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Dragon Con 2023

The Daily Dragon

2023 Dragon Con Charity: CURE Childhood Cancer

For 2023, Dragon Con will be raising funds for CURE Childhood Cancer, an Atlanta-based organization whose purpose is right in the name. Founded in 1975, CURE funds targeted research on childhood cancers while supporting patients and their families. This year, Dragon Con will match fundraising for CURE up to \$125,000!

Dragon Con's flagship fundraiser each year is the main Charity Auction, Sunday, 10AM-2PM, in Hyatt Hanover C-E. The Charity Events Booth in the Marriott (Marquis Level) will display some of the items that have been donated and will accept auction donations Thursday 2-6PM, Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10AM-6PM, and Monday 10AM-2PM. Some of the items that have been auctioned off in the past have included artwork, signed photos, movie props, costumes, store and restaurant gift cards, a meal with an actor or writer, and a writing review by an editor.

But don't go far! Not long after the main auction ends, check out the 15th Annual Don S. Davis Memorial Charity Auction, put on by the Military Sci-Fi Media (MSFM) Track and featuring items up for bid from multiple favorite franchises. The auction runs Sunday 4-6:30 PM, Hyatt Hanover C-E.

If auctions aren't up your alley, there are plenty of other ways to participate in raising funds for charity:

Coloring for Charity: Thursday-Sunday, 7PM-12AM, The Learning Center (Hyatt).

2023 Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive

A Dragon Con tradition continues: the Robert A. Heinlein "Pay It Forward" Blood Drive is back for 2023! This is the 20th anniversary of the blood drive, founded by Dr. Alan R. Koslow in 2003. Come open a vein and maybe save a life! All donors and volunteers get a t-shirt and badge ribbon, and scheduled donors get a gift. Participate in the photo scavenger hunt, enter our daily giveaways, and win a big grand prize.

One big change for this year—the Food and Drug Administration has removed most restrictions on men who have sex with men or who take PreP. In addition,



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Dragon Comedy For-A-Cause: Thursday 8:30PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hilton).

A Timely Escape: An Escape Room Event: Friday 10AM-2AM, Valdosta (Courtland Grand).

MSFM Charity Crafts and Games Night: Saturday 8:30PM, Chastain DE (Westin).

Classic Sci-Fi Charity Lock-In Movie: Krull: Saturday 8:30-11PM, M103-105 (Marriott).

MSFM Charity Team Trivia: Saturday 10PM, Chastain DE (Westin).

Classic Sci-Fi Charity Lock-in: Mac and Me (We're Lovin' It): Sunday 8:30-11PM, M103-M105 (Marriott).

Heroes, Villians and Humanity Charity Game Show: Mature Audiences. Sunday 10PM-12:30AM, M302-303 (Marriott).

And on top of all that, most track rooms will have collection bins available so you can help run up the tab. Keep an eye out for those and add some \$\$\$ to the total!

More charity events are listed on the Daily Dragon website and in the Dragon Con app.

restrictions on living in Europe or on having chemotherapy were removed.

LifeSouth will be set up to accept donors on the Conference level (LL3) in the Hyatt Regency Atlanta during the following hours:

Thursday 10AM-7PM
Friday-Sunday 10AM-7PM
Monday 9AM-3PM

Donors must be 17 years of age or 16 with parental consent, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good health. Photo ID is required.

New this year is the Photo Scavenger



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Hyatt: 56 Marriott: 75
Courtland Grand: 93 Westin: 43
Hilton: 46

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Hyatt: 55 Marriott: 77
Courtland Grand: 94 Westin: 44
Ritz-Carlton: 62
The American: 3
Hotel Indigo: Lobby

Streaming Channels and Schedule:
<https://dragoncon.tv>

Dragon Con for Newbies

New to Dragon Con? We've got three ways to get you oriented!

Meet other newbies and get a tour with eteran con-goers starting at 12PM Thursday in Marriott A601-602 (Atrium Level). Tours leave every 30 minutes, and the last tour leaves at approximately 4PM.

After your tour, head back to Marriott A601-602 for the Dragon Con Newbies Q&A at 5:30PM. Several long-time con attendees will share tips.

For later arrivals, there's a Friday edition of Dragon Con Newbies Q&A at 10AM in Hyatt Regency V (Ballroom Level, LL1). Have a happy first Dragon Con!

Hunt. To enter, each day take a picture of someone wearing a specific past Blood Drive t-shirt and post it on social media. You could win one of five \$50 gift cards or two memberships to Dragon Con 2024!

Now, about those prizes: 10-15 people each day will win prizes donated by dealers and artists. Also, a private donor has committed to donating up to TWO host hotel rooms for 2024.

