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Dragon Con 2019

The Daily Dragon

Dragon Con for Newbies

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

Meet others new to Dragon Con and get a tour with some veteran con-goers starting at 2:30PM Thursday in Marriott A601-602. 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 5:30 PM. Several long-time con attendees will share tips.

If you're a later arrival, hit up Dragon Con Newbies 101 at 10AM Friday in Hyatt Regency V (Ballroom Level, LL1). You'll get tips and tricks from long-time con attendees.

Have a happy first Dragon Con!

Open a Vein, Save a Life

Give the gift of life and donate blood this weekend during Dragon Con's annual Robert A. Heinlein "Pay It Forward" Blood Drive.

For LifeSouth, which serves more than 40 hospitals in the Atlanta area and more than 110 hospitals in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, Dragon Con is a major

donation venue. The Blood Drive will be held at the Hyatt on the Conference Room level (LL3). Hours are listed on Page 2. If you find yourself with some free time during con, you can even sign up to help out.

Don't miss out—join us, give blood, get a free T-shirt!

Rocker and Rocket Scientist David Hewitt by Amy Herring

Cosplay is great, but some among us are truly living their dream. Meet real-life rocket scientist David Hewitt. Although David is returning to Dragon Con's science- and tech-centric tracks, he also exercises his artistic talents playing bass and singing with fellow space fans in the nerd rock band Foot Pound Force. David will appear at Dragon Con in the Science, Space, Makers, and Filk Tracks.

Daily Dragon (DD): So, David, tell us what it's like to really be a rocket scientist?

David Hewitt (DH): Life as a rocket scientist is both thrilling and boring. What you see us do in the movies and on TV is not really what we do. There is a fair amount of boring work involved with getting ready to launch. It is very challenging because like Scotty said, "I cannae change the laws of physics."

One thing this field has taught me is that there is no substitute for an intense attention to detail. Of course, this is

my dream job and I worked really hard to get here, but as someone once said, if you align your passions with your career, you will never work a day in your life.



DD: When should future enthusiasts begin learning about the possibilities of living and working in space?

DH: As early as possible. I am a lifetime space nut—my earliest space memory was watching the first space shuttle launch in 1981 on TV. I was hooked after that at age four. There are so many resources out there, age-appropriate books, toys, and games that can help to kindle the spark of interest. In fact, in this day and age we have so many more resources than when I was growing up.

'80s Prom:

The Vines that Connect Us

We can't wait to dance the night away under the lovely vines that connect us throughout Hawkins! Wear your best '80s fashions, whether prom, band, or TV, for '80s music and fun. Thu 7PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).



The Dark Crystal Ball: Gathering of Gelflings

Before the darkening descends, we invite you to gather at the Center for Puppetry Arts for our final ball honoring Jim Henson's *The Dark Crystal: World of Myth & Magic*. Featuring celebrity guests, a costume contest, and more! Separate ticket purchase required. Thu 7PM, Center for Puppetry Arts.



Sherrilyn Kenyon's Black Hat Ball

Bring all your undead friends and dancing shoes to celebrate the upcoming

release of Kenyon's latest novel, *At Death's Door*. Limited edition Paladin Swag will only be available at this event, along with other fun prizes and chances to win for best decorated Black Hat. Thu 7PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).



Yesteryear Lagoon & Lounge

Splish-splash and dance the night away at our retro-themed tiki party! Wear your best lavalava, pin-up finery, mermaid fins, or pirate gear. In addition, there'll be a photo booth, lavalava how-tos, limbo contest, and a pirate conga line at the end. Or just hop in the pool with our mermaids. Thu 8:30PM, Sheraton Pool and Courtyard.



End Game Neon Party

DRAGON CON ASSEMBLE!!! Earth's Mightiest Heroes are throwing a Black Light Glow Party, and everyone is invited. Come get down and get funky as we celebrate the victory over Thanos. Thu 9PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).



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Programming Schedule

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DD: How does creativity factor into work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)?

DH: It goes hand in hand. I can safely say that the vast majority of people I encounter in STEM are creative super geniuses in many different ways. Dragon Con is a great gathering place. I am always recharged after a weekend at the con because of the inspiration and conversation that I have with creative super geniuses in attendance.

