








	6:30-7:30 PM Promenade East	Costuming 101 <i>Freon, "Red" Kendra Duane, Cathy Raymond</i>	First-time costumers and those who have never costumed - but are interested - are welcome. All basic ideas of getting started in making and wearing costumes are discussed.
	6:30-7:15 PM ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream	Join Molly J. de Blanc's staff members as they create custom forms of liquid nitrogen ice cream for your flavor enjoyment. Come for the show, stay for the ice cream.
	7:30-8:30 PM Ballroom A	Science Guest Of Honor Speech <i>Christine Peterson</i>	Our Science Guest speaks on "Life Extension: Good News, Bad News, Weird News"
	7:30-8:30 PM Northfield A	Routers and OpenWRT <i>John Marrett</i>	Proud parent of a home router and ready to fly fast and loose in the face of warranties? Come get introduced to the wide and wonderful world of open source routers. We'll cover hardware and software hacks, and with some luck, a virgin router will be sacrificed unto the dark powers of open source. Bring the kids!
	7:30-8:30 PM Northfield B	Introduction to Python <i>Catherine Devlin</i>	Python, the easy, elegant, and powerful dynamic programming language, is spreading everywhere. Stop feeling lame for not knowing it! I'll give you an introduction to Python while whipping up a graphical simulator of solar system dynamics before your very eyes. Suitable as your first programming language, or your twentieth. Come, learn Python, and hurl planets into the Sun!
	7:30-8:30 PM Maple A	Lovecraft's Legacy Today <i>Charlie Stross, Sarah Monette, William Jones, Sarah Shefferly, Jeff DeLuzio</i>	We examine H.P. Lovecraft's influence upon contemporary horror and science fiction, how the Call of Cthulhu RPG shaped the present concepts behind the "mythos," and how popular culture has assimilated Lovecraft's writings, bringing his creations into the public sphere - our social history. This is best exemplified by the common belief that the Necronomicon was an actual book, when in reality it was a fabrication of Lovecraft's imagination.
	7:30-9 PM Maple B	Air Gear 1-4	
	7:30-8:30 PM Promenade East	Discussion Of Sculpting and Painting Miniatures <i>Linda Martelle, Andrew Barlow</i>	Fans of gaming miniatures don't want to miss this one.
	8pm-9pm Renaissance C1	Penguicon Writing Workshop, Pt. 1 <i>Michael 'Freon' Andaluz, Michael Z. Williamson, William Aksel, Anne Zanoni</i>	Local SF writer Michael 'Freon' Andaluz introduces the "Writing Genome" - structure, sequence, and a homebrewed method to construct and analyze your SF/F literary creation. Stick around! Critiques collected ahead of time for the Sanctuary Press Second Annual Penguicon Workshop are being given to workshop attendees now for their third draft makeover.
	7:30-8:30 PM Birch	Worm Quartet Concert <i>ShoEboX</i>	This Rochester, NY-based band forcibly staples punk and electronica together and throws them into a blender with hysterically twisted lyrics. They have been featured repeatedly on the Dr. Demento show, with many "Funny Top Five" appearances! The sole member of Worm Quartet is a 6'4" 300-lb. bemuddled manic who insists on being called "Shoebox" and who poses by day as a mild-mannered software engineer.



