



KUMORICON 2010

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Hi everyone, this is Beau the convention chair for Kumoricon 2010. We are gearing up for another con, and judging by staff excitement, we are gonna have an amazing con.

The forums are active with fans and attendees making plans for meetups and cosplay, so stop on by and continue the fun all year round.

We are going back to the downtown Hilton and taking over the whole building again this year. One bit of news to share is that we are going to be the only group in that hotel for the weekend, so we get it all to ourselves!

We've had a few meetings with the hotel staff and managers already, and we are going to work with them all year to put on the best convention we can. Updated info will be on the website/forums as soon as possible.

All of our general meetings are open to the public, so feel free to find the next one on the website calendar and come see the stuff we are working on, as well as meet some of the staff and volunteers.

See all of you at Kumoricon 2010!

Beau Gentry
Kumoricon 2010 Chair



Kumoricon Day – 20% Off at Anime Asylum, January 16th Only!

We are so excited to announce that we have made friends with the new anime store at Lloyd Center, Anime Asylum, and on January 16th all previous Kumoricon attendees will be able to receive 20% percent off their purchase of \$20 or more! These guys have all sorts of backpacks, toys, DVDs, and manga. They are pretty new, so their stock is still growing and they are happy to hear suggestions on what the fans would like to see.

You can find this great store in the Lloyd Center mall, tucked in a corner near Nordstrom.

So stop buy with any previous year's badge and take advantage of this great deal!

Cassie Richoux
Director of Publicity, 2010

Registration Update

As the convention year draws closer and closer, it becomes time to start thinking about pre-registration. We're changing up the way we're doing registration a bit this year to give more people a chance to enjoy the Kumoricon atmosphere. This year we will be capping weekend passes at 3500. This means that once we sell 3500 weekend badges, there will be no more available. It is extremely likely that this will happen during pre-registration, since we came pretty close to that in the 2009 convention year. We plan to offer 500 single day badges at the door, potentially up to 1000 day badges, depending on how the hotel looks.

So I guess the bottom line is...
Get your pre-regs in early!

Brandon De Vore
Director of Operations, 2010



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Messing About With Other Conventions

A few weeks ago some representatives from Kumoricon went to help out at Orycon and also run a fan table. We saw some amazing steampunk outfits there as well as some familiar faces, including the Creation Station people. It was Creation Station's first year at Orycon and they seem to have been a hit. We had a lot of fun running around, helping with tech, setting up pipe and drape, schmoozing with other con execs and other groups, and even helped run a panel. We also may or may not have been poaching staff and checking out how they run things to get ideas on how to improve our own con.

During that weekend, we confirmed that we would be present at another event put on by many of the same people, GameStorm. We will be running video gaming there again, this time with a bigger room. Check them out at GameStorm.org. What tournaments we will run is still TBA, but we will be mostly doing open gaming. So, if you go to GameStorm, make sure to stop by and visit us.

We had great support from these two conventions at Kumoricon with things like staff and GameStorm's game library. We love getting the chance to return the favor.

Dawn Hewitt
Director of Relations, 2010



Ally, Jaki, and Dawn chillin' at the table.

Our Next Big Event

This will be our third year helping out at Oregon Asian Celebration in Eugene. Last year, we got our own room to run video gaming, in addition to our cat ear making booth. This year we have a bigger space and are still speculating on ways to fill it with programming. Since Kumoricon started in Eugene, it means a lot to us to head down there and bring a bit of the Kumoricon experience with us. We hope to draw more cosplayers to the event this year. So, if you live in Kcon's hometown, we hope that you will stop by!

Hotel Update & General Meetings

Hey guys! I'm Ally, the new Facilities Liaison (big words for hotel handler) and I can't WAIT to get things rolling on this year's convention!

Already you can register, and now the hotel group code is up and running too! Room rates under the convention are \$124 a night and can be booked by calling the hotel directly and asking about the "Kumoricon" group, or by booking online with the code "KUM". Also, all rooms this year will be at the Hilton main tower, so we won't have any convention rooms at the Executive Tower. Please remember to register and reserve your rooms early, as we will be capping registration this year to make sure everyone who attends gets to have a great time!

The next General Meeting for staff sign-ups and overall information for the convention is at the North Portland Library on January 10th at 1:00pm and I hope to see a great turn-out!