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Saturday Schedule

12:00 GAYMER LOUNGE

- · Join the Con Game!
- Free Play: Board Game
- Free Play: Mario Kart

GAYMER 2

· Let's Learn: The Quiet Year

12:30 GAYMER LOUNGE

- TTRPG: Between the Skies
- Let's Learn: The Quiet Year

1:00 PANEL A

 Rebellions are Built on Hope: Organizing Andor Fans to Fight for Freedom from Fascism

PANEL C

 Queer Not Quiet: The Unique Storytelling Potential of Fiction Podcasting

WORKSHOP 2

• Improv for the Rest of Us: Queering the Stage, Claiming the Mic

GAYMER LOUNGE

- · Let's Learn: Rumble in the Dungeon
- · TTRPG: Through the Void
- TTRPG: Pigeon's Eleven

GAYMER 1

· Yu-Gi-Oh! Meetup

GAYMER 2

• TTRPG: Depths of Demay

1:30 PANEL B

 Endless Worlds: Designing Genre-Forward RPGs

PANEL D

 Sexuality, Queerness, and Otherness in Alpha Flight

MAIN STAGE

 Vampires, Werewolves, and Frank-N-Furter's, Oh My!

WORKSHOP 1

Zine Crowdfunding 101

SIGNING (UNTIL 2:15)

- Sway
- Justin Richards
- Val Halvorson
- Toril Orlesky

GAYMER 1

• Playtest: Sneaky Spirits in Trenchcoats

2:00 GAYMER LOUNGE

· Blood on the Clocktower for Beginners

2:15 COSPLAY CORNER

· LIVE Superman Workout

WORKSHOP 2

· Cosplay Guest Workshop

PANEL A

 Using Your Voice: Advocacy and Activism in Voice Acting

PANEL C

 The Transgender Archive: Preserving Queer Lit & History Under Fascism

2:30 GAYMER LOUNGE

• Let's Learn: Love Letter & Love Letter Premium

SIGNING (UNTIL 3:15)

- Bowen McCurdy
- · Anthony Oliveira
- Jack Phoenix
- Friction Press

2:45 MAIN STAGE

• The Fantasy Tavern

PANEL B

 Fashion As A Site Of Queer & Gender Expression

PANEL D

Graphic Pride: Celebrating BL, Yuri,
 & LGBTQ+ Manga with Kodansha

WORKSHOP 1

 Non Comphet-itive Sports: Queerness and Queerbaiting in Sports Anime

3:30 PANEL A

· Neon Hemlock Reading Showcase

PANEL C

 Gay for Play(Er): The Value of Queer Romance Options Versus Textual Queer Narratives

WORKSHOP 2

Building Safe Spaces in Fandom

SIGNING (UNTIL 4:15)

- Josh Trujillo
- Carrie Harris
- · Leah Williams



Sat., Aug 16 @ 8pm Industry Bar (355 W 52nd St)

The Fireball is the official Flame Con 21+ after party, featuring drag performances, burlesque, amazing light dancing acts, and more! FlameCon.org | @flamecon

Saturday Schedule

4:00 MAIN STAGE

 Kweendom LGBTQ+ Comedy (Oops! All-Geeks Edition)

GAYMER LOUNGE

- TTRPG: Moonlight on Roseville Beach
- Super Smash Bros No Items Omega Tournament
- · Let's Learn: Alicematic Heroes

GAYMER 1

• TTRPG: Dream Askew

WORKSHOP 1

· Voice & Gender

PANEL B

 Read to Filth: Live Readings of Queer Comics

PANEL D

• X-Gaymes 4: Games of Future Past

4:30 SIGNING (UNTIL 5:15)

- Kat Calamia
- · Phil Falco
- · Jeremy Whitley
- · Joe Corallo

4:45 WORKSHOP 2

Kodansha Meet-Up

PANEL A

• Monsters in Our Closets: Queerness in Horror Media

PANEL C

Achieving Gender Euphoria in Cosplay

5:00 GAYMER 2

• TTRPG: F*** Around and Find Out (18+)