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Games



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







Swordfighting



Food & Drink



	8:30-9 PM	Break	
	8:30 - 11 PM Oak	"Starship Tea Drinkers" Heckled MST3K Style <i>Nick Sagan, John Scalzi</i>	In the style of Mystery Science Theater 3000, our two expert class clowns will provide a hilarious sendup of a film, which (by all reports) the director sincerely thought he was basing on a Heinlein novel of the same name. Whether the director ever read the book is an open question. :)
	9-10 PM Ballroom B	Order Out of Chaos: Presentation on the Chaos Machine <i>Steve Jackson, Malcolm Kudra, Jimmie Bragdon</i>	The giant customizable marble roller coaster returns once again, courtesy of Steve Jackson Games. This contraption is open all weekend for Penguin attendees to tinker with, but this will be a special presentation. This year the conchaos.com organizers are not content to rest on their laurels. With CM-Net, the Chaos Machine is no longer purely mechanical. It now has the potential for input and output to and from computation and wireless broadcast! Lights, sounds, the motion of ball lifts, and other effects can now be triggered wirelessly by ball passages, LED ball counters, infrared detection of nearby humans, or remote computers. As with all Chaos Machines, some assembly is required. But that's the point.
	9 PM-midnight Assembly	Black Sweater Party <i>Aegis Sword Academy</i>	SWAT team building clearing and hostage rescue hands-on simulations. This year we have activities for newbies, and more challenging activities for those who have participated before!
	9 PM - dawn Northfield A	ARS 'Till Dawn <i>Ars Technica</i>	ArsTechnica.com gets a room all night to do whatever tech presentations they want. Whose room is Northfield A? Ars.
	9 - 10 PM Northfield B	Moodle, Free Software Web Portal For On-Line Education <i>Matt Benjamin</i>	Moodle, an open-source (GPL) web content management system for on-line education, has become a very high-profile software product in its category, and has become a significant focus of open-source development activity in higher education. Moodle as received steadily increasing mainstream attention from high-profile deployments, most recently UCLA. This panel will introduce the Moodle system, focusing primarily use of Moodle to develop and deliver on-line courses. We will also discuss Moodle's collaborative development model, which has allowed the software to evolve in a few years into a potent competitor to commercial course delivery systems.
	9 - 10 PM Northfield C	Securing Linux to DoD Specifications <i>Clif Flynt</i>	
	9 - 10 PM ConSuite	Wine with Bruce Schneier	Bruce Schneier will provide wine from his own cellar in the room next to ConSuite, for an informal freeform chat with a small group of you. Sign up in advance at Ops. (TEINAWE: This Event Is Not About Windows Emulators.)
	9 - 10 PM ConSuite	Chocolate Ritual <i>Lady Sarah, Randy Millholland, Bill "Narf" Albin, Shay VanZwoll, Paula, with special assistance from Goth Bunny</i>	Ever thought chocolate should be a religion? Come join us as we invoke chocolate in all its forms, directions, elements, and any other variation we can think of. Not for those inclined to take their religions too seriously, unless that religion is the Holy Cocoa.
	9 PM - midnight Maple B	Akihabara@DEEP 1-3	



9 - 10 PM
Promenade
East

Writing Workshop, Part 1, Intro

*A Zaroni, Michael "Freon" Andaluz,
Karl Schroeder, Sarah Shetterly*

This session is primarily a meet-and-greet for the workshop attendees and an overview of the workshop process.



9 - 10 PM
Birch

MarsDust.com Video Show Taping

*Jason Ahlquist, Davroz,
MarsDust crew,
Elizabeth Bear*

MarsDust.com is transforming itself into The MarsDust Channel, a fannish television channel for the internet. One of the first shows is being produced here at Penguicon. "MarsDust Magazine" is part talk show, part video fanzine, part fake reality show. This episode's guest will include Elizabeth Bear. What other surprises await? You can find out. Sign up at Ops to be a part of the studio audience. Only those who are not disoriented by quantum co-location devices need apply. All studio audience members will get a free souvenir magazine. MarsDust Magazine will also be out and about at the convention, reporting on all that Penguicon has to offer. If you have something special at the con that you thing the fannish/Linux community would like to learn about, please contact them through Ops.



9 - 9:45 PM
ConSuite

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream

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10 PM - late
Ballroom

Dance

DJ Brick

DJ Brick will hack into your muscles and bones and install a beat that will upload your feet to the dance floor!



10 PM -
midnight
Ballroom B

Celebrity Munchkin

GM Bill Korsak, Steve Jackson, Randy Milholland



10 - 11 PM
Northfield B

Introduction to Open Source Embedded Systems

Rob Landley

In a world with more cell phones than laptops, it's important that Linux runs on more than just PC hardware. But how do you program a machine with no monitor or keyboard? How do you make a battery last 2 weeks, and squeeze the entire system into less space than Gnome uses for the login prompt?



