

Madison Area SF Fan Resources (2014 Apr. 21)

Cons

Con News · Info about SF conventions, mainly in the US;
• <http://con-news.com>
• <http://gameconventioncentral.com>
• <http://www.geekcal.com>

Forge Midwest (2014 Apr. 4-6, Best Western East Towne) very casual RPG playcon; free; <http://forgemidwest.wordpress.com>

GameHoleCon (2014 Nov. 7-9, Sheraton Madison) hardcore tabletop gaming; **Guests:** Ernie Gygas, Ed Greenwood, The Dungeon Bastard, many more; <http://www.gameholecon.com>

Geek.Kon 2014 (2014 Aug. 22-24, Madison Marriott West) General-purpose SF&F con; heavy on anime, cosplay, geeky pursuits; **GoHs:** John Kovalic, Matt Forbeck, Jolly Blackburn, Chris Cason, more; ~2000 members; <http://geekkon.net>

Odyssey Con 15: The Grazing Dead (2015 Apr. 12-14, Crowne Plaza East) General-purpose SF&F con; heavy on gaming (all kinds), media, comics; **GoHs:** Heather Brewer, Matt Forbeck, Jonathan Maberry; ~350 members; <http://www.odysseycon.org>

SFRA 2014 (2014 May 22-25, Inn on the Park) Annual conference of the Science Fiction Research Association; academic, scholarly; **Guests:** Sherryl Vint, Eleanor Arnason, Nisi Shawl; ~200 members; <http://www.wiscon.info/sfra.php>

TeslaCon 5: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2014 Nov. 7-9, Madison Marriott West) Immersive steampunk; period costumes highly recommended; ~1800 members; <http://teslacon.com>

WisCon 38 (2014 May 23-26, 4-day Memorial Day weekend, Concourse Hotel) World's leading feminist SF con; heavy on literary, author readings, academics; great parties; **GoHs:** Hiromi Goto, N. K. Jemisin; membership cap: 1000; <http://www.wiscon.info>

Wisconsin Comic Con (2015 Feb. 6-8, Alliant Energy Center) commercial event from Wizard World; autographs, photo ops, film festival; **GoHs:** Valerio Schili, Barbara Kaalberg, Rachelie Rosenberg; <http://www.wizardworld.com/home-wisconsin.html>

Worldcons · World Science Fiction Conventions, the world-wide gathering of the clans, something for everybody;
· **General:** World Science Fiction Society; <http://wsfs.org>
· **NASFiC:** Detcon1 (2014 July 17-20, Detroit, MI) **GoHs:** Steven Barnes, John Picacio, Bernadette Bosky, Arthur D. Hlavaty, Kevin J. Maroney, Helen Greiner, Bill & Brenda Sutton; <http://detcon1.org>
· **72nd:** LonCon3 (2014 Aug. 14-18, London, England) **GoHs:** Iain M. Banks, John Clute, Chris Foss, Malcolm Edwards, Madison's own Jeanne Gomoll, Robin Hobb, Bryan Talbot; <http://www.loncon3.org>
· **73nd:** Sasquan (2015 Aug. 19-23, Spokane, WA) **GoHs:** Brad Foster, David Gerrold, Vonda N. McIntyre, Tom Smith, Leslie Turek; <http://sasquan.org>

Listservs

Madison Dorks · Discussion and announcement list for all things dorky, geeky, or nerdy in Madison and surrounding area; MadisonDorks-subscribe@yahoogroups.com; <http://tv.groups.yahoo.com/group/MadisonDorks/>

Madison Science Fiction Group · Announcement and discussion list for Madison-area SF fans; MadSF-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Political Science Fiction · Discussion list specializing in the intersection of politics and SF; PoliSciFi-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Richard S. Russell's Science-Fiction Movie Reviews · Delivered to your inbox usually the day the movie hits Madison; RSRSFMR-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Book Discussion Groups

Fantasy Book of the Month Circle · Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at members' homes and apartments; erlandsen@aol.com

Science Fiction without Borders · Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Frugal Muse, 235 Junction Rd. Science_Fiction_without_Borders-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Science Fiction Book of the Month Circle · Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at members' homes and apartments; SFBotMC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Tolkien and Fantasy Society at UW-Madison · Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at Union South; discusses the work of J. R. R. Tolkien and other authors of fantasy; tolksoc@stdorg.wisc.edu; <http://homepages.cae.wisc.edu/~rcwest>

