AKURETSU Con 2018

October 19th - 21st
Hampton Inn Colchester VT
Thank you for attending Bakuretsu Con. We hope that you will have fun this weekend. Check out our information desk for up-to-date schedules and other information. Enjoy the Con!

BAKURETSU CON CODE OF CONDUCT

Your membership to the convention is a privilege. Your badge is your proof of membership; never forget that you are representing Bakuretsu Con once you purchase a badge. Please be respectful to your fellow convention attendees, the convention staff, and the hotel. We reserve the right to revoke the membership privileges of any attendee for any reason. If we find your conduct inappropriate and feel you deserve a warning, one will be given.

If you are given a warning, a hole will be punched in your badge. Only one warning will be given; any problems after that and you will be asked to leave. If you are asked to leave the convention your badge fee will NOT be refunded.

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER

- If it’s illegal outside of the convention, it’s still illegal here.
- If you are found to be in possession of anything illegal you will be evicted from the convention and the police may be called.
- There is no smoking in the convention center. Please do not smoke in doorways either.
- No alcohol is permitted in any of the convention areas.
- No weapons allowed. If you buy a weapon from a dealer, please bring it to your room or car.
- We are not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Please don’t leave your belongings unattended. Lost and found items will be brought to the info desk, or, after the Con, the hotel front desk.
- Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by someone age 16 or older. Please see the registration desk if you have any questions.
- Theft will not be tolerated and we WILL prosecute you.
- No outside food in the convention center.
- No lying down/sitting in the hallways.
- No cosplay props over 5’7” are allowed in the convention hall. If an item over this length is meant for use in the cosplay contest only, it will be stored by the convention staff until such time, when you may pick it up.
- Please do not bother other hotel patrons.

BADGES

You will be given a membership badge when you check in at Registration. Please wear it in a visible location during the entire convention. Anyone who does not have a badge will not be allowed to participate in convention events. Do NOT lose your badge. There are NO replacements. You will have to purchase a new badge if you lose it. No exceptions.
Welcome to Bakuretsu Con 2018!

As you may know I became Chair of this convention for Bakuretsu Con 2017. This is my second year running the show and wow, has it been amazing. I’d like to welcome you all to Bakuretsu Con’s seventeenth year!

I truly believe that this convention should be a place for every walk of life. If you’re young and just getting into the convention circuit or someone who has been going to conventions since the beginning of time. My major goal for every attendee is to make this place a welcoming and safe environment for all. I hope the staff and I are able to do that for all of you.

My favorite thing about Bakuretsu Con is how close knit we are. I may not remember every name, but I know your faces. You can’t get that at a large convention. I staff other Anime Conventions on the East Coast and I can tell you, there are very few where you know every face in the room you are in. I find that to be one of the most amazing things about our convention. We are one big family.

This last year, was an amazing year in my book for Bakuretsu Con. There are always nuances when a new face takes over planning an event. I hope this years convention does even better! Just because the apple is a different color, it still tastes the same.

Maryah Capen
Convention Chair 2018
Who Needs Reality?

Bakuretsu Con 2018

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KNOW YOUR STAFF MEMBERS

We have created a system of bandannas that all our staff members will be wearing throughout the weekend. The staffer should be wearing them on their heads, necks or arms. So, if you need to find us, here’s what to look for:

Red: Normal staffers. Most issues can be brought up to them, and they can help immediately.

Green: Security. They are here to help and keep us all safe!

Yellow: Volunteers. They run around, handling most of the nitty-gritty jobs.

Teal: Executive Staff. If you have a serious issue, these are the guys to look for!