10 - 11 PM
Northfield

PostgreSQL & Explaining Explain

Aaron Thul

Tuning SQL queries is one of the facts of life for anyone working with databases, and in PostgreSQL? the key to doing this well is the mysterious explain command. In this talk, Aaron demystifies this handy tool so that you'll be able to spot trouble faster and know when you're making improvements.



10 - 11 PM
Maple A

Life-Hacks for the Writing Process

*Elizabeth Bear, Sarah Monette,
M. Keaton, David Crampton*

A "life-hack" is web lingo for a productivity tip or trick we can apply to our own behavior. What life-hacks can get you to apply pants to chair and bang out words, or for that matter, to get the brain into a state where the words are better? Which low-tech life-hacks have withstood the test of time? Also, how do our tools shape the mind that writes the words?



10 - 11 PM
Promenade
East

Blogging Your Life Without Losing Job, Or Your Mind

Sarah Elkins, Cathy Raymond

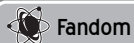
Strategies for keeping your two worlds separate, or at least compatible. Multiple blogging, work blogging, identity, information overload, and more.



10 - 11 PM
Birch

The Great Luke Ski Concert

The ever-popular parody musician performs a concert which, if the green screen is still set up, will look on video like it took place on Mars.



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




















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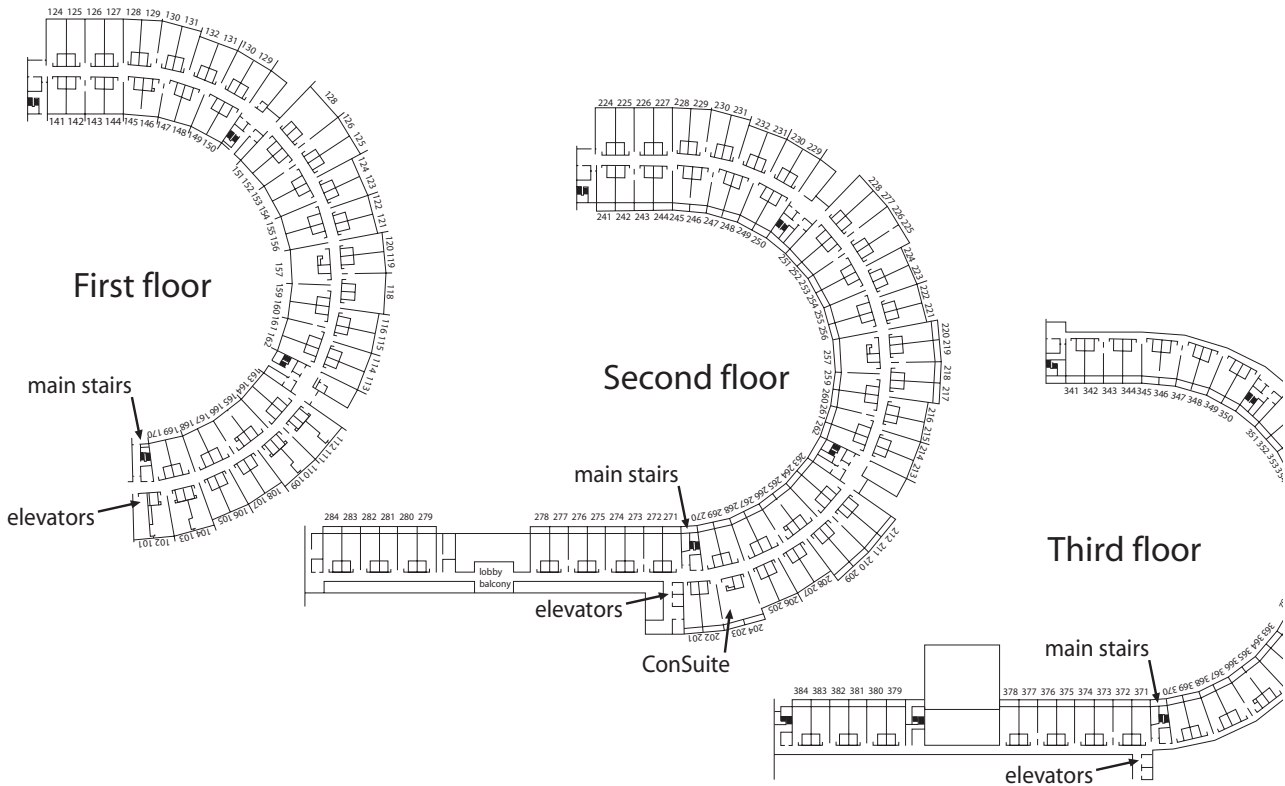
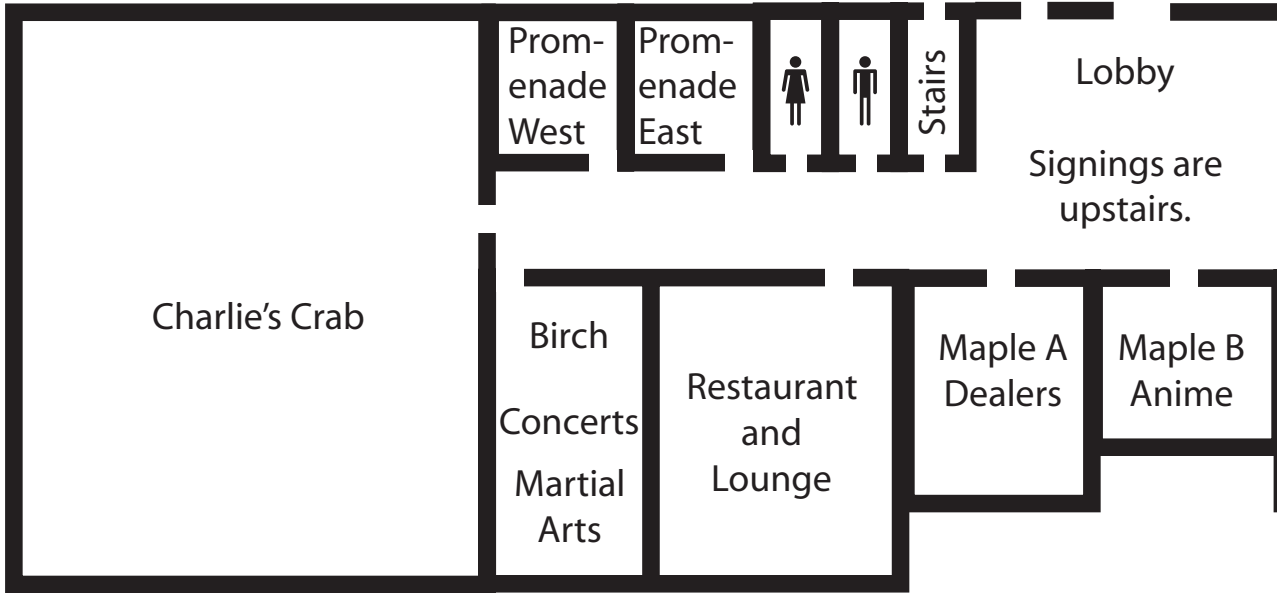


