KINSHOKUCON



2026



Doubletree Hotel
Niagara Falls, NY

WWW.KINSHOKUCON.COM

WELCOME to KinshokuCon 2026!

We are thrilled to have you be a part of our second year. We would not be able to put on this event without you and we are grateful for all of the outpouring love that you have shown us over this past year. We cannot wait for you to experience all of the wonderful events that our team has been planning!

Being able to put on KinshokuCon 2026 is the highlight of our year and we hope you make a new friend, try a new craft, support a local artist, and attend panels hosted by fans like you.

We have been able to connect with organizations and fans from all over the Western New York area and beyond, and we have been inspired to make this the best event we can and continue to provide events that put the fans and community first.

So without further ado, welcome to our stupendous second year!

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Sincerely,

The Board of Kinshoku Productions, Inc.
a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization

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Hours of Operation

CONVENTION HOURS

FRI 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM
SUN 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION

FRI 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
SUN 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MERCHANT MARKET

FRI 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SAT 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SUN 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOBBY HIDEAWAY

FRI 3:30 PM - 11:00 PM
SAT 10:30 AM - 11:00 PM
SUN 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

PANELS & EVENTS

FRI 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SAT 10:30 AM - 11:00 PM
SUN 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

SOCIAL GAMING

FRI 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SAT 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SUN 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CARE TENT

FRI 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
SUN 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

COSPLAY REPAIR

FRI 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SUN 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

See the full schedule on pages 8 - 11

Special Guests

VOICE ACTORS



DOROTHY FAHN

Meryl - Trigun
Konan - Naruto
& More



TOM FAHN

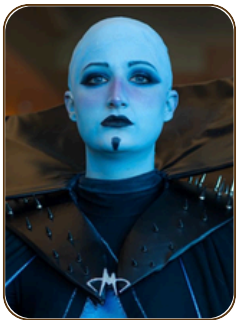
Agumon - Digimon
Brigand Boss - Fire Emblem Heroes & More



CHRIS HACKNEY

Dimitri - Fire Emblem
Illumi - Hunter x Hunter
& More

COSPLAYERS



GABISUE COSPLAY

Contest Judge



NIMBUS GRAY

Contest Judge



ZELDA MOMOE

Contest Judge



EARLCRAY TEA

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Scan to learn more about our guests!

See the full schedule & autograph times on pages 8 - 11

Con Features

HOBBY HIDEAWAY



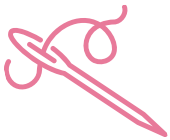
A space for creatives of all ages and skill-levels! Bring your own portable craft to work on or try out some of our projects: Friendship bracelets, perler beads, origami, and much more.

Workshop materials are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. See pages 8 - 11 for the schedule.



SOCIAL GAMING

Enjoy some casual, outdoor games on the heated patio overlooking the Niagara River. Here you'll find games like cornhole, giant Jenga and Connect 4, etc.



COSPLAY REPAIR

This is your hub for all things Cosplay Contest. Our Cosplay Staff are happy to answer your questions about the competition and (depending on availability) accept walk-on entries.