The Blood Drive has set a goal of breaking 4,200 attempts to donate blood for 2023. For full information—and for links to enter all those contests—visit the *Daily Dragon* website.

Thursday Parties & Events

Guess That K-Pop Tune

Are you a K-Pop stan? Come guess songs from K-Pop acts new and old for prizes! Hosted by Seoulmates Podcast. Thursday 7PM, 310-312 (Hilton).



Dragon Con Swag 'n' Seek Kindness Panel & Group Meetup Q&A

We will start with a short talk on spreading kindness and friendship through the Swag 'n' Seek movement,

followed by a swag swap and group meetup. Come make friends & spread the joy that is Dragon Con! Thursday 7-9:30PM, Grand East (Hilton).



Fifth Annual MSFM Onesie Party

So many fandoms... so little time! Meet and hang out with fans of all the different shows in our track as we get to know each other with fun and games! Come break the ice in your favorite onesie, costume, or comfy-casual Con

couture and chill with us. Thursday 7-9:30PM, Chastain DE (Westin).



Sherrilyn Kenyon's Reader (and Fan) Appreciation Party

Come join Sherrilyn Kenyon and other Fantasy, Horror, and SF authors as they celebrate you, the readers. There will be dancing, giveaways and a chance to meet and greet new and bestselling authors who write in the genres you love. Thursday 7-11PM, Savannah Ballroom B/C (Westin).

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt Hil = Hilton
 M = Marriott W = Westin
 CG = Courtland Grand
 AM2/3 = AmericasMart Bldg 2/3

The following previously confirmed guests are unfortunately not able to attend Dragon Con 2023: **Carlo Barberi, Bruce Boxleitner, Nathan Fillion, Rebecca Moesta, Larry Niven, Jodie Whittaker.**

UPDATES

British Cars, Friday 1PM, 315 (Hilton), will be Sunday 11:30AM, Galleria 8 (Hilton).

ADDITIONS

Jeanne C. Stein will be on "15 Minute Mentor Session" Friday 2:30PM, Embassy G (Hyatt).

Robert Ross will be on "Not Always What They Seem: Demons in UF" Friday 10PM, Chastain I-J (Westin)

JM Paquette will be on "Vampire Variety in UF" Saturday 11:30AM, Chastain 1-2 (Westin).

B.L. Blanchard will be on "Take Thee to the Punnery: Exploration of Puns and Humor" Sunday 11AM, Embassy CD (Hyatt).

Jason Dorough will be on "The Intersection of Magic and Politics: How the Sparks Can Fly" Sunday 5:30PM, Embassy CD (Hyatt).

CANCELLATIONS

Jeanne C. Stein will not be on "15 Minute Mentor Session" Friday 11:30AM, Embassy G (Hyatt); "I Didn't Ask for This: Reluctant Heroes & Heroines in UF" Friday 2:30PM, Chastain 1-2 (Westin).

Valerie Willis will not be on "The Intersection of Magic and Politics: How the Sparks Can Fly" Sunday 5:30PM, Embassy CD (Hyatt).

Chesya Burke will not be on "Babel 17: the Works of Samuel Delany" Monday 11:30AM, Embassy AB (Hyatt).

Thursday Parties & Events

Coloring for Charity

Chill out while you color to the lo-fi nerdy beats, and raise money for this year's charity, CURE Childhood Cancer. Thursday-Sunday, 7PM-12AM, The Learning Center (Hyatt).



Geeky Sea Shanties

We still love the TikTok sea shanties in this new world we all live in. So, we're kicking off Dragon Con 2023 with a few high notes and with the help of some friends of the Filk Track as we collaborate to bring you Geeky Sea Shanties! We'll sing some songs of the sea and sail off into the Con. Thursday 7-9:30PM, Hanover C-E (Hyatt).



Video Game Karaoke

Sing and dance your bits off to your favorite songs from video games and other sources. Thursday 7-9:30PM, Augusta E-H (Westin).



Muscle Nerd Showdown

Bridging the gap between fitness and cosplay, this Showdown will showcase the best cosplays and physiques of the cosplay/fitness community. Categories include: Men's Open, Women's Open, and Best Transformation. Hosted by Jerold Peacock. Thursday 7-9:30PM, International North (Hyatt).



The Princess Bride Role-Playing Game: Interactive Liveplay!

Join us for this super-fun live RPG gameplay where we make up a story set in the world of The Princess Bride using audience suggestions. Bring your friends from the Brute Squad and watch out for R.O.U.S.es. It's inconceivable to miss this panel! Thursday 7-9:30PM, Galleria 6 (Hilton).



