the spectacle of fantastic costuming skills or skit-making genius. NDK's Cosplay competition is considered one of the best in the country for good reason: the quality of entries is truly spectacular and not to be missed!

MASQUERADE

Bring your friends and be ready to dance to the sounds of NDK's own DJ Marcus and Rave Staff pumping out awesome mixes just for you! This one goes all night, so save your energy. The Masquerade is included with your badge and open to all ages!

READY PLAYER DRAG WITH SALEM MOON!

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ROYAL REVUE BURLESQUE ENCORE SHOW 18+

Welcome back our dear friends from Queen D's Royale Revue burlesque troupe! Bringing to life characters from anime to fantasy to the big screen, this performance features dancers from all over South Louisiana. Come be entranced by the more sensual side of some of your favorite characters! Please note:

This is a shorter show than Friday, and will showcase some new routines mixed in with the best from the first performance!

PANEL 1

ANIME AND TEA PRESENTS: GUESS WHO? 20 QUESTIONS

Get ready to put your anime knowledge to the test with Anime 20 Questions! In this interactive panel, the audience will work together to guess the mystery anime character. The chosen audience member will secretly pick a character, and the rest of the audience will take turns asking questions to narrow down the possibilities.

ANIME AND TEA PRESENTS: SKETCH AND SNICKER 18+

Join us for Sketch & Snicker! Witness the chaos as contestants draw and guess iconic anime in a hilarious game of Pictionary. From gravity-defying hair to epic fails, it's a laugh-out-loud journey through Otaku Land. Don't miss this side-splitting panel of anime antics!

BEAUTIFUL BROKEN BODIES: POSING FOR BOUDOIR 18+

Get ready to embrace your unique beauty and confidence with our panel on boudoir posing for disabled individuals. Whether you're interested in creating stunning cosplay photos or simply want to feel empowered and sensual, this session is for you. Our expert panelists will share tips and tricks for posing with

mobility aids or incorporating chairs and the floor into your poses.

COSPLAY COMPETITIONS FOR GROUPS AND DUOS W/ MARUNE COSPLAY

Have you ever wanted to join a Cosplay Competition with a group or as a duo? We have your back! Master level duo Marune Cosplays will teach you how to participate in a group/duo for cosplay competitions. We promise it is not as easy as you think but with some instruction and trusting teammates you can do it!

COSPLAY LIP SYNC BATTLE FOR ALL AGES!

It's back! Come dressed as your favorite character and lipsync for your life in this all-ages session!

DATING ADVICE WITH YURI ON ICE VA OSCAR SEUNG!

Do you have trouble with romance? Well do not fear- Oscar Seung, voice actor from Yuri on Ice is here to give you some advice on navigating the dating scene

HIDDEN GEMS OF HORROR GAMES 18+

Are you a fan of horror or hidden gems in general? We're all familiar with games like Resident Evil and Silent Hill, but what about games like Kuon or Rule of Rose? Join us as we go in depth about what causes these games to be less known, yet just as good and shockingly valuable!

HOWARD WANG Q+A

Join Howard as he talks about his experiences in the anime world as a voice actor! Bring your questions, and help us welcome Howard to his first NDK!

KIMONO COSPLAY 101 WITH DAHLIA AND BUNNY

Interested in cosplaying a traditionally dressed character but don't know where to start? Join kitsuke experts and master cosplayers Dahlia and Bunny as they break down the elements of traditional Japanese garments and show you how to make an authentic and respectful cosplay!

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OTAKU JEOPARDY

Exactly what it sounds like! In traditional Jeopardy fashion, three contestants at a time will come forth to press a buzzer and answer anime-themed questions. The audience will be allowed to answer any questions the players can't and win candy prizes. After each round whichever contestant(s) has the most points will win anime prizes.

SEINEN/JOSEI ANIMANGA RECS

Shounen and shoujo are familiar terms for most anime/manga fans, but have you ever wanted to discover more about seinen and josei? Stop by to learn all that these magazine demographics have to offer and walk away with some new series to check out afterwards!

WHAT IS A JAPANESE CONSULATE?

Welcome a diplomat from the Japanese Consulate in Denver. She will talk about services that Consulates provide and share some of her work in the cities and countries she has served before.

PANEL 2 AMV EDITING BASICS

Anime Music Videos! Ever wondered how they're made? Now is a chance to see what goes into the process!

AMV IRON CHEF

Watch two AMV editors battle live to create a video in just two short hours! While the editors are hard at work, games can be played, videos will be screened,

and AMV editing is explained. Ultimately, the two videos will be put to the test by a panel of judges, with only one editor emerging as the victor! This popular panel fills up fast, and we have PRIZES!

ANIME IMPROV! W/ SUPER HAPPY OTAKU ENTERTAINMENT 'SHOE'

Join us on stage to play Improv games with themes and scenes from anime, gaming, and Con culture. Come learn games, win prizes, and act in character! Shoe's line is it Anime? Presented by SHOE.

BEHIND THE JUDGES' TABLE WITH TECA

Whether it's your first time entering a costume contest or you want to become a judge yourself, we'll discuss all the ins and outs of judging a cosplay contest. Get an inside look on what judges are looking for, how they should conduct themselves and what to avoid doing.

THE FLUFFY WORLD OF DAKIMAKURA COLLECTING!

Thinking about buying an anime body pillow? Wouldn't be caught dead with one? Either way, come learn about the Japanese dakimakura industry and the grassroots artists who power it! Learn how to avoid bootlegs, where to find and bid on legitimate covers, tips for taking care of your pillow, and what it's like to commission your own design.

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SPIRITS IN THE STATIC 18+

Allow a horror enthusiast to be your guide to the other side in this terrifying panel. Horror has been a tool to create commentary on societal issues

for decades all over the world. From The Ring to The Grudge, we'll look at spirits and specters in Japanese media and what they can tell us about the culture that created them.

VOICE ACTOR Q+A WITH ALL VOICE ACTING GUESTS

Spend some special time with our awesome voice acting guests in this panel. From interesting war stories to insider tips, you can expect to see a unique perspective on the voice acting trade!

VTUBERS TAKEOVER! W/JAPANIME GAMES

Meet VTubers LIVE and get an introduction to the wondrous world of VTubing, where anything is possible! Learn from veteran VTubers in the industry what it was like to find themselves in the content they create. From collaborations with others to building their brand; VTubing is a space with many personalities. Come see who've we've got joining us, and learn about the new VTubing TCG from Japanime Games, Oshi Push!

PANEL 3 AMV OVERLOAD

Can't get enough anime music videos? Come in and check out all of the awesome AMVs that didn't make it into the contest!

