



ANIME STL FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS AND RULES

General FAQ

What is Anime St. Louis?

Anime St. Louis, founded in 2006, is an independently owned and operated convention that celebrates the culture and history of Japanese animation and manga. The convention founder, Alisha Bingham, has since gone on to get her masters degree, but has left the event in the hands of the staff that have watched over the event for the past few years. And now it is moving on to year five!

How long is the convention?

While the con started as a small affair, it has grown into a sprawling 3-day festival that starts in the early afternoon on Friday and doesn't let up until Sunday evening.

When is the convention this year?

Anime St. Louis will be held April 23-25th, 2010 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL as well as next door at the Doubletree Hotel. The convention center's address is:

**One Gateway Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234**

What's this I hear about two Anime St. Louis', and why is there an animestl.com and an animestl.net?

In 2008 a staff member left Anime StL due to creative differences. That former staffer owned the Anime St. Louis domain name, and since their departure has used our name and old website and falsely claims to own the trademark for Anime St. Louis. Our attempts to negotiate with that person and end the commotion this has caused in the St. Louis fanbase have not been answered with fairness or professionalism. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

So do you guys hate Kawa-Kon?

No, we do not hate Kawa-kon. While it is unfortunate that several of their staff members have attempted to create a rift in the community, we acknowledge and appreciate that they share our desire to entertain the St. Louis fanbase. While we are flattered by the support attendees have shown us, we strongly discourage any harassment of the Kawa-kon staff or attendees in any way, shape, or form. We do not support behavior that would cause any unnecessary tension in the community, so please refrain from doing so.

Staff FAQ

Who do I talk to if I have specific questions?

Check our [Contact](#) page for email addresses of our current staff members. If none of the job descriptions really fit under your question, feel free to email our general account [here](#).

How do I become a Volunteer?

As the days countdown to closer to the convention, we will post more information about how to sign up to help us out at the convention (and in doing so, help yourself by shaving precious dollars off your membership).

How do I become staff?

We are not looking for any new staff at this time. If you want to get involved, become a volunteer! All Anime St. Louis staffers started as volunteers and worked their way up the ranks, you could be next!

Programming FAQ

What all will there be to do at the convention?

The better question is what's NOT going on at the convention! There will be entertaining panels, guests, game shows, dances, concerts, and a packed dealer's room full of shiny things to buy. That's not even the tip of the iceberg! Keep an eye on the [programming](#) page to see the info as it's posted.

What kind of dances will there be?

In the past, we've tried to have one rave on Saturday and a specialized dance on Friday. While we're not sure what the exact details are yet, you can be assured that there will still be at least two major dances.

How can I run a panel?

See our [programming](#) page for more information on applying to be a panelist.

Guests FAQ

Who are your guests this year?

We're currently working on getting our guests. Information will be posted once it is confirmed.

I have this great idea for a guest, how do I send it to you?

If you'd like to see a guest or band at Anime St. Louis, post the idea under our forums in the guest thread. We check the thread daily and make notes about what names continue to come up in it constantly from different people. While this isn't the end all be all voice of what makes us decide on a guest, it certainly influences our decisions greatly.

I e-mailed "so-and-so" and told him to come! I can help you get in touch with him!

We appreciate the enthusiasm, but leave the contacting to staff, please. Once again, post on the forums who you'd like to attend.

5. Registration

Pre-registration, what is that?

Pre-registration is the cunning act of registering for Anime St. Louis before the convention date to get awesome discounts. The pre-registration price will not change until the registration cut-off date this year. Information on registration will be posted as soon as possible.

Advertising FAQ

How do I advertise with Anime St. Louis? How do I sponsor Anime St. Louis?

With over 1,700 attendees, Anime St. Louis is a great way to get your name heard. Please visit our advertising page for more information on the kinds of advertising available. Check out our sponsorship page to see how you can help Anime St. Louis!

How can I help advertise the convention?

Glad you asked! We plan on having some printable flyers you can use to help advertise our event. If you have a club, school billboard, etc that you can bring this too then don't hesitate. Telling people is also a great way to get the word out.