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Greg Ayres has been blasting his way through 2017! He was thrilled to make his second appearance in Dragon Ball Super earlier this year as Frost, and equally excited to help blast bugs as Geo in Sony Picture’s Starship Troopers: Traitor of Mars. Last year also gave him the opportunity to reprise one of his favorite roles as Son Goku in Saiyuki Reload Blast, and he will also be appearing in Haikyu as Yu Nishinoya, as well as voicing Zenji Marui in Food Wars. With over 290 credits to his name, he has managed to play a variety of characters that are almost as colorful as his hair. Some recent roles include Nagisa Haruki in Free and Free Eternal Summer, MonoKuma in Danganronpa, Clear in Dramatical Murder, and Doug in Gangsta. He is thrilled to be a part of the Toonami re-launch in the roles of Ganta Igarashi in Deadman Wonderland, and Heihachi Hayashida in Samurai 7, and even more thrilled to follow that up the in the following summer’s thriller Another as Kouichi Sakakibara. He can also be heard as Satoru Asahina in From the New World, Kenji Nakanishi in Say I Love You, Sion in No. 6, Heisuke Toudou in Hakuoki, Tommyrod in Toriko, Tomoki Sakurai, in Heaven’s Lost Property, and Volken in the Book of Bantorra. Some of his all-time favorite roles include Son Goku in Saiyuki, Chrono in Chrono Crusade, Kaoru Hitachiin in Ouran High School Host Club, Youhei Sunohara in Clannad, Yuki in The Wallflower, Leo in Ghost Stories, Satoshi Hiwatari in DNAngel, Kaworu Nagisa in the Director’s Cut of Neon Genesis Evangelion, and Negi Springfield in Negima.

When he’s not in a booth with headphones on, you can usually find him sporting headphones behind “the decks” at many a music event. A veteran nightclub DJ of many years, he has jumped at the opportunity to play music and organize late night dances at many of the conventions he attends. He currently helps organize dance and music tracks at several U.S. conventions. Greg is also a member of Project BECK, who perform music from the anime Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad, and has had a blast reliving the music from the show with his friends. Thrilled to be able to share his love of music with anyone willing to listen - from packed rooms at anime conventions, to the legendary stage of The Knitting Factory (NYC), he’s always ready to make a little noise.
Scott Melzer

Scott is the head writer and director of the anime fan parody group NoN.D.E. Fanfilms. An anime fan since birth in 1966, Scott grew up on *Speed Racer* and *Star Blazers*, having no idea of the shows’ origins. In college he learned the truth: they were anime from Japan, and there were uncut versions of these shows! And there were conventions! Rabid otakunization soon followed. In 2001 he tried his hand at directing fan parodies, and the homage to fans and fandom *This Is Otakudom* was the result, followed by *S.T.E.A.M.: The Movie* in 2005 and *Fanboy Soze* in 2011. Scott now spreads the joy of parodies by showing screenings of abridged shows and fan parodies at cons along the east coast, as well as hosting the very adult, but very silly, “Hentai Comedy Game Show”.

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AMV Contest
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Bakuretsu Con’s Anime Music Video Contest is an exhibition and competition of fan-created music videos with an anime theme. Submissions from across the globe were narrowed down to a group of finalists for Bakuretsu Con-goers to enjoy and vote for their favorites during the show. Winners will be announced during the Cosplay Contest. Also be sure to attend the AMV Overflow, featuring all the great AMVs which didn’t make it in the Contest!

AMV Overflow
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
View the AMVs that didn’t make the final cut for our contest.

Bakuretsu Con Casino Night
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Come join us for some music, games, prizes and more!

Cat’s Eye Cafe
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Nyan! Need refreshment or want to try a new food? Stop on by the Cat’s Eye Cafe for a bite! Featuring sample sizes of traditional or inspired Japanese treats for your nibbling enjoyment. Sit back and relax as our friendly wait staff takes your order and delivers a tasty dining experience. Please stop by!

Charity Auction
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
The Charity Auction is an excellent opportunity to pick up some amazing merchandise and support both the convention and a local charity at the same time. Cash or check preferred. Credit cards accepted with an additional 3% convenience fee.

Closing Ceremonies
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
All good things must come to an end! Join us and our guests as we say good-bye and give hugs until we meet next year.

Cosplay Contest
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
A performance event for cosplayers of all skill levels to show off their costumes. Contestants perform in either a walk-on or a skit. There are both competitive and noncompetitive rounds. Awards will be given for Craftsmanship, Best in show (skit), Best in show (walk-on), and Judges’ choice.

Cosplay Contest Judging
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Judging of Cosplay will take place with the winners announced at the Cosplay Contest later in the day.

Live Action Role Play (LARP)
*Hosted by Dark Transcendence Productions*
Bakuretsu High is a live action roleplaying game. Pre-generated characters will be provided, and a limited number of custom characters will be created on-site. Cosplaying is encouraged, but not required. See the LARP details on Page14.