5:15 MAIN STAGE

· Cosplay Contest

PANEL B

 Dungeons and Safewords: A Guide to Steamy Roleplay at Your Table (18+)

PANEL D

• Non-binary and Gender Variant Expression in Mainstream Comics

WORKSHOP 1

 Unlocking the Potential of Learning through Gamification

5:30 GAYMER LOUNGE

Tabletop game Trivia

GAYMER 2

• Learn to Play: RomCom Drama Bomb

5:45 SIGNING (UNTIL 6:45)

· Kayleigh McKee



Saturday Schedule

6:00

PANEL A

 Redefining Gender Roles Through the Omegaverse (18+)

PANEL C

• The Alchemy of Storytelling: Magic, Myth, and Queerness

WORKSHOP 2

 The X-Men Podcast Team-Up Meet-Up

GAYMER 1

• Learn to Play: HUNT(er/ed)

Flame Con 2025 will be implementing mandatory wristbands for any attendee over the age of 18 who wishes to attend Saturday's 18+ programming. Wristband pickup will be available outside the panel rooms from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

6:30

MAIN STAGE

 Queens of the Dead Q&A with Cast & Director

PANEL B

• How to Emasculate Your Favorite Character with Marin Miller (18+)

PANEL D

Malik & Rasheed Improv Show

WORKSHOP 1

• Non-binary and Gender Variant Expression in Mainstream Comics

7:00

GAYMER LOUNGE

· Con Game Raffle

GAMILY Match With Gamers



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Sunday Schedule

12:00 GAYMER LOUNGE

- · Ioin the Con Game!
- Free Play: Board Game
- Free Play: Mario Kart

SIGNING (UNTIL 2:00)

· Kayleigh McKee

12:30 GAYMER LOUNGE

- · Let's Learn: Slay the Spire
- TTRPG: I, Toaster

GAYMER 1

- Blood on the Clocktower (Advanced)
- · Let's Learn: Our Traveling Home
- Playtest: Sneaky Spirits in Trenchcoats

GAYMER 2

- TTRPG: Silver Age
- TTRPG: Magic the Gathering Commander Cube!

1:00 MAIN STAGE

 Redshirts: An Improvised Star Trek Musical

PANEL B

 LGBTQ Youtuber 101! How to "Broadcast Yourself" Authentically

PANEL D

 To Proudly Go Presents: Finding the Super You

WORKSHOP 2

• Queer Educators Meet-Up

1:15 SIGNING (UNTIL 2:00)

- David Levithan
- Brian Selnick
- KM Enright

1:30 PANEL A

 Our House: Queer Stories About Chosen Family

PANEL C

• The Devils (& Angels) in the Details: Understanding Publishing Contracts

WORKSHOP 1

Vocal Technique 101

2:00 GAYMER LOUNGE

- Tekken 8 Tournament
- D&D B/X

2:15 MAIN STAGE

· Comics Reading Comics

PANEL B

 BANS OFF! Defending Comics in Schools and Libraries

PANEL D

 Graymalkin Lane Presents: Mutant Fashion Review!

WORKSHOP 2

 Rebels and Relationships: Diversity and Inclusion in YA

2:30 SIGNING (UNTIL 3:30)

 Signing Hour with Drawfee!: Nathan Yaffe, Karina Farek, Jacob Andrews, & Julia Lepetit

GAYMER LOUNGE

· Let's Learn: Flamecraft

GAYMER 1

Blood on the Clocktower (Advanced)





For more information on events, plus updates or schedule changes, scan this code, or visit flamecon.org/2025-convention-guide

Sunday Schedule

2:45 PANEL A

 Burn It All Down: Revolution in Media

PANEL C

• Writing the Queer Romcom

WORKSHOP 1

· Make It Gay: Fanfic as Queer Art & Discovery

3:00

GAYMER LOUNGE

- · Let's Learn Dixit
- Learn to Play: HUNT(er/ed)

GAYMER 2

· Let's Learn: d'Aubigney

3:30

MAIN STAGE

· Queer Nerd Poetics

PANEL B

· Growing Up Queer: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Visibility In Youth Entertainment

DANEL D

· Queer Animation: From A to Z

WORKSHOP 2

• Queer Kids and Families Meet-Up

4:00

PANEL A

Drawfee Live Show!