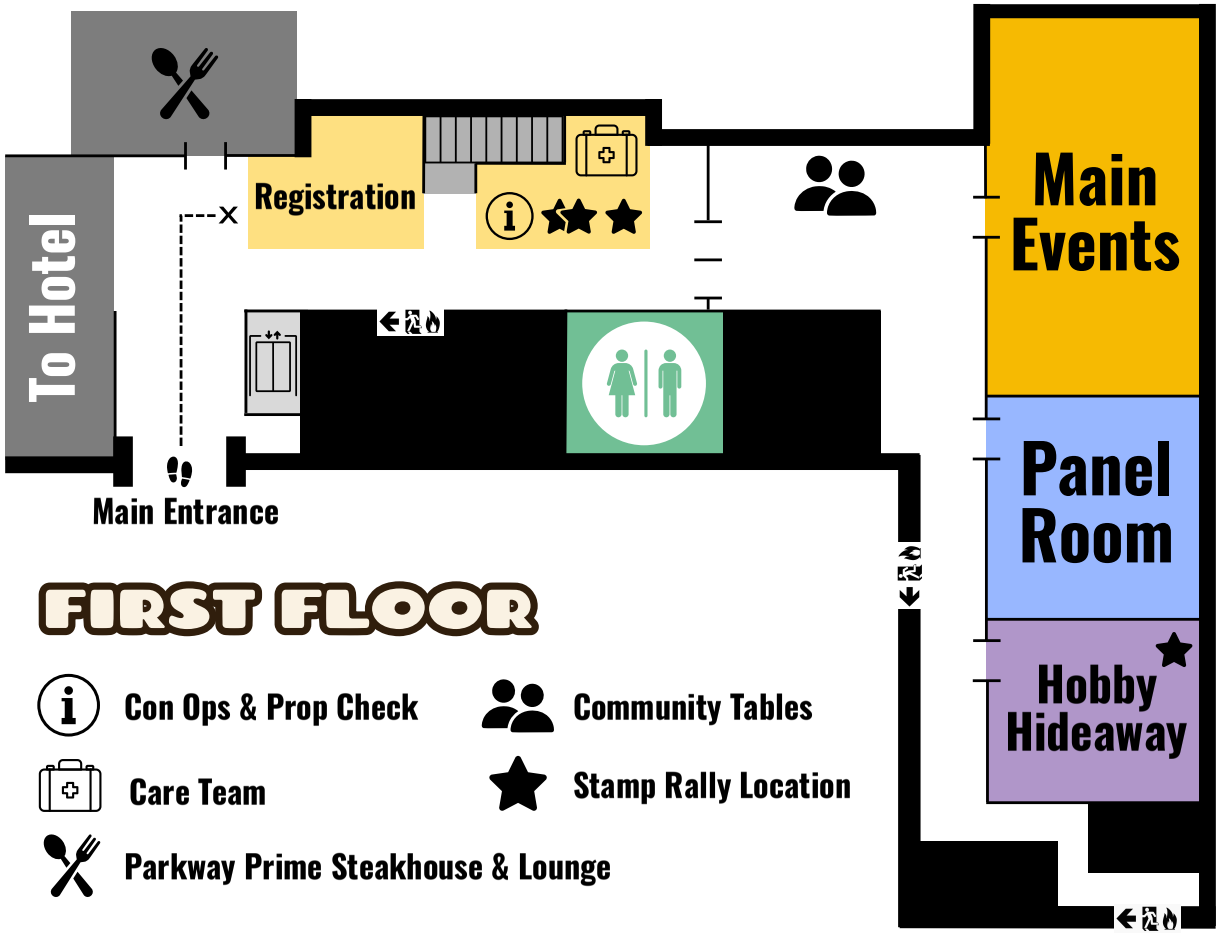
Our Cosplay Staff are also ready to assist in any cosplay-related emergencies or wardrobe malfunctions to get you back to looking and feeling your best!



STAMP RALLY

KinshokuCon Staff members from each department will be stationed around the convention with unique stamps! Grab a board and collect all 6 for a chance to win badges to the next KinshokuCon!