Opening Ceremonies
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Welcome to Bakuretsu Con! In this fast-moving panel, we’ll preview the activities which will take place at the Convention and introduce you to our guests this year.

Swap Meet
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Stuff. Everyone has it. Everyone wants more of it. But do you have any you want to trade? Maybe you’re out to find a deal on some anime goods? If any of this is true, come to the Swap Meet!

Weiβ (Weiss) Schwarz Play, Learn, & Trade
*Hosted by Black Knight Comics*
Do you play Weiβ Schwarz? Have you heard of it but don’t know how to play? Here is something for everyone. Stop in and learn how to play, we will have demos for anyone that wants to learn. Already know how to play? Grab a table and have a friendly match with another player. Bring your cards for trading, maybe someone has that SR you’ve been looking for! Everyone who attends gets a WS promo card (while supplies last). Event sponsored by Heart of the Cards.
Apples to Baku  
*Hosted by William Schraffenberger*  
Come join us for a few rounds of Apples to Apples, the card game of hilarious comparisons. Easy to learn and fun to play, especially since we’ve added some of our own custom cards into the deck!

Baku’s Famous Yankee Battle Auction ($)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*  
It’s the event you’ve all been waiting for - Yankee Battle Auction is back! Can you pick the bag that’s got the best item in it? Or will you end up with a bag of pennies and dryer lint? You never know what you are going to get until you open that bag. Participants will draw numbers and take turns selecting a bag off the table or stealing an item from another participant. The winner is actually the person that gets the worst item, for they get not only the worst item, but the grand prize as well!

Bakuretsu’s Got Talent  
*Hosted by Baku Mitch*  
Do you have what it takes to be Pop Idol? Join us as we search high and low for the Bakuretsu attendee who can put on a million dollar show! You will perform for 2 minutes and you can do most anything entertaining, as long as it is anime or Japanese themed, not dangerous, and in good taste. You could sing, do Karaoke, act, recite lines from a show, show off your cosplay, or even do magic tricks. We’ll provide the microphone, but contestants will otherwise have to provide their own props and necessary equipment.

Cosplay Dating Game  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*  
Remember that old TV show where three random people get asked silly questions for the chance to go on a date with a random stranger? Well, now imagine it with cosplay.

Cosplay Dating Game (18+)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*  
Ever wanted to see your ships come to life or at least see what happens when cosplayers get the chance to get a little naughty? Explicit language is not only allowed, but encouraged. All other Con rules and policies still apply.

Cosplay Tic Tac Toe  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*  
Show up in cosplay and play our version of Tic-Tac-Toe. Grab a team or form one. Battle for either Mahou (as a staff) or Baku (as a sword) and try and win. It’s a quick, fun game.

Iron Cosplay  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*  
Ever hear of Iron Chef? How about Iron Cosplay? Work in teams of 3-6 people under the watchful eyes of the judges, audience and cosplay coordinator to create assigned costumes out of some of the most unconventional materials, including a super-secret “ingredient”!

Name (and SING) That Anime Tune  
*Hosted by Baku Mitch*  
You’ve watched all those anime shows and heard the theme songs so many times that you can sing them all in your sleep. But can you identify the tune when you hear it? But worse yet, can you SING it? Come test your abilities in our popular game show. The entire room will be engaged in team competition, so the rounds should be fast and furious, and everyone gets to vie for prizes! This is a great opportunity to listen to those super anime songs.

Not Safe For Work Hentai Comedy Game Show (18+)  
*Hosted by Scott Melzer*  
Want to laugh at comedy, play silly games, win prizes, and have fun? Go to a game show! Want to do it in a twisted, adult, no-kids allowed way? Come to THIS Game Show! We’ve got silly games and contests, AMV’s, lots of prizes, audience participation, sing-a-longs, and lots of comedy in our adults-only hentai show.

Recreate That Scene!  
*Hosted by Savannah Brooks*  
Is your memory strong? Think you can master a dance or scene by only watching it once? Come join us for this fun game! We will have two competitors or two teams of two against each other and the audience will vote on who performed best!

Who Wants To Be A Baku Millionaire  
*Hosted by Baku Mitch*  
You all want to be millionaires, right? Well, here is your chance! Become a contestant, answer a few questions and you may become one of those lucky few. Along the way, you will need to manage those valuable Lifelines and make sure that really is your “Final Answer”!