PANEL C

Cosplay Design 101

WORKSHOP 1

A-to-Zine

GAYMER LOUNGE

· Let's Learn Haiclue

GAYMER 1

TTRPG: StoryBake

SIGNING (UNTIL 4:45)

- · Dahlia Adler
- · Zakiya Jamal
- · Jennifer Dugan

4:45

MAIN STAGE

Cosplay Runway

PANEL B

• Queer Ghost-Hunting 101

PANEL D

· Queer, Here, Not Going to Disappear: LGBTQ+ Storytellers On Making Queer Stories Happen

5:00

GAYMER LOUNGE

Con Game Raffle

Take Part in Our Stamp Rally!

Pick up a game board from the Gaymer Lounge or Info table, then seek out our participating artists!

Return your completed game board to the Gaymer Lounge before the deadline for a chance to win the grand prize.



The first 100 participants to finish get an exclusive badge ribbon!

Sat. Deadline

Sun. Deadline

7:00рм 5:00рм



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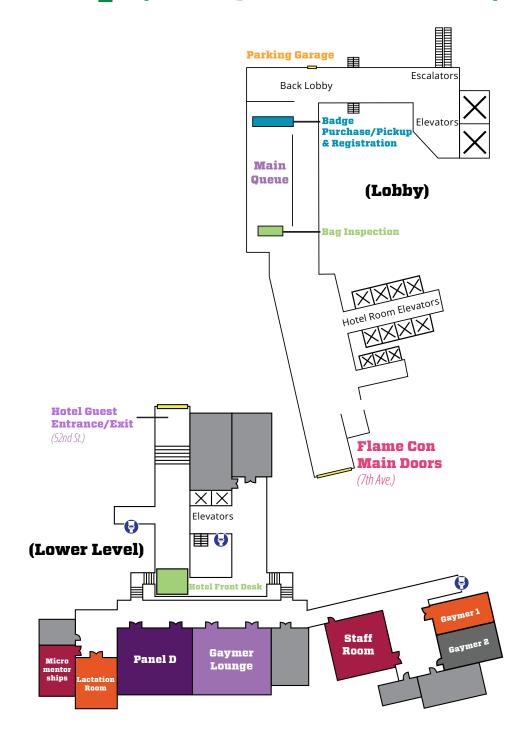
21 and younger attend free on Sunday, August 17!

Flame Con is committed to creating a safe space for queer youth. That is why Day 2 of the show is always Youth Day!

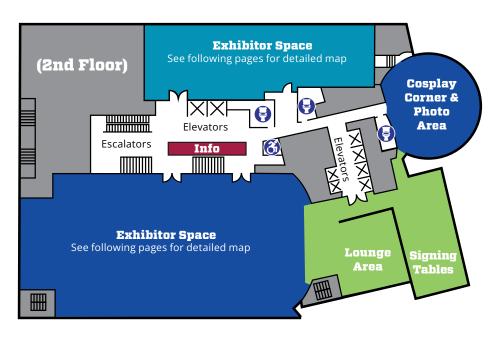
Fans 21 and younger are invited to pick up their free Sunday pass at Registration.



Map (Lobby &Lower Level)

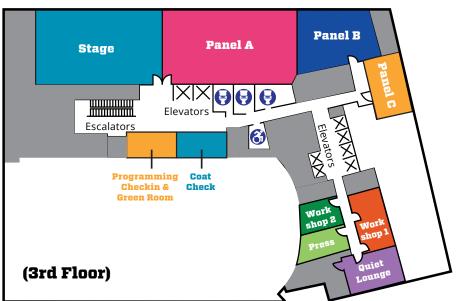


Map (2nd & 3rd Floors)









Map Key Info

INFORMATION

Here is where you can get your questions answered about Flame Con and Geeks OUT.

