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Dragon\*Con 2008

# The Daily Dragon

## Blooooooood... by Geoff Termorshuizen

Dragon\*Con has a long history of blood collection, and not only in the panels, pageants, and wrestling ring. In partnership with the Heinlein Society and LifeSouth, over 1000 units have been collected at Dragon\*Cons to date, with the Heinlein Society blood drives having collected a total of 3,342 units as of July, 2008.

Last year, 450 people offered their time and blood. 384 units were eventually used.

This year, LifeSouth is doubling the number of nurses and donation stations. All other blood

banks in a three-state area have been shut down to provide the resources for Dragon\*Con. This will be one of the largest blood drives in Southeast history, with the target being set at a minimum of 600 units.

A person can donate plasma once a week and whole blood every six weeks. all blood types are needed, but negative types are needed the most urgently. If you have A-, B-, or AB-, please make a special effort to come by.

According to the Red Cross, each blood donation can

save up to three lives.

It is safe, quick, and you'll get some cool swag for donating. Previous years have included t-shirts, six-pack coolers, the Heinlein Society donation pin, and best of all, knowing your donation will save someone's life.

The Blood Drive is located at the Marriott on the Marquis Level, room M202.

Fri-Sun: 10AM - 7PM  
Mon: 9AM - 3PM

## Here Be Dragons: Tales of Dragon\*Con

Visit the Dragon\*Con Store to get your copy of *Here Be Dragons: Tales of Dragon\*Con*, an anthology of 13 stories about the convention. At long last, the truth is revealed! Can you handle the truth?

Includes works by Robert Asprin, Todd McCaffrey, Jody Lynn Nye, Mike Resnick, Selina Rosen, Janny Wurts, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, and more. Have it signed!

The Dragon\*Con Store is located in the Marriott on the Marquis Level.

FRI: 11AM-7PM  
SAT: 9AM-7PM  
SUN: 9AM-7PM  
MON: 9AM-4PM

## New MMORPG Track for 2008 by Kevin Stallard

From a single EverQuest panel five years ago to nearly 20 "standing-room-only" panels last year, MMORPG gaming has finally come of age at Dragon\*Con!

MMORPGs (Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games) include some of the best-selling computer games of all time, like *EverQuest*, *Age of Conan*,

*City of Heroes*, and most recognizably, *World of Warcraft*.

This year, the MMORPG Track will feature some old favorites, such as the "Gold Farming" panel, as well as some exciting new events showcasing the latest games from Cryptic Studios, Funcom, and Sony Online Entertainment.

It will also be hosting parties and events each night, including the MMORPG Costume Contest (Sat 5:30PM) and the MMORPG Trivia Challenge (Sun 7PM), Capitol Ballroom (S).

For more information, including contest registration, visit: [www.dc-mmo.org](http://www.dc-mmo.org)

## Parties! Parties! Parties!

### Danger Woman's BIG 4-0

If there is one birthday party you go to this year, make it Danger Woman's BIG 4-0 Sat 7PM, Learning Center.

### MMO Player Gathering

A party for all MMO players. Come one, come all! Sat 10PM, A601-A602 (M).

### Rainbow Flag Party

TrekTrak and OutLantaCon cordially invite all members of the GLBT community to a dance party featuring hot music from the

'70s, '80s, and '90s as we celebrate the upcoming wedding of our friends George Takei and Brad Altman! Cash bar available! Sat 10PM, Savannah 1-3.

### Atlanta Outworlders

Atlanta Outworlders invites friends and members of the GLBT community to join us for our annual room party. Sat 9PM, location TBA.

### Pirate Party

Rogues, wenches, and scurvy dogs aplenty—also a costume contest, belly dancing, live music, period dancing, free prizes, and giveaways. Costumes encouraged but not required. Sun 11:30PM, Regency VI-VII.

Check out  
Dragon\*Con's  
podcast:

DRAGON-POD.COM

# Schedule Changes

\*The default is the Hyatt if no hotel is indicated.

## Additions

**"An hour with Robert Englund"** A Q&A with the actor that brought us Freddy Krueger. Fri 1PM, Int'l North.

**"Babylon 5 and Battlestar Galactica"** How they compare to each other, for good and for bad. Fri 1PM, A704 (M).

**"Dragonlance: Dragons of Autumn Twilight"** The first novel in the *Dragonlance* saga is now an animated motion picture from Paramount. Fri 1PM, Hanover CDE.