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Who Needs Reality?
Crash Course in Amateur Voice Acting  
*Hosted by Scott Melzer*
Join Scott for an introduction to amateur voice acting. We’ll cover acting for fan projects, voice “method” acting, tips for building voices, directing voice actors and creating voice sound effects. Not an introduction to the profession - just a panel for fun. Look for lots of audience participation!

Combatting Depression and Anxiety with Fandom  
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
A large number of anime and gaming fans deal with depression on a daily basis. In that daily struggle many of us have turned to gaming and online communities for comfort and cool down. From gamers kept company by “let’s play” videos and online content creators, to acting mayors of towns filled with talking animals - come discuss how gaming and fandom have helped you through the rough patches of your day to day adventures.

Greg Ayres Autograph Signing  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*
Here is your chance to meet Greg, have fun and get that valuable autograph.

Fandom Abridged  
*Hosted by Scott Melzer*
A brief history of anime fandom in the United States, from its struggling first steps to the first Cons to the mega Cons and streaming channels of today, plus a discussion about where fandom might be going.

Great AMV’s: Theory and Practice  
*Hosted by Scott Melzer*
Anime Music Videos (AMV’s) are short films, created from existing anime footage and existing music, but the best become something more than the sum of their parts. We will cover tips and techniques, focusing on storytelling, narrative flow, and keeping the audience in mind. See several examples of AMV’s that truly excel at building emotion, telling a new story, and accomplishing the unexpected.

Giving Back to Fandom  
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
While it’s great to sit back and enjoy being a fan, it’s more fun to be an active part of creating that environment. Whether starting an anime club at your school, volunteering and staffing conventions, or organizing local meet ups - there are lots of ways that each of us can contribute to our fan community, while helping and having a blast along the way. Join us as we talk about how to make that happen.

Great Pre-2000 Anime Gems  
*Hosted by Scott Melzer*
There’s lots of fantastic anime out today, but what about earlier shows not in the public eye today? There is plenty of stuff with great stories, animation, and historical significance that paved the way for today. This panel takes a look at pre-2000 anime you may not have heard of but are equally worthy of your attention.

Greg Ayres – Raw & Uncensored (18+)
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
Join us for a raw Q&A session with a guest who is never shy of over-sharing. Come listen to tales of true con horror *(that may have actually occurred at this convention)* from years past, along with some uncensored re-tellings of many stories that have had to be “softened” for a daytime audience. Please bring your ID, a sense of humor, and questions for this “no-holds barred” panel.

It Gets Better - Anime Con Edition  
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
The “It Gets Better” project was created in response to a string of teen suicides by kids who were bullied because they were perceived to be gay. Sadly, bullying is something that happens to one in four teens. In the past few years, we’ve even seen an increase in bullying within our fandom. Join us as we share our stories, talk about ways we can all help and support each other, and find the light at the end of the tunnel. It really does get better.

Liquid Nitrogen  
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
Liquid Nitrogen is pretty cool (pun intended). But do you know what’s not cool? Bootlegging. So let’s remedy that by dumping -320° F of liquid fun on some bootlegs! Sponsored by ANIMAINE.

The Many Voices, Hobbies & Hair Colors of Greg Ayres  
*Hosted by Greg Ayres*
Come join Greg Ayres as he answers question about all projects old and new. You can be sure he’ll be talking about new projects like *Haikyuu*, *Dragon Ball Super*, *Gangsta*, *Dramatical Murder*, and *Danganronpa*, as well as talking about DJing and con life as himself. A fan boy ‘til the end, whether voicing “pointy haired boys” during the day, or shooting zombies at night (at least on his PS4), you can be sure he’s having fun. There may even be a hint or two about some new projects yet to be announced, so don’t miss it.

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*Who Needs Reality?*
A Magical Trip to Where Anime Takes Place  
*Hosted by Baku Mitch*  
What is it like to visit the actual scenes where your favorite anime takes place? Most anime is drawn from real sites from Japan and other places. In this panel, we will take you on a Location Hunt Tour through various places in Japan - a pilgrimage to the very places where scenes from anime were set! As an added bonus, we’ll also take a tour of *AnimeJapan*, the largest anime convention in the world! We’ll even show some anime location scenes from right here in the United States. You’ll feel like a character in the anime!

