

MINICON 50-The Gold Edition: PR4

Greetings! This is the fourth of three (yep) progress reports from Minicon 50, to be held Easter weekend, April 2-5, 2015. Minicon has panel discussions, readings, signings, costuming, the Medallion Hunt, films, gaming, an art show, dealers, kids' programming, a teen lounge, a science room, concerts, filking, a well-stocked consuite and bar, room parties, and various special events.

Our guests of honor will be authors **Larry Niven**, **Brandon Sanderson**, and **Jane Yolen**, artist **Michael Whelan**, musician **Adam Stemple**, and publisher **Tom Doherty**.

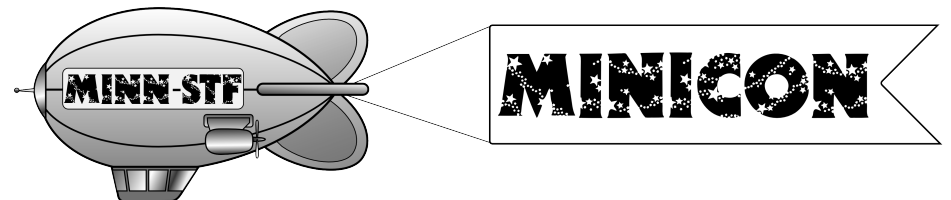
Memberships: Pre-registration closed March 9. If you didn't pre-reg, you can still pay at the door. If you did, you don't need to bring anything with you to get your badge. Just come to the reg desk at the top of the escalator. Th 10am-10pm, Fri 9:30am-8pm, Sat 9:30am-8pm, Sun 9:30am-4pm.

At the door: Due to an unexpectedly large number of pre-registrations, we have decided to decrease the at-the-door rate from \$70 to \$65. More members cost less per member; this reduction is in keeping with our non-profit mission. The rates: Full adult \$65. Th \$30, Fri \$40, Sat+Sun \$45, Sun \$20. Convert from supporting: additional \$40. Students (13-20) \$25, Kids (6-12) \$15, Children (0-5) no charge. We accept cash & check (**not** credit cards). FFI: registration@minicon50.mnstf.org.

Hotel: We're in the Bloomington DoubleTree. Rooms booked by March 15 are \$92. Go to mnstf.org/minicon50/hotel or call 800-222-8733, using group name "Minicon", group code "MCN". Many members had trouble booking rooms, particularly for Thursday, because our block filled up. It's been expanded: please try again. **Signage policy:** This year the hotel will let us hang signs anywhere on the walls in the pool area, plus on their provided bulletin boards elsewhere.

Advance notice: **Minicon 51** will be March 25-27, 2016 and **Minicon 52** will be April 14-16, 2017. (Both are Easter weekend.)

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Hi there! Are you interested in fannish history? We have an extensive collection of scanned program books, progress reports, flyers, etc., on the web. Try mnstf.org/minicon1, for instance, or <http://mnstf.org/not-anokon1>.

Rumpus Room: Minicon is kid friendly! The Rumpus Room will provide a full schedule of children's programming for all four days. We will be doing a craft swap again this year. Bring craft or art supplies, children's books, toys and games to the Rumpus Room to trade or donate.

The Next Generation: A place for teens to play board games, watch movies, and just hang out with other teens at Minicon!

Consuite: MidAmericon II and the DC 2017 bid are both sponsoring food events. Thanks!

A longer version of this PR, as well as PRs 1-3, is at mnstf.org/minicon50.



Mnstf, the club that runs Minicon, also holds bimonthly parties, see mnstf.org/einblatt. We'll have a picnic July 18, noon, at Minnehaha Falls area #2. We often do a fall relaxacon, and we're bidding for the 2073 Worldcon.

Minicon is run entirely by volunteers. Please join us. Mail volunteers@minicon50.mnstf.org to participate. We're all in this together!