THE ANI-MOM WITH BRIANNA ROBERTS

The AniMom (1 hour); Brianna has voiced a plethora of moms in anime! In this fun panel, Bri will share a powerpoint presentation with various moms she has voiced and see if anyone can guess what show it is from and (bonus!) what her name was. She'll share about her experience in those shows and any others people want to chat about.

ANIME MUSIC COVERS 101

Have you ever wanted to create your own anime music cover? Then this panel is for you! Join YouTuber, Bit Striker, for a quick tour of what you need to make your own anime music cover!



ANIME THEME SONG SING-A-LONG 18+

Do you love the catchiness of anime theme songs? Do you love to sing? GREAT! Come join this fun high spirited sing a-l-ong session, and belt some of your favorite theme songs out!

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MANAGING AUDHD IN REAL LIFE FOR GEEKS! WITH GUY DAVIS

Many of us deal with AuDHD/ASD in our everyday lives. For most of us, it's super disruptive. Join aspiring anthropologist

Guy Davis (a neurodivergent himself) as he talks about what AuDHD/ASD is and offers techniques on how to compensate for executive function failure as well as some tactics to help you navigate the social world.

NICE PANEL! THANKS, IT HAS POCKETS!

Come learn how to add pockets to your cosplay! Whether you like to buy your cosplay or make it from scratch, this panel will go through different types of pockets and how to add them to your outfit. Beginner friendly, so people of all skill levels are invited!

QUIZ TIME! ESCAPE FROM MEURSALT!

Join us for a thrilling trivia challenge where teams compete to help either Fyodor or Dazai escape from the infamous Meursault prison! Test your Bungou Stray Dogs knowledge, win prizes, and enjoy the excitement. Sign up, answer correctly, and see who can mastermind the ultimate escape!

READING RAINBOW WITH QUEEN D'S ROYALE REVUE 18+

This wildly popular and hilarious panel features the fabulous Queen D and the Royal Revue reading and re-enacting the WORST fanfiction available. Guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes one way or another. This one fills up fast, so show up early!

STREAM QUEENS W/ QUEEN D AND ALYSIN WONDERLAND

Join Queen D and Alysin as they discuss their experiences streaming on Twitch, and offer suggestions for people who want to get started streaming on their own!

TRAVEL TO JAPAN WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK!

Have you always dreamed of traveling to Japan, but don't know how to get started, or how to afford it? SoloPear Travel will cover how to plan your trip to Japan, along with budget-friendly strategies to save you money along the way.

PANEL 4**AGING WITH YOUR COSPLAY HOBBY WITH TECA**

No one is ever too old to cosplay but do you need to grow out of it? Join twenty-year cosplay veteran Teca as she discusses how you and your relationship with cosplaying can change with time and how to keep healthy mentally, physically and financially.

ANIME AND TEA PRESENTS: OTAKU JUSTICE! 18+

Welcome to Otaku Justice, the wackiest and most entertaining panel you'll attend! In this session, we put beloved anime characters on trial for their most absurd and hilarious crimes. Picture this: Eren Jaeger is accused of stealing Jagermeister from the liquor store. At the end of each trial, the jury—that's you, the audience—will vote on the verdict.

BLACK BUTLER COSPLAY Q+A

Come join the Black Butler cast! Characters from all arcs come together to answer your questions and play fun and exciting games. The host is Alois Trancy and the Co-host is Elizabeth Midford, what could go wrong?

CON STORIES FROM HELL 18+

It's story time! From cosplay malfunctions to that dude who doesn't know what soap is asking where his hug is, you're invited to come and share your most horrifying, downright gnarly convention experiences!

Those with weak stomachs BEWARE.

CUP O'NOODLES: THE CROSS-CULTURAL STORY OF ONE OF JAPAN'S BIGGEST BUSINESS SUCCESSES

See a container of Cup Noodles at a convenience store and you might think of cheap calories. But there was a time when eating from the product's iconic packaging exuded cosmopolitanism, and when the on-the-go meal symbolized possibility. Come discuss how this cultural phenomenon reveals different international perceptions of Japan and the United States.

**DIVERSITY IN JAPAN WITH DR. ALISA FREEDMAN**

"Diversity" has become a key initiative in Japan. Yet many people are marginalized due to race, gender, location, age, and other identity factors. We will discuss how groups are actively initiating change. This panel shows other sides of Japan and provides cultural information for people who plan to visit.

HOW ANIME SPEAKS TO VETERANS AND HOW ANIME COMMUNITIES CAN SUPPORT THEM

Why do vets like anime? Join Retired Michael Jackson Jr., Lt. Col USAF as he discusses some of the many military themes in anime. Find out how these stories appeal to veterans, and how the anime community can help support and welcome veterans in return.

IMMP VERSUS SPEED RACER!

Before INITIAL D, Before REDLINE, there was SPEED RACER! This live Inter-Millennium Media Project podcast episode will discuss the classic racing anime, what made it special, and how it holds up today. On every episode of the IMMP, Gen X dad Matthew Porter makes his Millennial son Ian watch movies and TV from way back in the 20th Century.

ISEKAI AS A ROLE MODEL FOR HANDLING LIFE'S TRANSITIONS

Come learn how isekai can teach us about how we handle difficult transitions in our life!

THE LATE SHOE, LATE SHOW 18+

An improv game show comedy act for the adult anime fans and gamers in mind. Games for you

to learn then join in. Prepare yourself as the audience gives the suggestions. Some laughs, some absurdities, and some prizes. Presented by SHOE (Super Happy Otaku Entertainment).

OLD SCHOOL ANIMATION – AND HOW WE DID IT! WITH GUY DAVIS

Ranma, Dirty Pair, Gunbuster, even Evangelion. Before the days of computers and tablets, there was only the darkness of the animator room with hundreds of animators slaving away. Join Guy, a certified Old Dude of That Era, as he tells tales of Anime of Yore. He'll show you how it used to be done, with examples and video!

PAINTING WITH ROYALTY: DRAG MAKEUP 101 WITH READY PLAYER DRAG

Join the cast of Ready Player Drag as they walk you through their process of doing drag makeup! You can utilize these tips for cosplay, theater and more, but if you're looking to start drag, this is your moment to ask all the questions you have!

R. BRUCE EXPLAINS EVERYTHING 18+

"Our Bruce" draws on his vast age and experience to answer questions and also to offer his own thoughts on a wide variety of topics, including (but not limited to) acting, anime, climate change, sex, religion, bodily autonomy, cats, human rights, conspiracy theories, rock 'n' roll, presidential elections, space aliens, student debt, democracy, time travel, world events, and much more.