Convention Map

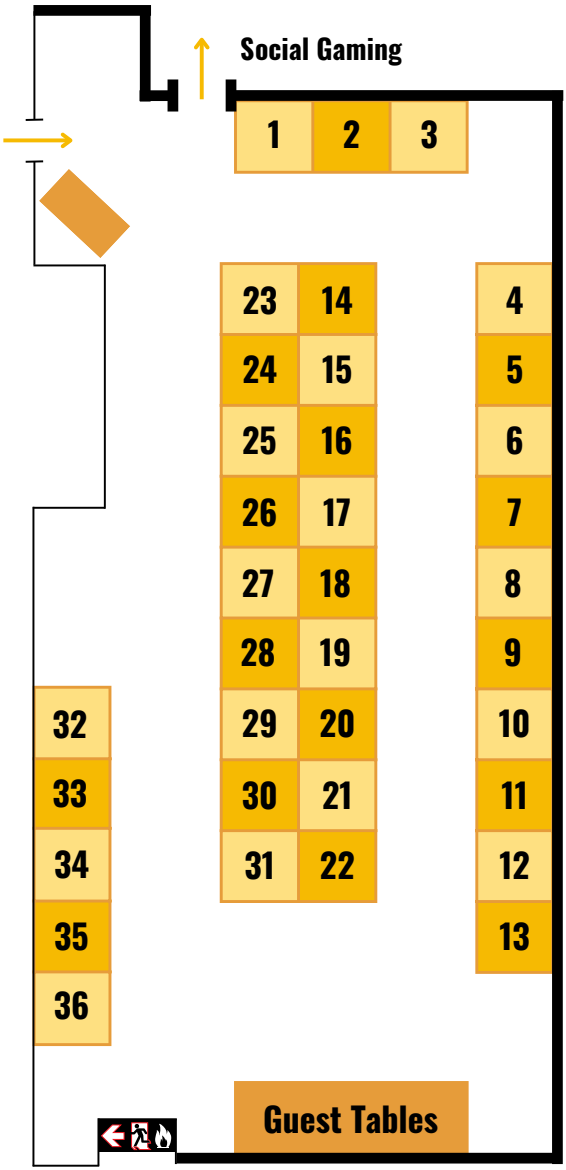


Convention Map



Merchant Market

1 Studio Cadco
2 Hidden Village
3 Buffalo Enkyoji Nichiren Buddhist Temple
4 CrybabyCat Studio
5 Cute à la Carte
6 Lucky Kaiju
7 KAM's Creations
8 razzbexxa
9 PNG.PIGEON
10 Zhen Studio
11 Kentsune
12 Yanimator Art
13 NyanekoArts
14 Loafi Doodles and Illustrations
15 BardicTrinkets
16 Nha Hoang Art
17 Alienbrainwave
18 Pixel Visions
19 Colleen Ekat Art & Watermels Art
20 AvongaleArt
21 Katharynmarie / Katydidart
22 All Things Kawaii
23 AdorkaBows / AdorkaStock
24 nunu.senpai
25 Elegantly Nerdy
26 Pudding Nails
27 Birdie + Hedge
28 Ciderhoots
29 The Crafting Rabbit
30 Mushroomkin
31 Yummy Suika
32 Happy Whip
33 Manifested Dreams
34 iyasaka
35 TrapNerd Creations
36 The Honey Hive Co.



Events Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

TIME	Main Events	Panel Room	Hobby Hideaway	Guest Signings
3:00PM				
3:30PM				
4:00PM	Opening Ceremonies			
4:30PM	Name that OST!		The Novice Division: Understanding Cosplay Contests	
5:00PM		Dragon Ball Z English Dub Jeopardy		Chris Hackney Dorothy Fahn & Tom Fahn
5:30PM				
6:00PM	In-Character Cosplay Contest		Kinshoku-Clipz!	
6:30PM		Anime Trivia: Kahoot		
7:00PM				
7:30PM		The Legend of ZeldAHHHH!!!	Intro to Itabag: Decorate a Pencil Pouch Itabag Style	
8:00PM	Meet the VAs: Jackbox Edition			
8:30PM		Wait, Wait, Hear Me Out! [18+]		
9:00PM			How to Write Effective Fanfiction	
9:30PM	Rate That Pokemon!			
10:00PM		Cutting Through the Fog: Silent Hill [18+]		
10:30PM				
11:00PM				

Find full event details on our website!

Events Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

TIME	Main Events	Panel Room	Hobby Hideaway	Guest Signings
10:00AM				
10:30AM	Saturday Hype Train		Crochet and Cosplay	
11:00AM	A Tale of Two VAs: A Kinshoku VA Q&A	Ace Attorney 7: Kinshoku for All		Chris Hackney
11:30AM			Kandi Trading	
12:00PM				
12:30PM	Odori no Kai	Child Welfare and Safety in Anime		
1:00PM			The World of Oshis!	
1:30PM				
2:00PM	To Be Mr. Fire Emblem: A Kinshoku VA Q&A	GateWays to Japan		
2:30PM			Itabag & Oshikatsu	
3:00PM		Game That Tune!		Dorothy Fahn & Tom Fahn
3:30PM			The Contour Cos Tour: Stage Makeup Tricks for Cosplay	
4:00PM				
4:30PM				