**"Stargate Worlds: Sneak Peek"** An early look at *Stargate Worlds*, the exciting new MMO. Fri 1PM, Augusta (S).

**"An Hour in the Firefly 'Verse'"** A Q&A with Nathan Fillion and Alan Tudyk from the *Firefly* television series. Fri 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII.

**"Know Your Rights: Copyright Law for the Creator of Fan Works"** Copyright attorney Theodora Michaels debunks common misconceptions about copyright law. Fri 4PM, L506 - L507 (M).

Erick Avari will be on "Stargate Guests Megapanel." Fri 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**(NEW) "Rebroadcast: An Hour in the Firefly 'Verse'"** Fri 6PM, on DCTV.

**"Permission to Speak Freely...Granted!"** Ever want to be a TrekTrak panelist? Or talk about something *Star Trek*? Fri 7PM, Savannah (S).

**"The Science Behind Parapsychology"** Fri 7PM, M106-M107 (M).

**"Free Realms: Q&A with Sony"** A lively overview of *Free Realms*. Sat 10AM, Athens (S).

**"Stargate Worlds: Sneak Peek"** An early look at *Stargate Worlds*, the exciting new MMO. Sat 11:30AM, Athens (S).

**"By a Shire Fireside: Songs and Tales from the Real Middle-earth"** The stories that influenced Tolkien's writing. Sat 1PM, L506 - L507 (M).

**"LARP StoryTellers' Roundtable"** What storytellers and their staff do behind the scenes. Sat 1PM, Salon B (Hil).

Tobias Buckell will be doing a Dragon\*Reading Sat 2:30PM, University.

**(NEW) Robert Brown** will be on "Steampunk: From Fiction to Reality" Sat 4PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

Graham Watkins and Dr. Frank Gordon will be on "2nd Annual Skeptics vs Believers Debate" Sat 4PM, Grand Ballroom (S).

Doc Hammer and Jackson Publick will be signing autographs Sat 4PM, Regency VI-VII.

Van Allen Plexico will be doing a Dragon\*Reading Sat 4PM, Williams.

**"The Guild"** The award-winning web series about a group of online gaming addicts. Sat 7PM, Hanover CDE.

Doc Ezra will be on "Nuts on the Road: Gonzo Sound & Vision." Sat 10PM, Regency VI-VII.

**(NEW) "MMO Player Gathering"** Party

for all MMO players. Come one, come all. Sat 10PM, A601-A602 (M).

**"Q&A with Lance Henriksen"** Meet the man behind the android Bishop. Sun 11:30AM, Cent I.

**"The Future is ONLINE"** Webisodes, the new breeding group for independents and viral marketing. Sun 11:30AM, A704 (M).

**"Animated Short Films"** A block of animated shorts from the Independent Film Festival. Sun 1PM, Baker.

David Nykl will be on "Stargate Charity Auction." Sun 4PM, Cent II-III.

**"Frodo, the Reluctant Hero"** Campbell and Jung call the reluctant hero a hero for the times we live in. Sun 4PM, L506 - L507 (M).

**(NEW) "LARP Costuming and Props"** A Q&A with LARP costume designers and prop makers. Sun 4PM, Salon B (Hil).

**"Why We Love (and Hate) Disney"** Join our panel for a look at Old Men, Princesses, and Uncle Remus. Sun 4PM, Baker.

Anne Petty will be signing autographs. Sun 5:30PM, M301-M304 (M).

Caitlin Kittredge will be on "Outsiders" Sun 7PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

**"Requiem for the DC Animated Universe"** Where are DC superheroes going? Sun 7PM, Baker.

**"3rd Annual Anime Music Video Contest"** The best AMVs submitted over the past year: Action, Drama, Romance, Comedy, and Best In Show. Sun 11:30PM, Hanover C-E.

**(NEW) "Anime Music Videos"** Mon 1AM, Hanover C-E.

**(NEW) "Oh, They're BIG in Sci-Fi"** Actors become well loved and effective tools in genre planning and niche marketing: pros and cons. Mon 1PM, A704 (M).

## Cancellations

Todd McCaffrey will not be on "Who You Calling a Kid?" Fri 2:30PM, A707 (M).

**"How to Discover Some Asteroids"** Fri 2:30PM, Henry (Hil).

**"Stargate Worlds: Tales from Beta"** Fri 1PM and Sat 11:30AM, Augusta (S).

**"The Heroes Journey"** Fri 1PM, A704 (M).

**"Dragon\*Con Presents: Nathan Fillion"** Fri 2:30PM, Int'l South.

**"Reading the Pocket Program"** Fri 4PM, L506-L507 (M).

**(NEW) "Rebroadcast: Meet Mr. Smith: An Hour with Sean Astin"** Fri 6PM, on DCTV.

**"Tapping Your Psychic Potential"** Fri 7PM, M106-M107 (M).

Jaynelle Rude will not be a judge for the "Friday Night Costuming Contest" Fri 8:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"The Agency: Demo/Q&A with Sony"** Sat 10AM, Athens (S).