WHAT'S IN THE CARDS? TAROT AND CARTOMANCY WITH KUMI AND ALEX

Tarot and other forms of cartomancy (divination using cards) have appeared in many forms of media, but how true to life are these depictions? We'll discuss the historical origins and how to understand the structure and overall meanings of tarot.

SUNDAY

MAIN EVENTS AMV RESHOW

Welcome to the re-showing of NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world, and featuring editors from around the globe. We have an unprecedented amount of international entries from Armenia, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Chile, Australia, Finland, India, Germany, the UK and more. This is one of NDK's most popular events, so show up early to get in line.

AMV WINNERS

Join us as we announce the winners of NDK's AMV competition! This is a very popular event, so come early to get a good seat!

CHARITY AUCTION

Join NDK Jeremy as he auctions off rare art, anime memorabilia and signed collectibles for a good cause. This year benefits our friends at Safehouse Denver, an organization that provides support and shelter to victims of domestic abuse and their families. The ability to be in a truly safe place is a crucial factor for victims of domestic abuse, and NDK is proud to be partnering with Safehouse Denver, and introduce this amazing resource to our NDK community.

PANEL 1

COSPLAY DETAILING TECHNIQUES

Have you ever looked at a costume design and wondered, how on Earth did they do that? This panel will help you figure it out! We will learn about a variety of detailing techniques for fabric, foam, leather, and more, as well as pros and cons of each technique. Take away ideas to level up your crafting game!

DISABLED COSPLAY AND POSING WITH A MOBILITY AID

Disabled costumers and abled allies alike are welcome to join us as we take a look at an accessible approach to cosplay and conventions, beginning with costume construction all the way to conventions and photo shoots while addressing both visible and invisible illnesses.

DRAGON BALL 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

Fourty years ago the world was changed forever when Dragon Ball was released. Its impact on anime and Japanese culture as a whole cannot be understated. This panel will explore the series's humble origins and how it became the global phenomenon it is today.

GUESS THE ANIME OPENING!

Join us for a game show where we play Guess the Anime opening! There will be different categories for the openings, a small trivia, and prizes to be handed out!

LIFE IS IN THE DETAILS: COSPLAY LEVEL UP W/ UNDEADTOASTY

Are you ready to level up your cosplay? Join undeadtoasty for a panel that deep dives into the skills and eye needed for detailing and weathering your cosplay. Explore the hows and whys of showing your character's lore through costuming (without the need to buy extra equipment). We will look at weathering techniques, how to tell the story through artistic interpretation, when and where to add the bits and bobs, how to interpret designs for added detail, and how to create that cohesive, finished piece.

OLD-TAKU TALK COSPLAY TALK WITH TECA AND FRIENDS

Join seasoned veterans of the cosplay community as they regale stories of their experiences. DIY colored contacts? Duct tape chest binders? Witness just how much the community has evolved and enjoy entertaining anecdotes from "back-in-our day"!

PANEL 2 ANIME KAHOOT!

This panel is Anime Kahoot! An online multiple choice quiz game that you can access right through your phone! Several different anime-based categories and difficulties will be presented and all you have to do is beat out the other players to win an ultimate prize!



BUNGO – ONCE A STRAY DOG, ALWAYS A STRAY DOG

Peek inside the world of Bungo Stray Dogs, or... hold on! How did we get trapped inside this book? What do you mean we have to work together to get out? Have you tried working with these idiots? Well I guess come watch us struggle to get out of one of Edgar Allan Poe's books. Will the Armed Detective Agency be victorious over the Port Mafia?

THE DOCTOR AND THE QUEEN

Come ye peasants! Join friends Queen D and Dr. Alisa Freedman for their latest round of unconventional convention collaboration! The past few years have been a blast, but for those that missed them – anything and everything was a safe topic, and the audience was rolling on the floor!

GENDER IDENTITY IN COSPLAY

The art of cosplay, with its inherent ability to allow for changing identities, can be a powerful way to explore who you are. Join master cosplayers Dahlia (they/them) and Bunny (she/her) as they discuss how gender has been a part of their cosplay journeys.

HOW TO USE ANIME/GAMING TO DEVELOP REAL LIFE SKILLS

This talk will break down what makes anime and gaming so special, how pop culture can help us connect to our understanding of ourselves, and how we can build programs that encourage and foster stronger community connections and real life skills in youth. We will look at modern marvels like One Piece, Spiderman and Baldur's Gate 3 to lead this talk.

THE OM-NOM-NOMS AT CONS

Learn the secret dark arts of eating on the cheap at conventions! Gain the forbidden knowledge of cooking kit building, grocery shopping and preparation secrets for hotel room cooking! Receive the insight into the ancient alchemy of deliciousness to enhance your biorhythms to imbue yourself with uncanny, inhuman fortitude. Ritual demonstrations and samples will be provided.

ROYALE REVUE MEET + GREET

Join the lovely and talented dancers of Royale Revue all the way from Louisiana! These talented performers have been around and have danced their way through many predicaments, so come with your burning burlesque questions!

PANEL 3 ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY AT CONVENTIONS

Join us for a lively and informative conversation about disability inclusion at conventions. This panel is a must-attend for disabled individuals, allies, and anyone interested in learning more about how conventions can better cater to diverse accessibility needs. Our experienced speakers will share insights and tips on creating a welcoming and accessible environment for all attendees.

BEING QUEER AND BLACK IN ANIME: Q+A WITH KIBA WALKER

A journey through the trials and tribulations of voice actor and drag performer Kiba Walker as he discusses what it's like to work in the entertainment industry from child actor to working professional.

BEYOND PLUS ULTRA: MY HERO ACADEMIA

For almost a decade, My Hero Academia has captivated audiences with its characters and storytelling. Come share your experiences with this series and why it means so much to you with other like-minded Hero fans

GRAB BAG SHUFFLE!

Transform your spare anime goods into brand new mystery items. Bring new or gently used all ages anime goods worth around \$25. We will be making then swapping grab bags during the panel.

Limit of 2 bags per person. All participants are entered for raffle at the end.

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: SMALL BEGINNINGS TO GAMING ROYALTY

For almost 40 years the Zelda series has been one of the quintessential video game franchises. The series means so much to so many people all over the world. This panel will explore how it started and why it has persisted for so long

LET'S TALK ABOUT JAPANESE CULTURE WITH DR. FREEDMAN AND GUY-SENSEI!

Do you have questions about Japan? Is there a duck Pokemon with a leek (Farfetch'd)? What is the cultural story behind that?! What about the train that goes over the mountains and talks about astronomy? Dr. Freedman and Guy-sensei are co-hosting a panel where you can ask anything you want and we'll try to answer it!

