

Don't Panic!

I AM THE HITCHHIKERS' GUIDE TO WINDYCON VIII!

IMPORTANT! I contain information that is last-minute and/or vital to you, the attendee! You should read me before you leave the registration area!

* * * * * IMPORTANT HOTEL INFORMATION * * * * *

o REGISTRATION DEPOSITS:

As a result of continuing negotiation, the Hyatt has changed its policy on deposits from the policy that was announced in the Progress Report. The new policy is: if you do not have a credit card, you only have to put down \$25/room for the weekend as a deposit against your running up meals and movies. PLEASE do not abuse this! We went to a lot of effort to get them to change this, and they will not be very cooperative with us for Chicon IV on this matter if Windycon attendees run up massive bills!

o CHECKOUT TIME:

1 PM Sunday. It will be extended on an individual basis if you call the front desk and ask.

o ROOM RATES:

Please be sure that you said you were with Windycon when you registered! The normal Hyatt room rates are roughly twice the rate Windycon attendees are paying!

* * * * * IMPORTANT FOOD INFORMATION * * * * *

The following Hyatt Restaurants will be open this weekend:

Scampi's (medium-priced Italian) - 24 hours

IMPORTANT: As a special arrangement for fandom, Scampi's will be offering their full breakfast menu until 2 pm! If you eat breakfast here after 11 am, please be sure to thank the manager for serving breakfast at hours we eat at!

Skyway: Open for tea only (3-5:30 pm)

Mrs. O'Leary's: closed for the weekend

Captain Streeter's: (medium priced)

Breakfast: Saturday 7-10 am

Lunch: Saturday 11:45-2:30pm

Sunday Brunch (Expensive but Excellent!) 11 am Sunday

Stetson's (high-priced but good steaks): 5:30pm-10pm

Truffles (Very expensive French cuisine): 6-10pm

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The following food places are in 3 Illinois Center, which is an indoor walk to the East (towards Lake Michigan) of the Hyatt. Accesses are via the Concourse level (one up from the ballroom level) or from the ground floor of the atrium lobby. Please be sure to thank them for being open during the con!

MCDONALD'S: They don't believe us, gang! They don't believe we'll give them enough business to stay open! But -- we talked them into giving us a chance. McDonald's will stay open from 5-9pm on Friday and decide whether they will open on Saturday based on: (1) how much business they do between 5 and 9, and (2) how many gift certificates they sell on Friday evening (you see, you can buy them on Friday to use on Saturday -- to give them the hint that they'll get the business). If they decide to open Saturday and Sunday, we will post the hours at the registration desk.

STOP & SHOP: Grocery store. Fri 8-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5.

VIE LA FRANCE: Sandwiches, salads, etc. Fri 9-7, Sat 9-5.

ORIENTAL EXPRESS: Oriental fast food (handmade on premises; no MSG). They are not normally open on Saturday, but for Windycon will be open 10:30-6:30. They will also have a Windycon special -- a free soft drink with each full dinner purchase.

LOOK FOR THE OFFICIAL WINDYCON FOOD GUIDE AT THE MEMBER SERVICES DESK!

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- o LARRY NIVEN has requested that if you want his autograph, he would greatly appreciate it if you would see him during the time he is scheduled at the Autograph table in the Dealer's room. The AUTOGRAPH TABLE schedule should be posted near the registration area.
- o Con Suite is in Room 370, East tower. It will be open continuously throughout the con except for cleaning time in the mornings. Note: if you want beer, you will be carded.
- o MEMBER SERVICES is our department for questions, information, and gripes. Please see them if you need to know something or have a problem with the hotel or with the con committee. We may not be able to help, but we'll listen sympathetically and act as an ombudsman.
- o You are required to wear your Windycon badge in order to gain admission to all convention events, including the con suite.
- o Weapons policy: You kill it, you eat it! (I.e., sensible behavior, please?) Anyone drawing a weapon in the con suite will be ejected from the con suite.
- o Dealers: Check with Dick Spelman before unloading your goods. We may need to show you the entrance to bring your stuff in through.
- o TRIVIA REGISTRATION is at the Windycon registration desk.
- o For PROGRAMMING and FILM changes (some films and guests may be unable to make it), please see the postings outside of the respective Grand Ballroom rooms.
- o Late staff additions: Chief auctioneer: Marty Coady. Green Room: Ricia Mainhardt, Martha Soukup.
- o HELP! A convention like this is run entirely by volunteers! We need YOUR help in order to make it work! If you'd like to pitch in, please go to Columbus K&L (Headquarters).