Rules & Regulations

Alcohol Policy

The legal drinking age is 21. Everyone will be carded at Registration and issued an over or under 18 badge. Only a Government-issued ID or Passport will be accepted as valid proof of age. The Convention Center has a strict no alcohol policy which will be enforced at all times. While Anime St. Louis will not police activity outside of convention areas, any underage drinking that comes to our attention will be immediately reported and dealt with by local authorities.

Badge Policy

You will need your badge to get into the events and programs. Please wear it at all times in a visible location on the front of your body. Badges should not be worn anywhere beneath your knees. Due to the expense of printing

replacement badges, members who lose their badge may get a replacement for a \$10 printing fee. If your original badge is subsequently found, and both badges are presented to Registration, your second membership will be refunded.

Lost and Found

Anime St. Louis is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property during the course of the convention. A Lost and Found box will be kept at the Info Desk for anyone who wishes to turn in lost possessions.

Possessions left unclaimed at the end of the convention will be turned over to the Convention Center for any later returns.

Costume Policy

All attendees must observe county, city, state, and federal laws at all times or be expelled from the convention and possibly reported to the proper authorities. Anime St. Louis is a family-friendly event, and so we ask that costumes reflect that idea. If your costume would get you stopped for indecency outside the venue, then please reconsider wearing it to Anime St. Louis. While we respect our attendees' freedom of expression, we do not consider underwear or similar lack of clothing appropriate. Nudity is not permitted. We also ask that any costume that poses a risk to another person (ex: protruding wire, spikes, loose swinging chains, etc) be examined by Security for risk assessment. If a convention staffer deems your costume inappropriate, we ask that you respect the staffer and alter the costume or change clothes.

Paging

Arrange a time and place to meet at the end of the day or if you get separated. Please keep in mind that there will be no personal pages over

the P. A. system. Minors under the age of 18 that are separated from their parent or legal guardian are welcome to come to the Info Desk and our dedicated volunteer and security teams will assist you in finding them. In addition, parents or legal guardians who need to find a child can come to us, and we will commit ourselves to finding them.

Smoking

No smoking is allowed in the Convention Center or at any Convention event at any time. You are welcome to step outside to smoke, but please be considerate of others when you do. This policy is in compliance with city ordinances prohibiting smoking at public events. The Convention Center has designated smoking areas outside which are indicated by the presence of canister ashtrays.

Signs

Signs that are indecent or solicit for sexual favors are not allowed on a case-by-case basis. We don't want to be a convention that bans all signs, it's up to you, the attendees, to ensure that a ban never happens.

Weapon Policy

Anime St. Louis does not allow live steel or any real weapon of any kind. Prop weapons may be made of wood, plastic, foam, plaster, cardboard,

cloth, etc. If your weapon appears too realistic, you may be asked to check it with security (this will be handled on a case-by-case basis). All fake/toy guns must have an orange tip. Airsoft weapons, nerf guns, and other foam-shooting guns are to not be loaded at any time at the convention.

Explosives and chemicals are strictly prohibited (this includes fireworks, sparklers, etc). We ask that attendees do not engage in fighting in the crowded hallways or with unwilling participants. If an attendee uses a prop weapon to threaten, endanger, or harm another person, Security may ask that it be removed from the venue or may confiscate it (to be returned at the end of the day). If your weapon violates Illinois state or federal laws outside the venue, it violates those same laws in the venue. If you aren't sure if your weapon violates convention policy, ask a staffer immediately. Better safe than sorry.

Common Courtesy

Please turn your cell phones and pagers off or to vibrate when you're in programming and event rooms. If you must take or make a call, please step outside into a hall. By attending Anime St. Louis, attendees understand that they may be photographed or videotaped and have no rights to the images. As a courtesy, attendees should ask permission before filming or photographing others. Same goes for hugging and glomping. Your elevator party is someone else's unwanted alarm clock; please use your indoor voice while in the halls, stairs, and elevators and try to keep room noise to a minimum noise level.

Misc

Announced events and programs are subject to change and/or cancellation. A notice of schedule changes will be posted. Except for service animals, pets are not allowed in the Convention Center. Do not deface or vandalize any Convention Center property. This includes putting signs on walls; public locations for notices are provided. No outside food is allowed inside the convention center. Keep it in your car or hotel room.