READING AND UNDERSTANDING COMMERCIAL PATTERNS

Have you ever looked at a commercially made pattern (McCalls, Simplicity, etc) and questioned what it was trying to say, what size you were, or just threw your hands in the air and guessed your way through the pattern? It's time to stop those feelings and start understanding what they're really trying to tell you!

PANEL 4

BEDAZZLED AND BEAUTIFUL: DRAG COSTUMING 101

The cast of Ready Player Drag walks and talks through some of their tips and tricks to costuming for their shows. Whether it's thrifting, sewing, or commissioning, they have all the answers to your questions!

CHARACTER CREATOR! CUSTOMIZE AND CREATE

Whether you're looking for a quick costume to have fun around the con or a masterpiece to take on stage, it all starts with making concepts a reality. Learn how to design eye-catching original designs, modify old favorites for the 3D world, create AUs, mashups, or something to fit your specific needs with this dive into character creation with an

COSPLAY ROUNDTABLE WITH TECA AND FRIENDS

Had a cosplay question that you didn't get answered? Come chat with experienced cosplayers. Whether it's sewing, props, wigs or presentation, our pool of knowledge can help you out!

SAVING HYRULE SAVED ME

Actor Cole Feuchter invites you on a journey to experience The Legend of Zelda like never before; through his eyes. Learn how saving the Kingdom of Hyrule, in turn, saved him through his own personal *Link* to the franchise, while he explores the various themes of the games and the heroism of its leading man. All the while being accompanied by some of the most famous music in gaming history.

SHŌGUN: 1980 AND 2024:

Shōgun, the TV series based on James Clavell's novel about Japan in the 1600s, has been filmed twice. It was one of the biggest media events of 1980, the only US TV show in Japanese, and a main reason why people then wanted to study Japan. The 2024 reboot swept the US Emmy Awards and has encouraged discussions about Japanese history. Both series show



the continued allure of the samurai. Come talk about truths and fiction of Shōgun and what both series teach us about samurai, nation, gender, power, and so much more.

VTUBERS: THE CULTURE AND BUSINESS

Who are all these avatars showing up on your Twitch feed? Learn about VTubers (virtual YouTubers), a growing online media format bringing live interaction to anime characters. Explore how this industry got its start, check out the major players to watch, and deep-dive into the technology, fandom, and revenue models that make it all possible.

WORLD BUILDING 101 WITH GUY DAVIS

Are you writing a story? Is it a manga full of heroes and villains? An epic novel of sword and sorcery? A comic of classes and classmates? Maybe spaceships and laser swords? What? You aren't sure? Well, then bring your notebook as Guy helps build your epic worlds and design awesome characters!

LOWER LEVEL ROOMS AND PROGRAMMING

NDK has 2 floors at the Gaylord! Take the elevator or stairs down to the First floor of the convention center, and check out the following featured rooms:

THE NEKO CAFE

Yup, you heard us right! NDK has partnered up with local animal rescue organizations to bring some fabulous furry feline friends into NDK space. This room is intended for taking in some fuzzy friend energy, toebeans and cheek scratches. Recharge and connect with our very own Lucky Cats. Please see the representatives of the rescue organizations for more information about adoption and ways to support them!

THE VOICE ACTOR AND VTUBER STUDIO

Ever wonder what it's like to create your own voice acting samples? What does it take to be a Voice Actor these days, anyway? Want to sit in on a professional Voice Acting Session? Our friends from Samurais of Sound have brought us a mini studio experience and training center for all NDK attendees to try their hands on some real studio quality equipment, plus a vTuber Rig! Come visit the studio down on the first level of the convention center to learn more and record your first demo in the mobile recording booth!!



THE TABLETOP GAMING DOJO

Welcome to the Dojo! A Dojo is a hall or space for immersive learning or meditation in the field of martial arts. The term literally means “place of the Way” in Japanese. Our Dojo is a place where you can engage in the study of and practice Tabletop Gaming-Do, or “the way of tabletop gaming”. Our Gaming Sensei and Senpai are there to help you.

Come to the tabletop gaming Dojo to indulge in our library of games, learn new games through the demos, classes, and scheduled play, partake in the gaming tournaments, or just to have space to play games or RPGs of your own. Our staff can help you select a game and help you get set up and learn the rules if you would like. We can also help you find players if needed. In addition to our scheduled events we will also have sign-up sheets available for other games, such as One-Shot RPGs and possible game demos, so be sure to drop by and check out our Announcement table.

Open gaming is also available and encouraged if you have your own game and just need a place to play, so if you are into Collectable Card Games like Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Yugioh, etc... be sure to bring along a deck or two and you might be able to find some opponents to duel.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday and Saturday: 9 am – 3 am
 Sunday: 9 am – 3 pm

FIASCO

FIASCO is an award-winning storytelling game inspired by cinematic tales of



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Be sure to check in with the Dojo to see what days and times other games, demos, tournaments, RPGs, and events are happening that weren't locked down in time for the program guide.

FRIDAY

- 7 pm – 9 pm:** Warhammer: Kill Team Demos for Beginners
- 8 pm – 9:30 pm:** Fiasco: The Big Anime Con Edition
- 9 pm – 10 pm:** Jackbox Games
- 10 pm – 3 am:** Guided Ultimate Werewolf

SATURDAY

- 5 pm +:** BAM!: Demos and tournament of a new superhero themed TCG
- 7 pm – 9 pm:** King Sized Tabletop Game Tournament (Game to be Announced)
- 10 pm – 3 am:** Guided Ultimate Werewolf

SUNDAY

- 9am – 3pm:** Open gaming

small-time capers gone disastrously wrong. You'll tell a story about ordinary people with powerful ambition and poor impulse control! Lives and reputations will be lost, painful wisdom will be gained, and if you are really lucky, you just might end up back where you started. You probably won't be lucky. This is a story driven game that will test your improv skills and your ability to act out scenes with other players.

ULTIMATE WEREWOLF

Ultimate Werewolf is an interactive game of deduction for two teams: Villagers and Werewolves. The Villagers don't know who the Werewolves are, and the Werewolves are trying to remain undiscovered while they slowly eliminate the Villagers one at a time. A Moderator (who isn't on a team) runs the game.

Ultimate Werewolf takes place over a series of game days and nights. Each day, the players discuss who among them is a Werewolf and vote out a player. Each night, the Werewolves choose a player to eliminate, while the Seer learns whether one player is a Werewolf or not. The game is over when either all the Villagers or all the Werewolves are eliminated.