Events Schedule

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

TIME	Main Events	Panel Room	Hobby Hideaway	Guest Signings
5:00PM		Game That Food!		
5:30PM	Cosplay Contest			
6:00PM		Characters that Inspire our LGBTQ+ Awakening [18+]	The Art of Cards	
6:30PM				
7:00PM				
7:30PM		Bad Fanfiction Mad Libs [18+]	How Do I Make This? Draping 101	
8:00PM				
8:30PM		All-Stars Tournament of Yaoi! [18+]		
9:00PM	Nerdlesque [18+]			
9:30PM			Persona Singo: Singing All Night!	
10:00PM		Horns & Fangs & Claws, Oh My! Monster Lovers Unite! [18+]		
10:30PM				
11:00PM				

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Events Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

TIME	Main Events	Panel Room	Hobby Hideaway	Guest Signings
10:00AM	JRPG Jeopardy	Anime Battles (Who Would Win?)	Planning Cosplay Photoshoots	
10:30AM				
11:00AM				
11:30AM	Send off the VAs: Mario Party	Name That Anime: Hypertranslate Edition		
12:00PM				
12:30PM				
1:00PM	Yukata Dressing Demonstration	I Am Magical Girl and So Can You!	Rug Tufting	
1:30PM				Chris Hackney Dorothy Fahn & Tom Fahn
2:00PM	Cosplay Dating Game		How to Take Commissions	
2:30PM		Choose Your Own Panel		
3:00PM				
3:30PM		Love Live Lives!		
4:00PM	Otaku Oratorio		Reverse Engineering Your New Cosplay Props	
4:30PM				
5:00PM		Anime & Video Game "Um, Actually!"		
5:30PM	Closing Ceremonies			
6:00PM				

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Partnerships

JAPAN CULTURE CENTER OF WESTERN NEW YORK

The Japan Culture Center of Western New York Inc. (JapanWNY) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the New York State Charity Bureau. JapanWNY assists in building and maintaining exchange initiatives between the WNY community and the Japanese cities Kanazawa and Hamamatsu; while offering a broad spectrum of traditional and contemporary Japanese cultural programs and events.

japanwny.org

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HIDDEN VILLAGE

Hidden Village is Buffalo's Black Geek collective that hold events and spaces for pop-culture fanhoods to create, network, and bond over common interests. Every event is themed around fictional media and trending ideas, with room for both entertainment and learning. Fans of comic books, anime, fantasy, music, performance art, and related realms of education come together to socialize and exchange.

HIDDEN VILLAGE

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ANIME NIGHT®

Anime Night ® is America's ultimate anime party. Listen—we get it. This whole anime music in clubs thing? Doesn't exactly come with a guidebook. Think all the fun stuff you love about the culture like cosplaying, artists, performances, etc.—but at a rock show.

ANIME NIGHT

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Partnerships

COMMUNITY LIFELINE PROJECT

The Community Lifeline Project of WNY, Inc. equips people across Western New York and New York State with the skills and resources to respond in critical moments. Through CPR, bleeding control, naloxone education, and community partnerships, we help build safer, more resilient communities.



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COMMUNITY TABLES

KinshokuCon is proud to welcome our fellow events at:

Anime North, May 28-30, 2027 | Toronto, ON

MiniClash, Nov. 14, 2026 | University at Buffalo

UBCon, Apr. 16-18, 2027 | University at Buffalo

Cosplay Snowfest, Jan. 30, 2027 | Rochester Institute of Technology

Tora-Con, Mar. 20-21, 2027 | Rochester Institute of Technology

Flower City Comic Con, Sept. 17-19, 2027 | Rochester, NY

Credits

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our amazing staff and volunteers for all their hard work. We greatly appreciate everyone's effort, creativity, and dedication toward making KinshokuCon 2026 a reality.

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Elsie Herold and Nerdlesque
Kevin Hahn, local woodworking artist
Chel Huchital, Studio CadCo
CJ Williams, TrapNerd Creations
Platter's Chocolate Factory



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5-Minute Drive / 10-Minute Walk from KinshokuCon

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Special offer for all badge holders of KinshokuCon 2026!

OPEN ALL WEEKEND 8AM - 5PM

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All badge holders agree to follow the rules and policies outlined within the Code of Conduct.