QUIET LOUNGE

A quiet space provided by CalmerCon NYC for attendees who might need to take a break for a moment to relax and collect themselves.

PROGRAMMING CHECK IN

Here is where all panelists and performers are required to check in after they receive their Flame Con badge.

PRESS

A space reserved for members of the press to meet with guests and conduct interviews.

COAT CHECK

Check any clothing, bags, or cosplay equipment here.

MICRO MENTORSHIPS

For those with appointments, this is where you will meet with industry notables for your sessions.

FLAME CON ENTRANCE

You can enter and exit the venue here. This is an accessible entrance.

GAYMER LOUNGE

The Gaymer Lounge is a gaming oasis at Flame Con. NYC Gaymers is providing video games, tabletop games, card games and board games for attendees to use. You can also take part in tournaments, meetups, and demonstrations of new games. The rooms marked Gaymer 1 and 2 are breakout spaces for additional programming.

Map Key Info

BAG INSPECTION

Prepare to have bags and packs inspected each time you enter the venue.

BADGE PURCHASE/PICKUP & PURCHASE

Claim your previously purchased Flame Con badge or buy one here.

LACTATION ROOM

If you require this room, please inform a Flame Con volunteer. This room will be locked by default to ensure privacy when in use.

SIGNING TABLE

This is where some special guests will be signing their works. Check in here to find out specific appearances and times.

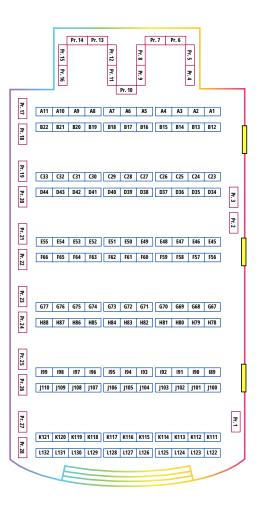
COSPLAY CORNER

Are you a cosplayer in need of a quick repair? Are you looking to meet our featured cosplayers? Do you have burning questions about cosplay that need answering ASAP? The Cosplay Corner is here to help! Stop by during the convention and keep an eye on the online programming guide for a schedule of events.

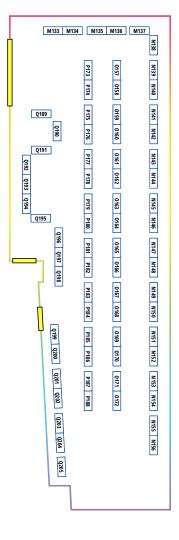
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A Flame Con step-and-repeat with some of the best lighting in the venue. Perfect for all your photo ops.

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2025 General Policies

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Each year Flame Con strives to make itself as accessible as possible. Allies, there are many ways you can help make Flame Con a more welcoming and enjoyable experience for disabled people. Please familiarize yourself with the information below.

NAVIGATION

Flevators

There are two separate banks of elevators, including a set that goes directly to the upper floors where hotel rooms are located. There's an elevator in the Lower Level to bypass the stairs to the Gaymer Lounge.

Information Table

Info Tables are available on Floors 2 and 3 of the convention space. Additionally, if you should need assistance or have concerns, visit the info table and we'll help in any way we can.

Clear Paths

The hall space between areas can easily become full of people, please help maintain a clear traveling area and do not sit or stand in designated traffic paths.

BATHROOMS

Gender Neutral

All restrooms at Flame Con are gender neutral.

Sanitary & Sharps Disposal

All stalls are equipped with sanitary disposal and all bathrooms have a sharps disposal receptacle.

Wheelchair Accessible

Each floor has single occupancy, wheelchair accessible bathrooms. These are located near the elevators.

Allies, please avoid using wheelchair accessible bathrooms when possible.

Menstrual Health Products

If you require menstrual health products, you may get them at the Flame Con info tables.