KING-SIZED TOURNAMENT

Who will win this year's Dojo giant-sized tournament? Stop by the Dojo to learn how to play the game that will be featured Saturday night for the Dojo's King Sized Tournament. This year's game will be a surprise, so be sure to stop by Friday to see what it will be.

ONE-SHOT ROLE PLAYING GAMES

There are a few one-shot **Dungeons and Dragons** games in the works including one modeled off of the anime Delicious in Dungeon. Also there may possibly be a Magical Girl One-shot. Day and Time are still to be determined.



PPG will be back again this year running tournaments such as Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, and possibly others such as Lorcana and One Piece.

BAM!

The city is on fire! It's time to clip on that cape and spring into action! Build your deck around 8 different unique and powerful leaders. Mix and match your super roster until you find the perfect balance of brains and brawn, magic and technology, heroes and villains. Challenge your tactical thinking with over a dozen game-changing locations. Do you have what it takes to save this city? BAM!

WARHAMMER - KILL TEAM DEMOS FOR BEGINNERS

Kill Team is an action-packed skirmish game between small teams of combat specialists, set in the grim darkness of the far future. Come try out an introduction demo to the game teaching the basics.

CROKINOLE

Crokinole is a traditional dexterity game played on a circular wooden board, with wooden circular disks as playing pieces. Every round each player takes turns shooting one of their 8 disks until all the have been used and then scoring is done at the end of the round.

Demos and a tournament are planned for Saturday. Time to be determined.

SPECIAL MYSTERY DECK TOURNAMENTS!

Sensei Troy has something crazy in the works and it's very likely there will be a Magic the Gathering and a Pokemon tournament lined up where players purchase a random pre-constructed deck (assembled by the staff of the Dojo) to play in a very unorthodox tournament format. Each deck will be made to be as competitive as it can be based on the pool of Commons, Uncommons, and Rares that we get our hands on.



MODEL SHOW HOURS

Model intake

Friday: 3 pm – 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Room open to public:

Friday: 3 pm – 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Entry Pickup: Sunday 3 pm – 4 pm

MODEL CONTEST CATEGORIES

Juniors: Modelers under 18

Adults: Modelers age 18+

Large Scale Figures & Busts

Human and humanoid, as well as creatures and monsters

Mecha

Robots and power suits.

This includes Super-Deformed, Gundam and MaK

Non-Mecha Vehicles

Space-capable, atmospheric, ground and sea craft

Small Scale Figures and Miniatures

Single figures and groups of figures

Dioramas

Judged in part by the strength of the theme or story

Kawaii

Japanese for cute. This includes chibi, haro, bears, and super-deformed, as well as other things that make you smile.

MAKE AND TAKE

Friday

Paper Model Make & Take

3 pm – 6 pm

After Hours Build

7pm -11pm; bring a model and build with us!

Saturday

Mini Painting Make & Take (with instruction)

12 pm – 2 pm

Paper Model Make & Take
2pm – 6 pm

Sunday

Plastic Model Make & Take

11 am – 2 pm

Entry pickup

3 pm – 4 pm

MODEL SHOW

The IPMS/CoMMiES (International Plastic Model Society, chapter Colorado Modeling Militia Enjoying Sci-Fi) happily sponsors the NDK model show again this year. We also staff the Paper Model Make & Take and Miniature Painting Make & Take on Saturday and the Plastic Model Make & Take on Sunday. We want to share our love of model-building with you, and hope you catch the “fever”!

MODEL SHOW RULES

- No entry fee.
- Participation in the show is open to all NDK attendees, Staff, and Volunteers.
- Photography is welcome in the model room.
- Models displayed are not for sale.

CONTEST RULES

1. Please note that this is an anime con and select your entries accordingly. Science Fiction and Fantasy themed entries are welcome.
2. NDK is a family-oriented convention. Please, no entries that do not suit this audience.
3. If a model has placed at a previous NDK model contest, please do not enter it again.
4. Please be sure your entries will stand on their own on the display tables.
5. Please pick up your entries during posted entry pick-up time on Sunday.

MODEL SHOW JUDGING

Award Certificates will be given as follows:

- Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Merit awards
- People's Choice (based on voting by con-goers. Remember to vote!)
- Best Paper Model
- BEOSWL (Best Example of Something We Like, a CoMMiES award)
- Judges' Best of Show

Judging will be done as entries are submitted, since entries will not be judged against each other. Certificates can be claimed when the entrants pick up their entries.



ART GALLERY

Welcome to the NDK Art Gallery, located inside Artists Alley!

ART VIEWING AND BUYING

- Everyone is welcome to come to the Art Gallery and see the beautiful offerings from the community!
- Please do not touch the art hanging on the pillars! If you have a question about a piece of art, please see the Gallery Staff.
- If you wish to purchase a piece of art from the Art Gallery, please see the Staff to receive instructions on how to purchase the art piece directly from the artist themselves.
- Artists that bring pieces in after submissions are closed, will be reviewed on-site and if space is available, will be displayed only, not sold.

ART GALLERY HOURS

Gallery viewing hours

Friday: 3 pm – 8 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 2:30 pm

Artist Check-In/Pick-Up

Check in: Friday 12 pm – 2:30 pm

Check out: Sunday 2:30 pm – 4 pm

GAMING MINIS

Saturday, 11 am

Everything you wanted to know about finding/buying/painting minis, but didn't know who to ask. Minis, 75mm, and busts. Where to buy, traditional or 3D printed, how to prep and get started. (Panelist: Cal Dowling)

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Saturday, 3 pm

Our team of experienced modelers guide you through these frequently asked questions: Where is the best place for materials/subjects? The art store? Local hobby shop? IKEA? What the various labels mean on paint. From glues to sprues, where to spend the money, where you can skimp a bit. (Moderator: Dan Holmes)

EVERYTHING IS A MODEL PART MODELING OUTSIDE THE BOX (LITERALLY)

Saturday, 4 pm

An introduction to kit bashing, scratch building, and other forms of not following/ignoring directions. (Panelist: SueAnne Merrill)

DISCLAIMER: NDK, the hotel, Con staff, and the IPMS/CoMMiES are not responsible for damage to or loss of entries. Although model show staff will safeguard entries to the best of their ability to reduce the possibility of damage or loss, accidents do happen.

