

Cosplay Friendly Panel Schedule

Friday, October 20, 2017

Grand Gallery Overlook C

3:15 pm

Royal Mantcoran Navy
Come Sail Away With Us

The Royal Manticoran Navy is a newer cosplay club in the area which is the Official Honor Harrington Fan Association based on David Weber's Honorverse and other sci-fi reading. Check out what the club has to offer in the area.

4:45 pm

James Lowry

Lightsabers for Every Budget: How to Find a Cosplay Lightsaber to Meet Your Needs
Practical advise on how to make or purchase a lightsaber for costuming or dueling purposes to meet and budget. This panel will cover everything from empty costume hilts starting at about \$20 all the way to sourcing custom dueling sabers with sound, lights, etc. that can cost over \$1,000. Presented by an experienced saber smith and 501st Legion member.

Grand Gallery Overlook D

3:00 pm

Sweets4aSweet Cosplay, Chaotic Neutral Cosplay and Karmada Cosplay
Cosplay Intro to Foam and Thermoplastics

Three of our cosplay guests discuss the sorcery behind making amazing looking armor and accessories for your costume using foam and thermoplastics.

4:15 pm

Karmada Cosplay
Found Item and Closet Cosplay

Having troubles sewing a costume from the ground up? Maybe you don't feel like creating everything from scratch? Never fear! Found-item cosplay can help! This seminar focuses on advice and suggestions on how to make costumes out of garments and supplies you find in your house, the thrift store, and more!

7:00 pm

Mandalorian Mercs

Find out what it takes to join the Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club, how they make their armor and hear from the Mercs themselves about their group

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Main Stage

5:00 pm

Costume Contest

One of the biggest moments of any comic-con! Make sure to check out some of the best costuming at the Grand Rapids Comic-Con and root for your favorite to win! Judged by the cosplay guests Sweets4aSweet, Chaotic Neutral, Superkayce, Karmada Cosplay, and Knightmage. Hosted by Allen Stewart.

Grand Gallery D

11:30 am

501st Legion Of Stormtroopers/Rebel Legion

What Is The 501st/Rebel Legion?

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Grand Gallery E-F

12:45 pm

Great Lakes Ghostbusters Coalition

We Want You!

Got ghosts? Find out more about the local chapter of the Ghostbusters, what kind of activities do they participate in, and how you can get involved. Who ya gonna call?

Grand Gallery Overlook C

12:30 pm

Cosplay Stars

Cosplay 101

Join our cosplay guests as we discuss some tips and tricks and a few of the ups and downs in this fun free form discussion all about the magical world of cosplay!

1:45 pm

Karmada Cosplay

Intro To Sewing

So you want to start making cosplay costumes - but aren't sure where to start? Join Karmada Cosplay for a seminar focusing on the basics of how to choose a costume, pick

patterns, some sewing basics and more! Ideal for the beginner cosplayer, but all are welcome!

3:00 pm

Knightmage and SuperKayce

Cosplay and Charity

Two of the major cosplayers in the Midwest discuss using their skills to raise money and create awareness for local charities, and how you can do the same.

Grand Gallery Overlook D

2:15 pm

Joey Domina, Mia Bronston, Dannie Sue Bushroe, and Zach Balakas

What Did He Do!?: A Guide on How to Portray Deadpool in a Good Light

This panel will revolve around Deadpool. Portraying the character in a positive way while still retaining some of the characteristics he is known for, also how to interact with those who don't want to be interacted with.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Main Stage

3:30 pm

Kids Costume Contest

“Batman: The Animated Series” Costume Contest

Grand Gallery A-C

2:30 pm

Rob Miller

“Armor Fabrication On A Budget”

A participant in the SyFy show ‘Face Off’ as well as giant prop builder, Rob discusses the art of making armor and larger fabrication items with limited funds and resources.

Grand Gallery D

11:45 am

Blue Box Timelords

How To Handle The Science Of Wiggly Wobbly, Timey Wimey Stuff

Grand Rapids’ newest Doctor Who cosplay group discusses their cosplay group, what they are trying to accomplish, and how you can join them in their adventures.

1:15 pm

The Finest

Recruitment In The Fight Against Cobra

The Finest is a GI Joe cosplay charity group that has chapters all over the country yet is just starting in Michigan. Learn how you can be involved in this new group. Yo, Joe!

Grand Gallery Overlook C

11:00 am

Cosplay Stars

Cosplay and Confidence

Join our cosplay guests as they discuss conquering body image issues and gaining confidence in cosplay. Everyone can cosplay, regardless of weight, height, race, gender or even financial status! Learn ways to boost your self-confidence, and deal with bullying and adversity in cosplay!

12:15 pm

Karmada Cosplay

Schlepping Like A Cosplay Pro

Making a costume at the last minute? Hey me too! Join Karmada Cosplay to learn all sorts of techniques and basic designs that'll get you a costume in a hurry. Topics covered will include how to create simple costume pieces from basic shapes, and some general

sewing techniques to help you on all costumes. Recommended for intermediate to advanced cosplayers, but all are welcome!

1:30 pm

Cosplay Stars

Intro To Makeup

Our cosplay guests give an introduction for the use of makeup, contacts, and wigs. They also give tips on how to pose for photos and more.