QUIET LOUNGE

Hosted by Calmer Con NYC's Calmer Space

This space is for anyone needing a quiet place to sit and be away from the crowds, no matter the reason. And please be respectful of those needing this space by refraining from eating, playing music, or having conversations in the space.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Flame Con follows all current regulations as defined by the ADA. All service animal handlers must be in control of their service animals at all times. Service animals will be expected to be reasonably quiet and well-groomed, and will be entirely the responsibility of their respective handlers. Any service animal found to be out of their handler's control, aggressive, or un-housebroken will be asked to leave. In this case, the service animal's handler may be allowed to return without the animal and offered reasonable accommodations.

Allies, please refrain from interacting and distracting service animals. This includes not petting, distracting, or taking photos of service animals.

AIR QUALITY

Smoke Free

Flame Con is a smoke / vape free environment. There are designated smoking facilities outside.

Low Scent

Flame Con is not a fragrance free space, but we do encourage everyone to limit the use of strong scents.

PANELS POLICY

ATTENDING PANELS

- Panel seating is limited to a first come basis.
- Lines outside of rooms are not permitted.
- Panel doors will be closed when each panel starts.
- You may arrive to a panel late, please enter quietly and be respectful of speakers.
- · Water is available in each panel room.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

- Accessible seating is available and reserved in the front and back of each room.
- · Accessible seats are marked on the top of each seat.
- You may also request assistance from a Flame Con volunteer if needed for anywhere else in the room.
- Space for wheelchairs, mobility devices and service animals is available in accessible seating rows.
- Leave space for those that need accessible seating, please move if asked.

WEAPONS POLICY

Flame Con will not allow the following items:

- Any weapon of any kind—bladed or projectile—that looks or feels real.
- · Any kind of gun or simulacrum of a firearm.
- Any prop that is heavy, hard, or sharp enough to injure a person.

HARASSMENT POLICY

Flame Con has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for harassment of any kind including but not limited to:

- stalking
- intimidation
- · offensive verbal comments
- · physical assault and/or battery
- harassing
- non-consensual photography or recording
- sustained disruption of panels, signings, and other events
- · bathroom policing
- · inappropriate physical contact
- unwelcome physical attention in relation to, but not limited to: race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender presentation, sexual orientation, age, body size, disability, appearance, religion, citizenship, and/or pregnancy

Anyone can report harassment. If someone's behavior has made you uncomfortable, or if you witness the same happening to someone else, you should immediately contact one of the Flame Con organizers or volunteers.

Report harassment to Flame Con staff. If a person engages in harassing behavior, Flame Con staff will take prompt action in any form they deem appropriate, including expulsion from Flame Con with no refund. Our policy applies to EVERYONE at the convention. Remember: Cosplay is not consent. Keep your hands to yourself. If you would like to take a picture with or of another fan, always ask first and respect that person's right to say no. Be respectful, be nice, be cool, and be kind to each other.

Health & Safety Policy

FACE COVERINGS

In order to limit the spread of contagious illnesses, all attendees are required to wear face masks while indoors in the convention space.

Face coverings should be close-fitting and cover your nose and mouth, and must be worn in addition to costume masks.

Face coverings can be momentarily lowered if eating or drinking. Panelists may remove their masks while on stage, but should not physically engage with attendees while unmaksed.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

This year's event is being physically designed with more space to promote social distancing. Wherever you can, please leave distance between yourself and others, and avoid physical contact like hugs or handshakes.

SANITIZATION

This includes precautions like enhanced cleaning procedures and additional sanitation stations throughout the building.

We ask that all attendees sanitize and/or wash their hands as often as possible.

The Sheraton Hotel's HVAC system has also been updated with MERV-13 filters, which meet CDC recommendations for air filtration.

Connect With Us





Are you following Flame Con and Geeks OUT on social media yet? Follow along for the latest news about all of our events and how to get involved with our non-profit organization!

GEES

Flame Con is brought to you by Geeks OUT, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to making the fan community more fun, inclusive and safe for geeks who are queer.

In addition to running Flame Con, Geeks OUT tables at conventions around the country, creates geeky queer-centered programming and events, and highlights the work of queer creators through our podcast, blog and more.

Please consider a donation to help us continue this vital work. Learn more about us and how to get involved at **geeksout.org**



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