A Whirlwind Tour of Japan  
*Hosted by Michael Montanye*  
Want to go to Japan? So did we! Here’s a quick informational panel about how we planned our trip, how we got there, where we stayed, how we got around, and some of the cool things we saw and did while we were there.

Adult Christmas Song Sing-along (18+)  
*Hosted by Joe Mogel*  
What do depression, anxiety and racist family members have in common? Christmas of course! So let’s remember what makes the most magical time of year suck out loud with an amazing sing-along of horrible Christmas songs!

Animate Without Talent!  
*Hosted by Colin Harvie*  
Do you wish you could animate, but you have absolutely no drawing talent? Do you lean more towards the technical than the creative? Well, not to worry! There is a path for you! Come discover the animation options that lie ahead and how you can create your own animations!

Anime and Japan  
*Hosted by the Toddfather*  
A brief chat about animation, anime and its history, and how that all ties into post World War II Japan’s history. It’ll be fun!

Ball-Jointed Dolls: Something for Everyone!  
*Hosted by Sarah Parnell*  
Do you like to paint, sculpt, or sew. How would you like a real life representation of your favorite character? Ball-Jointed Dolls (BJD’s) are about a hundred hobbies rolled into one. Come learn about what BJD’s are, all the different things people do with them, and the basics of owning one. You could even win one in our raffle! Don’t forget to check out our VT Doll Lovers meetup where you can get a closer look at some BJD’s.

Cards Against Baku (18+)  
*Hosted by William Schraffenberger*  
Cards Against Baku is a party game for horrible people... at Baku. Come join us for a few rounds of the classic unrated, no-holds-barred party game *Cards Against Humanity*, souped up with fandom expansions and our own custom cards!

Collecting Anime Figures  
*Hosted by Valerie Tatro*  
Do you find yourself looking at all the awesome figures in the dealers room but you just don't know where to start. Did that statue of Hatsune Miku catch your eye but it was way over your budget? Not sure if that figure was expensive because it’s rare or the person selling it just wants way too much? We can help you with all of that, including display tips, price vs. value, finding affordable figures, figure companies, and much more.

Con Life For Vendors  
*Hosted by Rosemary*  
Have you ever wondered what it’s like on the other side of the vendor’s table? There are conventions all over the country. Imagine traveling from Texas to California and then up to New York. What’s it like to be at so many events with 30,000 people? Then you go to a place where there are only 350 people. Come visit with an old friend as she tells you about her experiences. Hear about all the neat, crazy, and just unbelievable people, good and bad, that you could imagine meeting.

Cooking Anime Style with Food Wars Cast  
*Hosted by Nicholas Cantin*  
Food, Anime, Battles? Come join *Food Wars!: Shokugeki no Soma* characters as they teach simple Japanese cooking and we discuss the *Food Wars* anime as well o-somatsu.

Cosplay Camp Out  
*Hosted by Smol_Potato_Fry*  
The stars are twinkling, the moon is full. A perfect night to gather around the Con campfire for some of the scariest Con horror stories of all time. Make sure to bring all your Con horror stories, the scarier the better. Don’t have any horror stories? Come anyway and get spooked with the rest of us! Cosplay is not required.

Cosplay Improv  
*Hosted by Danielle Kracum*  
Come on in as we act out different anime themed scenarios in cosplay. All are welcome to join. You can even play as your own original character.

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*Who Needs Reality?*
Die, Monster! - A History of Castlevania  
*Hosted by William Schraffenberger*

Castlevania has become one of the most successful video game franchises ever, chronicling the battles of the Belmont clan and its allies against Dracula and the forces of darkness. Come join us and learn how this gothic action series has evolved from the 8-bit era all the way to getting featured in Smash Bros. and having its own Netflix series!

Fate/Grand Order Meetup  
*Hosted by Valerie Tatro*

Do you play Fate/Grand Order? This popular app game was first released in Japan in 2015 and was later released in North America in 2017. The game features a mix of visual novel and simple turn based combat. New to the game? We’ll show you how to get started. All ready to play? Come share your friend code with everyone. We can chat about tips and tricks we’ve all learned and maybe complain about how crappy the drop rate is for our favorite 5 stars.