My path was a winding one into my career with several detours, one of which being my pursuit of other creative passions as a musician and songwriter. I'm in a nerd rock band of engineers called Foot Pound Force, and we have been performers at Dragon Con for several years now, including a couple where we were guest performers. All four of us are in STEM careers, and we have so much to say about the geek culture.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

The 8-Bit Bash

The Video Gaming Track is back again this year with its Thursday night retro dance party, now with classic arcade cabinets! Enjoy classics from the '80s and '90s, and you won't even have to put down a quarter for the next game. Costumes optional, but always welcome. 21+ event, ID required. Mature Audiences Only. Thu 10PM, Whitehall Ballroom at 200 Peachtree St.



Bunny Hutch Party & Costume 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 favorite fandom. Enter the contest, or just enjoy the party. Mature Audiences Only, Thu 10PM, Grand Salon (Hil).



Check out the Parties page on the Daily Dragon website for more!

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt S = Sheraton
 M = Marriott W = Westin
 Hil = Hilton
 AM1/2 = AmericasMart Bldg 1/2

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2019: Aaron-Michael Hall, Rachael Harris, Dirk Manning, Misty Massey, Jack McDevitt, Jorge Molina, Mark Pellegrino, Cherie Priest, Mercedes Lackey, Chris Schweizer.

CORRECTION

“Dragon Con’s Pin-ups by the Pool” will be Fri 8:30PM (not 7:30PM), Pool and Courtyard (S).

ADDITIONS

Matthew Charles Malis will be on “The Princess Bride Roleplaying Game: Interactive Liveplay!” Thu 7PM, Augusta 1-2 (Westin).

Marx Pyle will be on “One True Pairing?” Fri 5:30PM, M301 (M).

Reading Session: Glenn Parris, Fri 7PM, Marietta (Hy).

Adam Bryce Thomas will be on “IDW Comics” Sat 11:30AM, 204J (Mart2).

Author Signing: Glenn Parris, Sat 1PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

Author Signing: Hawkings Austin, Sat 5:30PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

2019 Dragon Con Charity: American Heart Association

The official Dragon Con charity for 2019 is the Atlanta Affiliate of the American Heart Association. This year’s charity selection is a very personal one, done in honor of former Comics Director Thom Trainor, who lost his battle with heart disease in July 2018. Dragon Con will again match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, any money raised for this charity at the 2019 convention.

To raise the most funds possible, Dragon Con holds several charity events throughout the show, including the main charity auctions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Art & Books auction runs 11:30AM-2PM on Saturday, and the Main Charity Auction is 10AM-2PM on Sunday, both in Hyatt Hanover C-E.

The Charity Events Booth in the Marriott Marquis Level Registration Booth (one floor below the hotel registration desk) is open from 10AM-7PM Friday

CANCELLATIONS

Matthew J. Brown will not be on “Look for What’s Not There: Hidden Biases in SF Media” Fri 2:30PM, M301 (M); “Challenging Gender & Disability Representation in Star Trek” Fri 4PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hil); “Culture, Language & Its Use in Netflix’s *Daredevil*” Sat 5:30PM, M301 (M).

Michelle Schusterman will not be on “Timeturner: Hogwarts in the ‘70s” Fri 2:30PM, A601-A602 (M); “Twins Read, Too: Middle Grade Books” Sun 10AM, A707 (M); “Fannish YA” Sun 4 PM, A707 (M); “Writing YA: Crafting Characters” Sun 5:30PM, A707 (M).

Cooper Andrews will not be on “Shazam Cast: Say My Name!” Fri 4PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

Chris Schweizer will not be on “Animating Education” Fri 5:30PM, Galleria 4 (Hil); “How Art School Can Prepare You to Make Great Comic” Sat 5:30PM, 204I (AM2).