PUTTING YOUR BUILD ON A BASE

Saturday, 5 pm

Why you need a base, what goes on one, and how to connect the base and the build to each other. (Panelist: Brad Guy)

FUN WITH 3D PRINTING

Sunday, 11 am

An overview of 3D printers and print materials, sourcing print files, and what do you do after the print's complete... (Panelist: Ian Porter)

BUILDING A BETTER MODEL, FROM A JUDGE'S POV

Sunday 12 pm

What judges look for on a model, and how to do a better job next time. pointers on improving your building & display skills (Panelists: Jack Hubbard & Mike Smith)

ALL ABOUT PANEL LINES

Sunday 1 pm

what they are, what kind of models they appear on, and how to paint them (both paints/inks/pens and tools), pin washes. (Panelist: Robb Merrill)



VIDEO GAMING

This year's Video Game Room will be just like every other year's room – and yet completely different. There will be several tracks of gaming all convention long featuring the PS4, Xbox One, and Switch as well as pachinko and general mayhem courtesy of the VGR Staff. We're also hosting our usual awesome array of events including Beat Saber for Charity, Mario Kart Live, Late Night Rock Band, and Super Smash Brothers 25th anniversary tourneys.

CH, CH, CHANGES!

Yes, it's the 25th anniversary of Super Smash Brothers being unleashed upon the world and Smash holds a special place in our hearts. From being one of our first guest-run tournaments as well as being The Shogun's entry in The Seven Tasks of Game-a-cles. To honor Smash and the best parts of the Smash community we are throwing only Smash Tournaments this year! Please see below the tournament schedule for more details.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

We are part of NDK's Gaming Track, and are located just to the left/west of NDK Operations.

OPEN ALMOST ALL CONVENTION LONG ... WITH A CAVEAT

In the interest of our staffers' health, especially with our convention-wide commitment to mental health; we're going to close between 3 am – 9 am and make sure everyone gets some much needed rest.

CHARITY ARCADE

Every year, NDK raises money for charity and this year the VGR is being involved. NDK is providing arcade machines with a variety of games to be played all weekend long including Galaga, Sinistar, Metal Slug, Samurai Shodown and more! Come and play for a good cause!

PACHINKO FOR CHARITY

The Pachinko Thunder-Dome is here to stay! (I never thought I'd see that particular Godzilla cross-over, Castlevania presented in quite that way...) Our phenomenal showcase increased our charity contribution to record amounts and we have you to thank for it. So give us your money for a cup full of balls and have at 'em!

CHARITY BEAT SABER

We've gotten the gremlins out of the system and are once again presenting

Charity Beat Saber. Give us your donation, give it your best shot, and if your score is high enough ... get on the leaderboard that we'll be maintaining all weekend!

NO TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

If you want to join a tournament just come in when the tournament starts so we can check your badge, and you can collect a tournament token. Each token has a number and they are your ticket into the tournament! When you sit down to compete, you'll slot up your token right there, and if you get beaten, you lose it. If you win, that token is your proof that you are still in the tournament. Keep track of it! And don't try trading it to your friends—even if we don't catch you, the rest of the participants will.

PRIZES

We are sponsoring our usual number of special prizes this year: Best Video Game Artwork, Best Video Game Model, Best Video Game Costume, Best Video Game AMV/Machinima, and Best Video Game Itachi Motor Show Entrant.

The winners get a Golden Joystick of their very own and some extra special prizes as well!

THE RULES

We've got some straightforward rules and regulations in the VGR and they're clearly posted everywhere. Let's go over them real quick, just to be sure:

1. Attendees can bring beverages into the VGR as long as they are in a closed-top container. It's summertime in Colorado, please engage in self-care and hydrate! We are specifying closed container as the risk of spills on the electronics is just too great. Please be on good behavior for this, as we will still ask you leave if you violate this rule or are leaning too hard on the line. Eating in the VGR is still forbidden unless you are a VGR staff member. Yes, we will eat right there in front of you because we don't get to leave.
2. Please help keep the VGR clean and sanitary. We have hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and trash cans. We do our best to keep things tidy, but we are not your maid.
3. No roughhousing. There are really no situations where body parts should be touching other body parts while in the VGR. The only real exception is when you shake the hand of the person who just whupped your hiney at Smash Ultimate, because you're a good sport.
4. Do not abuse any games, systems, peripherals, or staff members in the VGR. Seriously. Anyone damaging equipment intentionally will have an equivalent weight in body parts removed by the VGR Staff. You are not Pete Townshend; do not smash that guitar controller when you finish your set. Destruction of hotel or NDK property is an immediate ban from the convention.
5. No unattended children under 12. The VGR is funded primarily through the sales of unattended children to medical research facilities. But hey, maybe some of those researchers are actually mad scientists and have some liquid adamantium handy.
6. No outside games, or systems. This is due to Colorado State liability laws, not because we're jerks. No, we're not making an exception for you. Stop asking. Yes, we're talking to you. You know who you are; you ask every year.
7. You may bring your own controllers including joysticks for use in the VGR for Open Play and Tournaments. However, don't be a lowdown dirty cheater with them. If you cheat in open gaming you're just being a jerk. If you cheat in a tourney you're being a jerk that'll be kicked out of the tournament at the very least.
8. No stealing from us or your fellow attendees. A terrible curse is laid on those who steal from the VGR: all your saved games will be corrupted and lost, right after you get further in your game than you ever have before; all your achievements will be lost to the aether! Beware! Oh, and you'll get Ban-Hammered by Security. And we may even have to notify The Law.
9. No whining. Please note that this rule does not say: no suggestions, no feedback, no requests or no opinions. Just No Whining.
10. Do not leave your personal belongings in the VGR. Not only are the VGR staff not responsible for your personal belongings, we refuse to take responsibility for them. If we find unattended items we will take them to the lost and found at Convention Operations.
11. No sleeping in the VGR. This is not your crash pad.
12. To play pachinko, just locate the staffer nearby, give them some money and play pachinko with your cup full of balls! All joking aside: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE PACHINKO MACHINES BY STUFFING THEM WITH QUARTERS! The Ban-Hammer will be used to smite the offenders right off the premises. With luck, they may even see the curvature of the Earth.
13. Please do not change the settings on the games. We have the settings arranged to ensure that everyone can play, have a good match, then make way for the next round of attendees. Just because you and your friends enjoy a 100 Stock round of Smash doesn't mean the dozens of people behind you wants to be waiting around for the match to resolve. Keep that kind of play at home, please.
14. At NDK, we believe it is important for everyone to respect each other's personal space, and be kind and tolerant to one another. We believe that every attendee should feel safe, and has the right to enjoy NDK without fear of harassment. Therefore, we have a zero-tolerance approach: Intentional Physical, Verbal and Sexual Harassment will result in permanent expulsion from the convention. Verbal harassment includes derogatory terms, hate speech, and all manners of verbal abuse. Hate speech is legally defined as: speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (such as race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status or disability). If you feel as if you've experienced harassment, please report it to the nearest NDK staff member immediately.