**"How to Take Modern Patterns and Turn Them Into Costumes"** Sat 1PM,

L506 - L507 (M).

**"What Makes A Hero?"** Sat 2:30PM, A704 (M).

**(NEW) "Pirate Party on the Burning Sea"** Sat 10PM, A601-A602 (M).

David Nykl will not be on "I was a Paranormal Guest Star!" Sun 11:30AM, M106-M107 (M).

**"Heroes are people too!"** Sun 11:30AM, A704 (M).

Kevin Grazier will not be on "Dradis Contact is Made" Sun 1PM, A704 (M).

**"The Secret World: Q&A w/Funcom"** Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

**"Tolkien's Darkness"** Sun 4PM, L506-L507 (M).

**"Middle-earth Gaming: Board of the Rings"** Sun 8:30PM, L506 - L507 (M).

**(NEW) Scott Sigler** will not be on "Talk Back to the Podcasters!" Mon 1PM, Rockdale (Hil).

## Corrections

**"Voice Acting"** Fri 4PM will be in Int'l North **not** Baker.

**"Interview With the Crows"** should be **"Interview With the Cruxshadows"** Fri 5:30PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

**"Film Festival Shorts Block: Georgia Showcase (preceded by Animation at 9AM)"** Sat 10AM, Learning Center. The Georgia Filmmakers panel begins at 11:30AM **not** 11AM.

**"Voice Acting"** Sun 1PM will be in Regency VI-VII **not** Baker.

## Updates

**"MMO Etiquette School"** moved from Fri 11:30AM to 5:30PM, Augusta (S).

**"Star Wars Galaxies: Q&A w/Sony Online"** moved from Fri 11:30AM to Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

**"An Hour With Sean Astin"** Fri 2:30PM moved from Regency VI-VII to Int'l South.

**"TrekTrak Presents: Robert Picardo"** moved from Fri 7PM, Savannah 1-3 to Mon 10AM Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

**"Adult Swim's Aqua Teen Hunger Force & Squidbillies"** moved from Sat 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII to Sat 11:30AM, Cent I.

**"Actors Discuss How They Choose a Character to Portray"** moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 7PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

**"Vampires Amongst Us"** moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, A704 (M).

**"The Venture Brothers"** moved from Sat 11:30AM, Cent. I to Sat 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII; autograph signing to follow.

**"2nd Annual Skeptics vs Believers Debate"** Sat 4PM moved from Regency VI-VII to Grand Ballroom (S).

**"Writing Bestselling Fiction"** moved from Sat 7PM to Sat 4PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

**"Maintaining Wife (or Husband) Fiction"** moved from Sun 10AM to Sun 1PM, Athens (S).

## Dealer Hall Changes

Hollywood Book and Poster will not be able to attend Dragon\*Con 2008.

There are two new vendors in International Hall (M): **Anime Palace** and **Walkin' Willie's Comix**.



## Trivia Night: Wits & Wagers

Join your fellow know-it-alls in a trivia game utilizing the rules from Northstar Games' *Wits & Wagers*. Bring a team or come by yourself. Don't know the answer? Bet on your fellow players' answers. One generic ticket to play. Fri and Sat 7PM, Galleria Exhibit Hall (Hil).



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## BPAL Meet & Sniff

If you are a fan of Black Phoenix Alchemy Lab, please join us for the Dragon\*Con Meet & Sniff. Bring your BPAL and your noses! Fri 8PM, 10th Floor Marriott.



## Thank You X Track Staff!

To Danny, Beth, Deb, Jason, Amy, and Kim, the best staff a director could have! Thanks for walking all over, keeping things moving, and managing my sanity! ~Leigh Bennett-Conner, X Track Director.



## Ogreknight

You make my heart sing and my soul dance. Thank you for asking me to waltz through life with you. ~Your Kitty



## Informal Venture Bros. Photo Shoot/Meet-up

Take pictures of your favorite VB heroes and villains! Compare notes on how to keep your speed-suit from clinging or how to avoid your "cupcakes" from falling out of your outfit! Boggle at the wonders of too much free time! 4:45PM Sat, Baker.