Matt Ryan will not be on “Arrow/Legends Cast: Insights from the Inside” Sat 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

Valentine Wolfe/Sarah Black will not be on “Slayer Support: A Buffy Fan Panel” Sun 5:30PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

Zachary Levi will not be on “Shazam Cast: Qualities of a Hero” Mon 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

UPDATES

“**Women In Caskets Podcast: Monsters, Movement & Movies.**” The Women in Caskets record their podcast live at Dragon Con to discuss the evolution of cinematic creatures and the people who play them. Fri 7PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

“**HamilTunes: An American Sing-Along at Dragon Con**” was Sat 5:30PM, Grand East (Hil), now Sat 8:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

“**The Boys Cast: Herogasm**” was Mon 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M), now Sat 5:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

“**A No-Maj in a Wizard World: An Hour with Dan Fogler**” Sat 5:30PM, was Imperial Ballroom (M), now Grand East (Hil).

“**Google is Skynet**” (was “The Terminator, I Robot, Chappie, Wall-E”) Mon 1PM, 204-207 (Hil).

and Saturday. The booth will display items that have been donated and is available to accept additional donated items. If you need help with your donation, come by the booth and a staff member will go with you to pick up the item. Without donations from people just like you, Dragon Con would not have been able to raise over \$115,000 last year for Literacy Action!

Other planned charity events:

The Military Sci-Fi Media Track will hold the 12th Annual Don S. Davis Memorial Charity Auction 4PM-6:30PM on Sunday in Hyatt Hanover C-E. The track also hosts MSFM Charity Games & Crafts, a kid-friendly event, 8:30-9:30PM Saturday, and MSFM Charity Team Trivia Night, 10-11 PM Saturday, both in Westin Chastain DE.

The Ultimate Geek Trivia for Charity contest will be held 8PM-9:30PM Friday in Hyatt Regency VI-VII. And then

round two: Late-Night Ultimate Geek Trivia for Charity, hosted by Lt. Moxie Magnus, Friday 10PM-12:30PM, also in Hyatt Regency VI-VII.

The Classic Sci-Fi Charity Theater showing for this year is Mac & Me, Friday at 8:30-11:00 PM in Marriott M103-105. For this event, you have to donate to get OUT.

Coloring for Charity, Friday 8:30PM-12:30AM in Hyatt Regency V, offers each coloring book or coloring page for a suggested charity donation. A late-night version will be offered at 11:30PM Saturday in Hyatt Embassy EF.

The Star Wars Game Night will be collecting charity donations, so join in Friday 10-11PM in Marriott A706.

Donations will be collected during the 3rd Annual Can’t Stop the Signal Dance, Friday 10PM-2AM in the Westin Peachtree Ballroom.

Lend your voice to the fun, and enjoy some classics and new additions for this year. Lyrics provided. Thu 8:30PM, Grant East (Hil).

Sci-Fi Sing-Along!

Start off the con right with a few hundred of your closest friends as you sort-of remember the words to your favorite geek-related songs. Thu 8:30PM, M103-105 (M).

Metalsome Live Rock Band Karaoke

Sing your lungs out to some of your favorite songs with the backing of a live band. Thu 9PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Check out the 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!



Just the FAQs

Registration Hours

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

Pre-registration and on-site registration 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, Comic Artist Alley, and Walk of Fame Hours

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

Art Show Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-3PM

Dragon Con Store Hours

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

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

AmericasMart 2 Store

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

Blood Drive Hours

Hyatt LL3
 THU: 11AM-8PM
 FRI/SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 9AM-3PM

Parade Check-In Sheraton 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!

Dragon Con Wrestling

The best independent wrestlers from all over the United States showcase their fearsome skills for three exciting hours. Featuring Dustin Rhodes and Jake “The Snake” Roberts. Thu 7PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).



2nd Annual MSFM Meet & Greet Onesie Mixer

Meet and hang out with fans of the variety of shows in the Military Sci-Fi Media track as we get to know all the different flavors of MSFM! Onesie not required, but recommended for the full experience. Thu 7PM, Chastain DE (W).



Meetup for the Socially Anxious

“Meetup” sounds so ominous. Let’s



Dragon Con SwagN’Seek Kindness Panel & Group Meetup

Join us for a short talk on spreading kindness and friendship at Dragon Con through the SwagN’Seek movement, followed by a swag swap and group meetup. Come make friends and spread joy! Thu 7PM, A601-602 (M).



Geek Sing-Along!

All those songs that stick in your head, from cartoons to shows to movies!



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