Ready for Sakura-Con?
So are we!
This Newsletter is meant to get you pumped up for the Convention and give out some helpful tips to Newcomers!
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First Things First. Where is….

Where is the con?


Did you know we have a full travel section on our website? Just click on “Hotels and Travel” and you can find detailed information such as maps, info about our new parking sponsor and even an interactive area guide!

[http://sakuracon.org/hotels-travel/](http://sakuracon.org/hotels-travel/)

Where is my Badge?

Members who have already pre-registered, may pick up their badges at the Conference Center, which is across the street from the main entrance to the Washington State Convention Center, on Pike.

Here are the hours:
Thursday, April 18th, 12pm-10pm
Friday, April 19th, 6am-10pm
Saturday, April 20th, 6am-10pm
Sunday, April 21st, 8am-2pm

Where is Peace Bonding?
All prop weapons must be inspected and Peace Bonded. If you have a prop weapon, then head to a Peace Bonding booth right away!

Peace Bonding locations:
Booth 1 the 3rd Floor Below Registration in the Conference Center.
Booth 2 located on the Sky Bridge outside of our Exhibits Hall.
Still need to purchase your membership?

You can register at this same location, and during the same hours. Membership cost $80.00 at door.

**IMPORTANT!! There are no exceptions to these requirements!!**

All Adults Must Have Valid Government Issued Photo ID When Picking Up Their Membership Badge!!

All minors must be accompanied by an adult who is also a registered member. If that adult is not the minor’s parent, a parental permission slip is required.

Here is the link:

https://secure.sakuracon.org/registration/parentalauth.php

If you need special accommodation regarding a name change, or other registration concern, contact registration@sakuracon.org and/or go to the Manager’s line.

**FULL REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER “REGISTRATION”. FULL MEMBERSHIP POLICIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER “ABOUT US”.**

WWW.SAKURACON.ORG

Sakura Con Badges

Make sure you wear your badge from the waist up and the front can be clearly seen by the convention center security.
Where can I find the answers to my Sakura-Con questions?

Sakura-Con 2019 Mobile Guide Book App
Load the entire schedule to your mobile device!

Sakura-Con Publications
The Sakura-Con Pocket Guide contains our schedule, and our Convention Souvenir Guide contains detailed write-ups about events, procedures, policy and it is a beautiful, full color glossy keepsake! Both are in your con-bag, as supplies last.

On-Site Info Services
There is an Information Booth for attendees on the 4th floor, to the left as you come up the escalator. They can help you answer all your con questions. They also have large print maps and other resources for those needing ADA access. And the Convention Reception Office is located in Room 202, and can also help with general questions.

ID Pass Booth
If you’d like to attend any of the Sakura-Con Rated “Mature” panels, you must have an ID stamp. The ID Pass Booth is located in the 4th Floor Atrium Gallery, outside of Main Events, and near the Merchandising Main Booth.

Lost and Found
Go to the Convention Reception Office for guidance, room 202.

First Aid
The First Aid Station is located on the 4th Floor, in the Atrium Gallery, just outside of the Autograph Hall.

Need help? Someone is bothering you?
Sakura-Con abides by the idea that “Cosplay is Not Consent” and has a strong anti-harassment policy (please see our website for full details).

Please come to the Infobooth, Con Reception Office and let us know if there is anything, or anyone, that is causing you concern.

Of course, Don’t hesitate to call the Police if you are in ANY emergency.
Top Ten Recommendations to Having a Successful Con!!!

Pre-planning is a must!
We’ve compiled a list of our top 10 suggestions to assist!

1. Set a schedule!
At a convention, especially one as large as Sakura-Con, figuring out what to do may seem overwhelming. Consider all the different programming options. Also, be prepared to change your schedule! Last second updates to the schedule will be posted on the schedule on the 4th floor.

2. Take-Care-Of-Yourself!
This is probably a “no brainer” to most, right? But it’s actually the number 1 thing people forget. Eat, sleep, hydrate!
Also, Take some quiet breaks. We have our Manga Library located in rooms 204 & 205, or go to our Arts and Crafts room! Located in the Conference Center, in Chelan 2.