Forgotten Gems: Openings from the 80’s  
*Hosted by Michael Montanye*

Inspired by a DVD I found in a secondhand shop in Shinjuku, this is a collection of openings and endings from 1980’s anime, many of which never came over to the United States.

Go: The Ancient Board Game  
*Hosted by Matt Wilson*

*Go* is generally considered the world’s oldest board game, having been invented in China likely in the second millennium B.C. It arrived in Japan in the seventh century, and was even mentioned in Murasaki Shikibu’s *The Tale of Genji*, written in the early 11th century. It is one of the most popular board games in Japan. The game takes only a few minutes to learn. Attendees will be able to start playing games almost immediately. Come enjoy one of the most popular board games in the world!

Great Modern Anime Gems  
*Hosted by the Toddfather*

The current anime landscape is a marathon. Catch a break with a bunch of hidden gems and sleepers to fill up your queue.

Hetalia Candy Taste Test  
*Hosted by Matt’s Sports Cards*

So you know the countries but do you know the foods? Join us as we sample treats from around the world. Three people will be blindfolded and asked to guess which country the candy is from. If they guess right, everyone gets a treat and if they guess wrong? Well, how about we let the audience shoot them with Nerf Guns? That sounds fair, right? Yay sugar!

Japanese 101  
*Hosted by Yukari-Sensei*

Would you like to learn how to say things in Japanese? We will be covering greetings, self-introduction, pronunciation, and numbers 1-100. If you are a former student of Yukari-Sensei, please come back and help!

Karaoke  
*Hosted by AnimeAMAZE Radio*

Come join in for some Karaoke! Japanese or English, anything goes! No sign-ups required.

Makeup, Wigs and More!  
*Hosted by Smol_Potato_Fry*

Have cosplay questions or just want to know more about cosplay or makeup? Join us to get your answers! This panel will be a huge Q&A with two fellow cosplayers answering your questions, giving tips and tricks, and even showing you how some of our crazier wigs have been made!

Maryah’s Not the Cosplay Panel  
*Hosted by Maryah*

Don’t like cosplay? Come visit the con chair instead!

Megaman: A History  
*Hosted by William Schraffenberger*

Join us for a look back on this seminal video game series, and learn how a simple 2-d platformer grew into a flagship series, spawning prequels, sequels, spinoffs and reimaginings in countless genres!

Morning Coffee With The Con Chair  
*Hosted by Maryah*

Hello and welcome to Friday Morning of Bakuretsu Con! Come join me this morning for Coffee and Fun! Feel free to ask me questions about running a convention! I’ll also bring along some of my favorite manga and anime, as well as some of my favorite games. Free coffee provided!

Pajama Party  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Don your usa-chan slippers, grab your waifu/husbando pillow, and come chill with us at the pajama party! We’ll braid our hair, gossip about OTPs, paint our nails, and just generally have some relaxed fun!

Re-Written Fanfics (18+)  
*Hosted by Danielle Kracum*

Have you ever read a fan-fiction that you loved, yet hoped for a different ending to the story? Well, at this panel, you can make your own ending shine! Choose from a selection of fanfics or bring one with you, and write your own finishing touch! Paper, fanfics, and writing utensils are supplied.

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So You Want To Enter A Cosplay Contest  
*Hosted by Tifa*

You’ve been watching them for years and you think you might finally be ready to shine on that stage! Come to a Q&A panel hosted by a group of people who have worked for cosplay contests for years to see what tips, tricks and advice they might have that could help your application really stand out!

Story Time With Toddfather (18+)  
*Hosted by the Toddfather*

Storytime with the Toddfather is back! It will be worth it!

The World of Dollfie: From What to How To  
*Hosted by Allura Tatro*

Have you ever wondered about the Asian Ball Jointed Dolls (BJD’s) that people walk around with at anime cons? There are many companies that make them but the most famous is Volks in Japan. Their Dollife line is a fan favorite and I can tell you all about the different lines including the official anime ones. I’ll also cover care, storage, and transporting your doll. Already have a BJD? Please join us for a group photo with your doll!