Science (free) and Suds (not)

Madison Skeptics Meetup · Science, critical thinking, dubiety about supernatural claims, and drinking; meets erratically based on member proposals; <http://www.meetup.com/madisonskeptics/>

Nerd Nite Madison · Gathers monthlyish at 8:00 at the High Noon Saloon for 3 nerdy half-hour presentations and drinking; <http://madison.nerdnite.com>

Activity Groups

Can't Stop the Serenity Madison · fan-run charity; csts@mhtc.net; <http://cstsmadison.com>

International Fantasy Gaming Society – Wis. Chapter · Local live-action role-playing (LARPing) games; wisconsinifgs@ifgs.org; <http://www.wifgs.org>

Madison Traditional Gaming · "Vintage" RPGs: orig. D&D, AD&D 1e, Classic Traveller, Mutant Future, Labyrinth Lord, Swords & Wizardry, Ruins & Ronin, etc.; badger2305@gmail.com; <http://www.meetup.com/Madison-Traditional-Gaming>

UW-Madison Dungeon Masters Association · bdlaw@wisc.edu; <http://tinyurl.com/25cxrg5>

Wisconsin Ghostbusters · fan-run charity; wj_gb@live.com; <http://wisconsinghostbusters.com>

Specialty Stores

20th Century Books (specializing in SF, comic, and used books), 1421 S. Park St. #200; 608+441-1957; hank.luttrell@gmail.com; <http://southparkbooks.com>

Capital City Comics, 1910 Monroe St., 608+251-8445; reholly@yahoo.com; <http://capitalcitycomics.wordpress.com>

Clownin' Around (costumes), 6301 University Av.; 608+233-8311; clowninaround@aol.com; <http://www.clowninaroundballoonsandcostumes.com>

GameStop (mainly PC, video games), 3 locations:

- 54 E. Towne Mall, 608+249-3114
 - 640 State St., 608+280-8660
 - 8118 Mineral Point Rd., 608+833-6767
- <http://www.gamestop.com>

I'm Board (board games, puzzles), 6771 University Av. #107; 608+831-6631; info@imboardgamestore.com; <http://imboardonline.com>

Last Square Games (miniatures, military), 5944 Odana Rd.; 608+278-4401; info@lastsquare.com; <http://www.lastsquare.com>

Mallatt's Pharmacy (costumes and make-up), 2 locations:

- 3506 Monroe St., 608+238-3106
 - 1255 Williamson St., 608+255-9116
- info@mallatts.com
- ;
- <http://www.mallatts.com>

Misty Mountain Games, 4672 Cottage Grove Rd.; 608+441-0312; ben@mistymountaingames.com; <http://www.mistymountaingames.com/madison/>

Mox Mania (specialists in Magic: The Gathering), 6039 Odana Rd.; 608+572-1718; info@moxmania.com; <http://www.moxmania.com>

Netherworld Games, 334 W. Mifflin St.; 608+255-4263; netherworldgames@gmail.com; <http://www.netherworldgames.com>

Pegasus Games, 6640 Odana Rd.; 608+833-4263; pegasus@pegasusgames.com; <http://www.pegasusgames.com>

Preplayed (mainly video games), 2 locations:

- 3868 E. Washington Av., 608+310-8112
 - 7610 Mineral Point Rd., 608+833-4107
- <http://www.megamediexchange.com>

Ravenworks (costumes; jewelry, etc.); Westgate; 608+630-2348; ravenworksip@yahoo.com; <http://www.ravenworksip.com>

Toy Box (airsofts, military surplus, etc.), 1637 Thierer Rd. (near Eastgate); 608+819-8382; chiefjsc@yahoo.com; <http://toyboxwi.net>

Westfield Comics, 2 locations:

- 7475 Mineral Point Rd., 608+833-4444
 - 944 Williamson St., 608+663-5555
- etc@westfieldcomics.com
- ;
- <http://www.westfieldcomicsetc.com>

Services

Madison-based comic-book news and commentary

- <http://capelesscrusader.org>
- <http://comicsworthreading.com>

Grumbling Dwarf · Gaming commentary blog; <http://grumblingdwarf.com>

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