GOLDEN RULE OF THE VIDEO GAME ROOM: PASS THAT CONTROLLER!

The chairs in the VGR are set up in rudimentary lines, clearly indicating who's "got next." If you want to play a game, have a seat. As people finish, they move away and everyone moves forward. Sometimes a game is so popular that people stand in line behind the chairs – this is OK too. You know what the best part of this system is? You, the attendees, created it yourselves. You did without any direction from VGR Staff. The Shogun & Digitalcynic couldn't be more proud of you.

When you finish a game, check to see if someone is

behind you waiting for it. If no one wants in, you're all good. If someone wants to give it a try, pass it on. You'll be back in no time, because they have to pass when they're done too.

If someone isn't passing the controller, tell a VGR staff member immediately. We are serious about enforcing this rule, but whining about it after the fact is fruitless.

Addendum: this also includes the "winner passes"; or "loser passes" rules—those rules DO NOT apply in the VGR. If you win the match, pass the controller. If you lose the match, pass the controller.



THE NDK ART ACADEMY

NDK's Art Academy is back for another awesome year! This room is dedicated to offering fun and interactive arts and crafts panels to NDK attendees. Panels in the Academy have included Woodblock printing, cel painting, plushie making, jewelry craft, and much more!

HOW TO GET TICKETS TO ART ACADEMY PANELS

You can get tickets at the Panelist Check In Desk/Office when it opens. **Tickets will be available on the day the panel occurs ONLY.** No pre-buying or picking up tickets for future days. Some classes require a materials fee to cover the supplies that are used in the panel; check the program book for each panel's cost. Be aware that the fee collected is for **cash only** and there will be **no refunds**. Limit 2 tickets per person and a valid state ID must be provided upon purchase.

18+ MINI PAINTING W/WALLY 50 person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee

Do you enjoy painting? Would you like to see something naughty? Then join Wally in a NSFW miniature painting party. Choose your flavor of pin-up miniature and have a wonderful time painting them down just the way you like it. Who knows maybe you will even learn a thing or two, get curious. The safe word is banana. Each attendee will get a miniature, brush, and paint with the ticket price. Advanced paint, additional miniatures, and materials also available.

COSPLAY PHOTOGRAPHY EDITING 50 Person Limit, No fee

This panel will be a photo editing panel for your cosplay photography! I will show you my editing process but also several ways to edit photos to give you some ideas of what you want your own photos to look like!

INTRO TO CHAINMAIL W/SCOTT**6 Person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee**

Learn the basics of making chainmail! We will go over all terms you need to know and will learn several styles to get you started. All tools and supplies will be provided.

KIMONO COSPLAY CRASH COURSE**50 Person Limit, No fee**

The world of anime comes with countless kimono designs, which means tons of opportunities for stunning cosplay! But with Kimono being so different from Western clothes, it can be difficult to know where to start. In this panel, we will discuss identification, construction, and other kimono resources – everything you need to make lovely kimono cosplay!

LET'S SHODO W/ MAMIKO IKEDA!**25 Person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee**

Shodo means the art of Japanese Calligraphy. Join the expert Mamiko Ikeda as she talks about Shodo tools, brush strokes, and different Kanji writing styles. Participants will practice Shodo strokes and characters with brush pen and hand-made origami frames.

MONOLOGUE WORKSHOP W/WENDY POWELL**30 Person Limit, No fee**

Join award-winning theater teacher, Wendy Powell in her second intensive monologue workshop at NDK! Bring your A-game acting skills, imagination, and get ready for a deep dive!

MAKE YOUR OWN CHARMS PANEL**Limited spots, \$5 Cash-only fee**

Charms can be utilized as necklace pendants, keychains, ornaments, zipper pulls, etc. So long as you can trace a picture, you can make a Charm. HeatherAfter Cosplay will provide everything you need to create a personalized charm. Choose one of the designs provided, or create something that suits your personality. The charms are sturdy plastic, and there are many designs to choose from! Tools and materials are provided.

PAINTING MINIATURES FOR BEGINNERS W/LUKE**25 Person Limit, \$30 Cash-only fee**

Join us in learning how to paint in miniature!



Afraid of making a mistake? Just want to know what it's like? Come take your first step to painting fun! Each attendee will get a model, their own beginner paint kit, brush, and tray.

PAPER ROSES PANEL**Limited spots, \$10 Cash-only fee**

Join HeatherAfter Cosplay and make your own paper rose out of beautiful sheet music. Participants must be comfortable using scissors and glue. Tools, materials, and instructions will be provided.

PRACTICAL PAINTING MINIATURES W/WALLY**50 person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee**

It's a painting party and all are welcome! Listen to the mad ramblings of a painting veteran of 10 years, who may or may not have eaten too much paint; but you can't tell me what to do! Come learn the basics, learn the advanced stuff, ask painting questions, ask not painting questions, question yourself and reality, or just stare into the dreaded void as you contemplate your favorite color and all its sounds! You get paint, a brush, a miniature and a place to paint! Neat! Join me! It's party time!

SEWING MACHINE 101 W/ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEWING + VACUUM**50 Person Limit, No fee**

It's inevitable – you're at cosplay crunch time before the con, and your sewing machine throws a temper tantrum. If you

can relate to this, this panel is for you! Rocky Mountain Sewing & Vacuum is here to help you learn some of the basics with your machine and basic maintenance that you can do at home. Come make sewing your cosplays become a breeze!

ZIP TIE CROWN MAKING W/TAKA**10 Person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee**

Learn how to make beautiful, extravagant and lightweight zip tie crowns! Perfect for cosplay, dressing up, or just when you want to feel fabulous. This class will focus on teaching the lotus style zip tie crown

TINY TOTORO PLUSH PANEL**Limited spots, \$10 Cash-only fee**

How would you like to have a lovable Totoro friend of your very own? Why not make one?! HeatherAfter Cosplay will show you how to create a super cute Totoro plush. These adorable little woodland creatures easily attach to keychains and backpacks, or can just ride around in your pocket. They even make excellent holiday ornaments! Tools and materials are provided. Participants must be comfortable with hand-sewing, scissors and hot glue.

UKIYO-E WOODBLOCK PRINTING**50 Person Limit, \$10 Cash-only fee**

Back by popular demand! Join Jessie and learn the traditional art form and process of layered woodblock printing to create your own beautiful piece!

ARTIST ALLEY

Make sure and stop by Artists Alley!

Remember, unless you are an artist taking reference shots or have a press badge, photography is not allowed.