VT Doll Lovers Meetup and Swap: Con Edition  
*Hosted by Sarah Parnell*

VT Doll Lovers first Bakuretsu Con meetup. Bring your BJD’s and other dolls to show off and enjoy with fellow doll lovers. We’ll be doing a swap meet too, so bring your old dolls, clothes and props you’d like to get rid of. Don’t have any dolls? Come look around see what the hype is about. We’re happy to share about our hobby and answer any questions. Also check out Ball-Jointed Dolls: Something for Everyone!

Writing For Publication  
*Hosted by Joe Mogel*

Learn the tricks and tips to how to get your writing published by a published author. Joe will show you the inside scoop on how to improve your odds of getting published!

Yukari’s Corner - Culture  
*Hosted by Yukari-Sensei*

Have you ever wondered what things are considered OK in the U.S., but not in Japan? Or would you like to know what things are normal in Japan, but not in the U.S.? We will be covering etiquette in regards to onsen, good luck numbers, bad luck numbers, bowing, meishi, and others.

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**CRAFT PANELS**

Anime Eats: Crafts ($)  
*Hosted by Danielle Kracum*

Anime Eats is back for it’s third year! Stop by and decorate your own chibi parfait. A lactose-free version is available.

Art Workshop  
*Hosted by William Schraffenberger*

Calling artists of all ages and skill levels. Come relax in our art workshop, we’ll provide the art supplies, you supply the creativity. One of our resident artists will share some basic art tips as well.

How to Hand Sew for Cosplay and Otherwise  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Learn how to hand sew for cosplay or other projects.

Let’s Make Origami! ($)  
*Hosted by Tara Di Ruggiero*

Come and create origami, the art of folding paper to make shapes, toys and at times, useful items. Learn to make basic origami or even try a more complicated project. Bring your creativity. ($2)

Make Your Own Cat Ears ($)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Sew your own cat ears. Basic sewing skills preferred but not necessary. ($3)

Paper Fan Painting ($)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Paint and take home your very own fan. ($3)

Perler Bead Creations ($)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Make 8 and 16 bit style creations! ($3)

Soot Sprite Headbands ($)  
*Hosted by Bakuretsu Con*

Who needs more flowers in their hair when there are soot sprites to wear? Come join us while we make adorable soot sprite headbands! ($4)

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BOARD GAMING

1000 Blank White Cards Deckbuilding (18+)
Here’s a hot take: Cards Against Humanity is problematic. Come play this instead. We’ll be building the deck from blank index cards as we go along. IDs will be checked at the table.

D&D Character Building 101
Never picked up a 20-sided die before? Curious what all this roleplay stuff is about? We’ll take you step-by-step on a tour of a character sheet and get you started on building some heroes.

Dungeons and Dragons Tournament
This is a competitive tournament for players with intermediate to advanced skill. Pre-built character sheets will be raffled off at the beginning of the tournament. Up to 15 competitors will be open to attendees via a sign-up sheet in the board game room. The tournament will consist of Round One, Semifinals and Finals.

Learn to Play: Agricola
Agricola is a fun, laid-back game about building a family on a rural farm. We’ll show you the ropes. This one is a quick play and is definitely more fun with more people.

Learn to Play: Sushi Go Party
Sushi Go Party is a game about cute sushis and sashimis and stuff. It’s easy to learn and it’s delicious!

Let’s Design a Board Game
Board games aren’t only made by super-serious European professionals with unibrows. If you’ve got an idea, you can put it on a board and play with friends and family.

VIDEO GAMING

Mario Kart Tournament
Come play in the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament! We will have Switch Pro Controllers available, or else, please bring your own controller if you need/want something different.

Pokemon 3DS Tournament
Come play in the Pokemon tournament! This tournament is for generation 7 (Sun, Moon, Ultra Sun, and Ultra Moon) games. This will be a Round Robin tournament using the Flat Rules.

Pokken Tournament
Come play in the Pokken Tournament Deluxe tournament! This is a double elimination tournament. We will have Switch Pro Controllers available, or else, please bring your own controller if you need/want something different.

Magic: The Gathering: Dumpy Draft
We’re going to bring our worst cards, separate them into stacks of 15, and you are gonna draft those. Twists and turns await, intrepid mage!