80s Prom Dance Party

Get ready to go back in time to the days of new wave and mix tapes as X-Track chaperones this tubular '80s prom! There will be prom photos and even a chance to be crowned Prom Royal-

ty! Court Announcement will occur at 10:00PM, and you must be present to be crowned. Thursday 8-10PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (Courtland Grand).



Welcome to the Year of the Dragon Dance Party!

Because EVERY year is the Year of the Dragon at Dragon Con! Thursday 9PM-1AM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



Bunny Hutch Party and Contest

Unleash your inner playboy/girl in this geek-meets-chic Con kickoff party. Embrace your sexy side; come dressed as your version of a bunny or Hef. Be creative and mash it up with your fav fandom. Enter the contest, or just enjoy the party. Thursday 10PM-2AM, Atrium Ballroom (Marriott). Contest pre-judging (advance signups only), Thursday 5:30-8PM, A601-A602 (Marriott).



8-Bit Bash

Dance into the night to the best songs from the 8-bit era of Video Gaming (that's '70s and '80s, for those of you who aren't old enough to remember 8-bit gaming). Thursday 10PM-2AM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).



Page to Stage Costume Contest

Love literature, comics, manga, costumes, and cosplay? This one-of-a-kind event combines all of them. The Open and Invitational Divisions will be showing you the power of creativity and love of characters. Thursday 8:30-11:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hyatt). Prejudging 5:30-8PM, Regency V (Hyatt), for costumers/handlers only.



Dragon Comedy For-A-Cause: CURE Childhood Cancer

Hey, you! Yeah, you. It's Thursday night, and you're not quite sure what to do with yourself. How about kicking off Dragon Con with some hilarious stand-up comedy? You'll also help support a

great cause. Thursday 8:30PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hilton).



Geek Sing-Along

Kick off Dragon Con the best possible way—by singing your favorite theme songs and sharing other geek-adjacent fun with hundreds of your closest friends. Thursday 8:30-11PM, Grand West (Hilton).



Star Wars Family Feud

We asked 100 fans... some very obscure Star Wars questions. Join us as we pit "Full of Sith" versus "Star Wars Explains" to see who can find the most popular answers and win the first ever SW Family Feud at Dragon Con! Thursday 8:30PM, A706 (Marriott).



The Boasting Contest

We invite all of the storytellers, truth weavers, and historians to tell us a truth or spin us a yarn, with the most glorious orator winning a prize. Bring your best tale, tall or not, and our panel of very-nearly experts will crown a victor for the evening. Thursday 8:30PM, Macon (Courtland Grand).



Game Night Extravaganza: Unleash Your Playful Spirit!

Step into a realm of endless fun and excitement at our Game Night Mixer. Immerse yourself in a variety of board games, video games, and outdoor games while you create unforgettable memories with friends old and new. Thursday 10PM, Hanover AB (Hyatt).



Karaoke—Digital Media Style

Whether you love singing karaoke or can't carry a tune in a bucket, you're sure to have fun at this party. Everyone gets involved. This modern experience does away with three ring binders and slips of paper and puts the power of karaoke on your phone. Thursday 10PM-12:30AM, Galleria 7 (Hilton).



Check out the Parties and Events pages on the *Daily Dragon* website for more!

Daily Dragon Tweets

Don't miss the latest Dragon Con news and announcements. Follow @daily_dragon on Twitter... er, X!



Just the FAQs

Registration Hours

THU: 10AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-10PM
 SAT/SUN: 8AM-9PM
 MON: 8AM-4PM

Pre-registration and Disability Services are located in the Sheraton. VIP Badge Pick-up is located in the Marriott: room L503 for Eternals, room L508 for other VIPs.

Vendor Hall and Comic & Pop Artist Alley Hours

FRI/SAT/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Walk of Fame and Art Show Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Dragon Con Store Hours

Marriott Store
 FRI/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Courtland Grand Store
 THU: 8AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-5PM
 SAT/SUN: 8AM-4PM

Blood Drive Hours

Hyatt Conference Level (LL3)
 THU: 11AM-8PM
 FRI/SAT/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 9AM-3PM

Parade Check-In

Courtland Grand Georgia Ballroom
 THU: 10AM-10PM
 FRI: 9:30AM-8PM

Check the mobile app, the Quick Start Guide, or the *Daily Dragon* website for more information on hours and locations!



Arcade Gaming with Joystick, Save Point

Fans of classic pinball and arcade games, rejoice! Joystick Gamebar and Save Point will be providing more than 85 retro arcade cabinets and pinball tables, all on free play for Dragon Con attendees. AmericasMart Building 3 (first floor).