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## **ANIME STL LOCATION FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS**

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### ***2010 Location Q&A***

#### **Why did it take so long to announce the dates?**

First, we apologize for how long it took to announce the dates. We can't go into specifics about this, but we were looking at many venue choices this year. We had to take the time to go over contracts and specifics. It did take a lot of time, but we wanted to make sure the venue was both cost-effective and one that would be a great place for our attendees.

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#### **Why is the convention not back at St. Charles?**

Each year we reevaluate the needs of the convention, and while we greatly enjoyed having ASTL at the St. Charles Convention Center, the Gateway Center is a much better value for our money. We have not ruled out returning to St. Charles in the future, but for the time being we feel that this will be the best choice for 2010. The change in venue will not affect the quality of the convention; everything you love about the con will return, bigger and better than ever. We hope that you will enjoy the Gateway Center just as much, if not more, than previous venues.

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#### **Why is the event all the way in Illinois? Why the Gateway Center and Doubletree?**

Collinsville, IL is close to the St. Louis area so don't let the state change discourage you. The Gateway Center has hosted conventions similar to ours in the past, being Archon and Diecon's venue of choice for many years. This eliminates confusion among venue staff about what happens at our event and makes negotiations easier. The staff here are friendly and the venue fits our needs. See for yourself this year!

**Are there other hotels in the area? What about food?**

While the Doubletree is our main hotel this year, there are other hotel options within walking distance of the convention center and we will supply some information to help our attendees out. As for food, the convention center has concessions and there are quite a few restaurants in the area.

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**Is there going to be a delay in announcements after the 2010 convention? Is the convention going to change locations again?**

That's a no to the first question. We don't plan on repeating such a delay. As for a location change, we can't say. We are a St. Louis area convention, so we won't be leaving the area anytime soon, but we are still a young convention, so we're still trying out venues. Sometimes, we outgrow a place too fast. Sometimes, it's business related. No matter what we do, you guys will know ASAP where we plan to hold one heck of a party.

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