STAFF

- Alice & the 3 Dark Kings
- Bottle the Moon
- Monroe's Art Room
- Wings, Charms, & Things

GUESTS

- Anime Layer Cosplay
- The Consulate of Japan in Denver
- December Wynn Cosplay
- Kat Ivy Art
- Moshy McCoy
- Pannon Cosplay
- Queen D
- Ruby Art
- Royale Revue
- Solstice Sirens
- Stephanie Kao
- Taka Carnes
- Teca Cosplay
- Ukiyo-e Heroes
- Voice Actors (Tables will be manned periodically per Guest availability.)

ART AND ART PLUS

- 1 Creations
- Bree Skye Art
- Cauli
- Chiffonsu
- christopher cayco
- Chunkie Bunny Art
- Chzyshenanigans
- Cloudydango
- Cute 'n' Deadly
- Daniemizu
- Dovahting
- Eli Benik
- Elpis of Hope
- Endy
- Enrique Draws
- EROTIPOP
- FabucastleFaythom
- Free DLC Artwork
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- Hailcakes
- HattyPantaloons
- Helenpeanut
- Ibble's Scribbles
- Ink Junk
- itsMengo
- Jdelgado!
- Jeanpanzie
- Jwijaya Art
- Kaela Croft Art
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- Kawaii! Ren
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- Shawnasaur Art
- Shimhaq
- Shoujo Havoc
- Snowifer
- Soul Bound Art
- Space Rain
- Spoonillust
- Strawbre Illustrations

- SunnySide Art
- SwLinh
- Tanjumie
- The Curious Origins of Plot Bunnies
- The Nerdy Alchemist
- Tiffany Gonzalez Art
- TIMESKIP
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- Vivitartt
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- WITCHYCHUU
- Xeph's Artworks
- Yanimator Art
- |Yen Pen
- Yereza Hei'an
- Yooju
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- Yummy Suika
- Zenzest Creations

CRAFT

- Bun Bun Café
- Ceramic art
- Charming Little Fox
- Collect2display
- Interstellar Dice
- J.LunaStar Crafts
- Kimono KreationS Japan
- Miss Victoria Regina
- Pumpkin Masquerade
- Rabbit Tales

HYBRID

- @itsmandymo of Kurry Studio
- Acatsquare
- Ailuros
- Alchemy Art Group
- Anibins
- Art by Jim Rinehart
- Atomik Cupcake Designs
- Bitten Designs
- Brownrabbits
- Cat Crossing
- Chibitasm
- CorvidArts LLC
- Coughdrops
- Cutie Bunni
- EGGUINO
- EsterEggz
- Fern and Foil by Crystal McDowell
- Galienyancats
- Ghostlygoods
- GLITCHBAT
- Helensart
- Ironystrikes Designs
- Jumalon Art
- KaetShop
- Kiiyame
- Lemon Penguin
- Lillistration
- Limpachi

- Marsh & Mellow Designs
- Merrymint
- Minty Micki
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- Onicake Co
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- Pakeji
- Partyu
- Perler Village
- Pink Star Arts
- puppySHAKER!
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- Ringo
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- Stars and Sprinkles
- Sugar Cubed Studios
- Tkimichi
- Triple7sp/PillowDS
- Tsuchronic!
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- Zhelly

ARTIST ALLEY HOURS

Friday: 3 pm – 8 pm
 Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm
 Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm



EXHIBITORS HALL

Welcome to NDK's Exhibitors Hall! We are pleased to present a huge selection of brand new vendors as well as returning favorites.

As always, we are proud to endorse a bootleg-free Exhibitors Hall. Thank you for your continued support of the anime industry, and for keeping NDK free of bootleg items.

THEFT POLICY

Stealing here is no different from stealing anywhere else: police will be called, charges will be pressed, and you will sorely regret it. Also note, we have

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If you are unsure where to pay for an item, DO NOT pick it up and wander around looking for a cashier. Find the cashier first, then show them the item you wish to pay for. Please keep your receipts with you and items purchased in their bags while in the Exhibitors Hall; showing your friend or a stranger the item you just bought should be done outside the Exhibitors Hall.

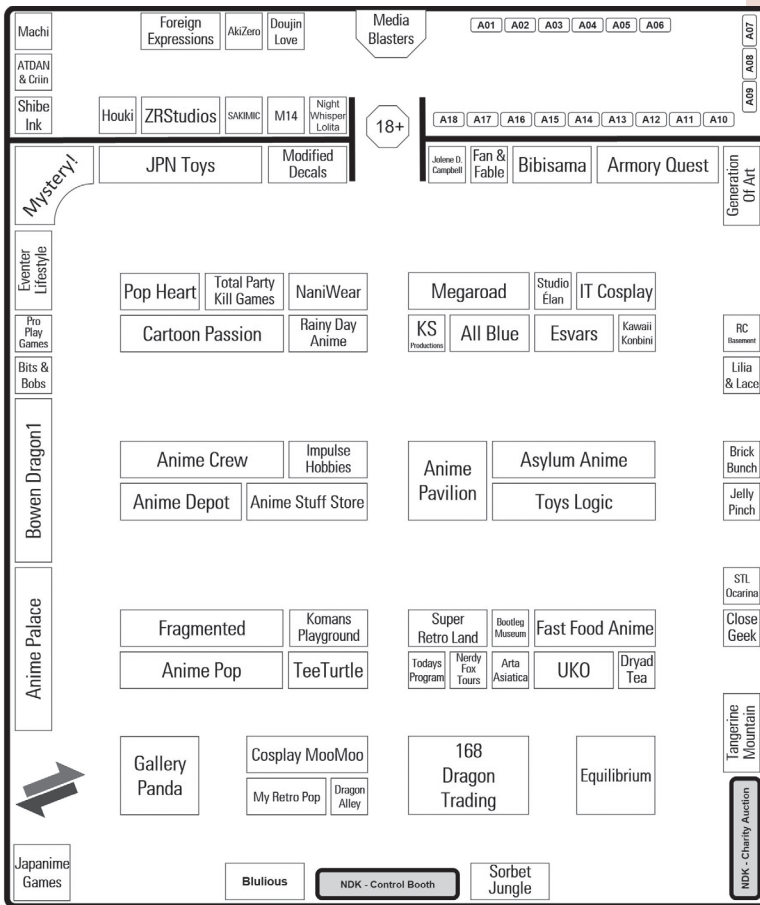
MATURE ITEMS PURCHASED

If mature items are purchased please remember that these must be in a non-transparent bag/container while walking throughout the convention as this is an all ages convention.

HALL HOURS

Friday: 3 pm – 8 pm
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Benefactor badges are allowed to enter the Dealer's room 30 minutes prior to opening each day.



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