Five players sit around a table with a mono-color deck in front of them. You may draw from your deck or that of the person sitting to your left or right. The goal is to defeat the two players across from you. Team up with the players next to you. But be careful, they’re also working with the enemy.

Magic: The Gathering: Tower of Power
All players draw from two large decks in the center. One contains creatures, sorceries, etc. The other contains lands and artifacts. Build your strategy on the fly.

Tia Presents: Dungeons and Daddies (18+)
Aw heck, who doesn’t like a good dad? Take a romp through the Dungeon of Dads. Don’t forget your studded leather armor! Character sheets will be provided. Check with staff if you want to bring your own. IDs will be checked at the table.

Weiß (Weiss) Schwarz Tournament
Join us for the Weiß Schwarz tournament. Everyone who attends will receive a WS promo card. Prizes will also be available for tournament winners. There will also be a chance to win official WS deck boxes. The format will be Neo Standard. You may use Japanese or English decks. Please be sure to follow all rules for translations and sleeves.

Rhythm Gaming Happy Fun Time
Come join us for some fun, chill rhythm gaming, featuring the Bemani classics Dance Dance Revolution, Beatmania IIDX, and Pop’n Music! We will have arcade style controllers for you to play one. Never played before? We can teach you! Fun times are 100% guaranteed!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Come play in the Super Smash Bros. for Wii U tournament! This is a 1v1 double elimination tournament.

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Featuring Greg Ayres

**Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad** (2004) (d) The story of a teen coming of age as he participates with a rock band which starts to become famous.

**Chrono Crusade** (2003) (d) The classic tale of Sister Rosette and her sidekick Chrono as they fight demons in New York during the roaring twenties.

**Oh! Edo Rocket** (2007) (d) In the Edo period of the 1800’s, a strange girl stops by a fireworks maker’s shop with a strange request: to build a firework that can reach the moon.

**SSSS Gridman** (2018) (d) Yuta goes to school, but gets pulled into a computer screen and is transformed into a giant hero called Gridman.

Other Videos

**Cells At Work** (2018) (s) An anime about Red Blood Cells, White Blood Cells, Killer T Cells and platelets, oh, my!

**Fairy Tail** (2009) (s) Lucy, an aspiring mage, joins up with a powerful magic guild, Fairy Tail, made up mages who are not only good at magic, but also very good at drunken brawls.

**Nekopara** (2018) (s)
Nekopara is a cat paradise! Kashou moved out to open his own shop. But hidden amongst his things were two catgirls, Chocola and Vanilla, that the family had been raising. They end up helping him run the shop!

**Kemono Friends**

A guided tour of Anime Fan Parodies, from the earliest VCR and a microphone episode redubs to the latest internet series, from subtitled mistranslations to original live action films, from 30 second shorts to three hour marathons, fan parodies are as varied as the fandom that spawned them. A plethora of clips and full length parodies will be shown.

**Hellsing Abridged (18+)** (d)
**Hosted by Scott Melzer**
Like your fan parodies on the dark side? Dragonball Z Abridged not twisted enough for you? Team Four Star’s *Hellsing Ultimate Abridged* is a non-stop tour-de-force of violence, profanity, sex gags, more violence, and tons of hilarity. Extreme humor not for kids!

**Kemono Friends** (2017) (d)
**Hosted by Matt Wilson**
The story of Japari Park, home of extinct and legendary creatures who have morphed into girls known as “Friends”. Join us as we follow the adventures of Kaban and Serval as they explore Japari Park on a quest to discover what kind of animal Kaban is!

Live Action Role Play: Bakuretsu High 2018 Season

With another year begun, the students of Bakuretsu High School are at it again! The new Mayor has a sinister plan and dark sinister allies, and really doesn’t like the school or the students, but what can he possibly do? Besides, he’s probably busy with the brand new casino/hotel he’s opening in town. I’m sure there’s nothing sinister about that! Probably. Bakuretsu High is a live action roleplaying game, run by Shadow Paragon Productions using a variant of the “Big Eyes, Small Mouth” system. Pre-generated characters will be provided, and a limited number of custom characters will be created on-site. Cosplaying is encouraged, but not required. This Season of Bakuretsu High includes: Badges; More of your favorite anime characters to play; Can you bet your pudding snack pack against that bag of doritos?; More club intrigue; New and Improved faculty and a renovated detention.
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