3. Make a list of things you’ll need at least a week before Con!
Need medication? Remember to bring it! It’s so easy, when worrying about finishing cosplays and packing our wigs, to forget our everyday items. Making a list of the essential items is the best way to make sure you pack them!
4. Make sure to sleep!
Despite what people say, “Sleep is for the Week, the Week after Con!” we really don’t recommend that you do that!

5. Wear comfortable shoes.
Or at least bring a set to change into between photos, just in case, Seattle is a city of hills.

6. Hydrate!!!
Convention Center air conditioning will dry you out. Bring water and some kind of lip balm. There are water fountains throughout the convection center for you to refill your bottles.

7. Prepare for Cosplay Emergencies.
Bring some safety pins, a kit for refreshing make-up and even a little super glue may be essential. But if you need more help please visit our Cosplay Repair Station in room 304!

8. Practice good hygiene.
Using deodorant and bathing is always suggested.

9. Do a cosplay dry run.
Styling a wig for the first time? Trying out a new make-up technique? A run through before con will help you feel confident and less stressed when it’s “go time.”

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10. Be safe!!!

We recommend attending with family and friends you trust

Make sure your phone is charged

Avoid walking alone, especially at night if you can avoid it

Plan ahead for drop off and pick up if need be

Be aware of where emergency exits are located in the event of an emergency, or natural disaster

Be sure to let someone know if anyone, or anything is making you feel uncomfortable. Report the issue to the Info booth and our Convention Reception

Don’t hesitate to contact 911 if you experience any kind of emergency.
The Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival was started forty-three years ago when Japan’s Former Prime Minister, Takeo Miki gifted Seattle 1,000 cherry trees on May 8th, 1976. It was the first ethnically festival held annually at Seattle Center. The Festival is a free three day long celebration dedicated to the understanding and friendship between the people of Japan and the Pacific Northwest. This annual weekend presents educational programs and arts to teach participants about the heritage of Japan. They include live performances, hands-on activities, foods and games including Taiko drumming and artisan demonstrations.

This year it will be held on April 26th – April 28th in the Armory Main Level Fisher Pavilion. Find out more at: http://www.cherryblossomfest.org

Citations:

(Photos provided by the Seattle Center Committee)
Special Events:

The Promised Neverland

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Code Geass: Lelouch of the Re;surrection

Sakura-Con premiere of the brand new Code Geass sequel movie, Code Geass: Lelouch of the Re;surrection (Japanese with English subtitles), With Funimation Guests of Honor: Goro Taniguchi, Yuriko Chiba, Eiji Nakada, and Kojiro Taniguchi!
Cosplay Chess

Do you want to see your favorite characters duke it out in a battle of wits and brawn? Come and join us for Cosplay Chess! The main event will be held in the Sakura-Dome on Saturday, and an improv session on Sunday. And don’t forget the Late-Night Match! You must have a valid Sakura-Con Adult badge and obtain a Mature Audience Stamp (VALID government issued ID REQUIRED to get stamp) to attend the Late-Night Event.

Masquerade Ball

The Masquerade Ball is a family friendly event! Join us and our dance hosts and learn how to waltz, tango, and swing dance! Remember, the Masquerade Ball is Sakura-Con’s formal event held on Friday. Be sure to dress to impress! Adherence to the dress code is mandatory for entrance to the ball. Please review the dress code online at: Home » Programming » Masquerade Ball, http://sakuracon.org/programming/masquerade-ball/

Please note that masks are required for the entire length of the event, from entry until the de-masking at the end of the ball. Don’t ruin fun! Keep your masks on!
Do you want to Volunteer at Sakura Con?

We are always looking for Volunteer Staff! Check out our Volunteering page and see if there is anything you would you like to help out with!

http://sakuracon.org/volunteering/
And Don’t Forget To Keep In Touch!

For more information about ANCEA and Sakura Con:

Email Us At: info@sakuracon.org
Or Visit Us At: www.sakuracon.org

Follow Us On Twitter:
https://twitter.com/SakuraCon

And Find Us On Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/SakuraCon/

Check back after the Con for the Post-Con Newsletter!

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