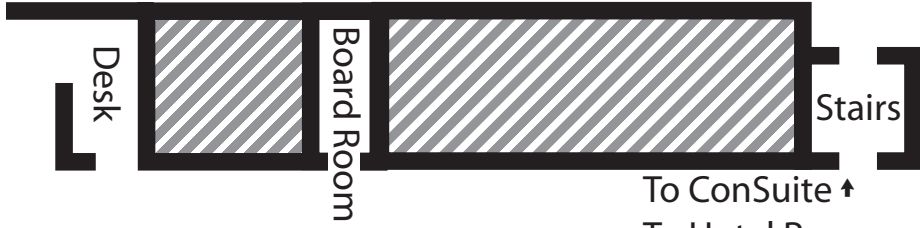
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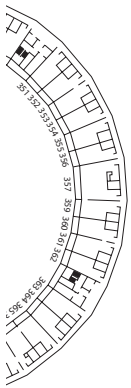
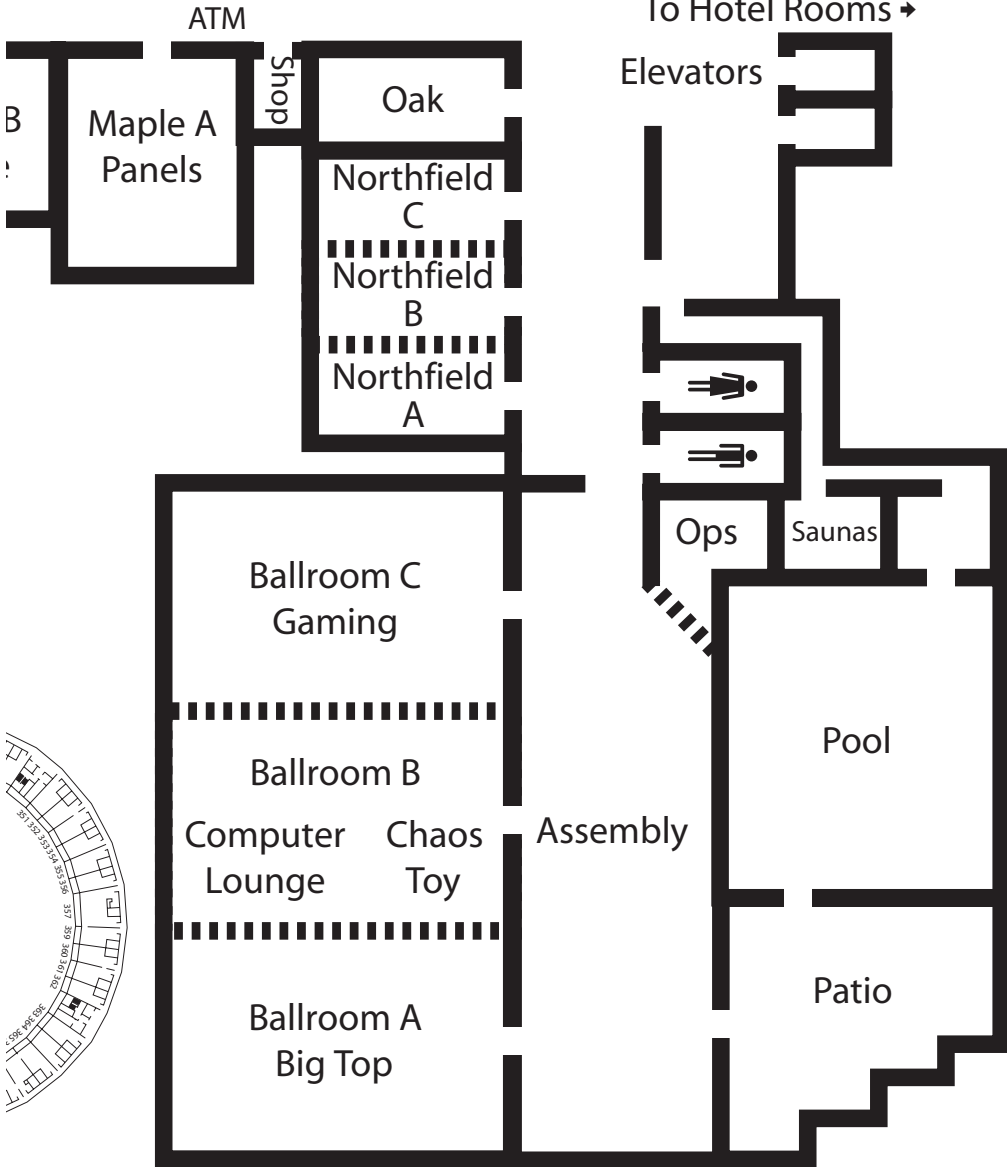
	11 PM - midnight Oak	Screening of 'InZer0'	
	11 PM - 6 AM Birch	Open Singing Circle	Gather around, bring a guitar if you have one, or your voice, or just listen.
	11 - 11:45 PM ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream	Join Molly J. de Blanc's staff members as they create custom forms of liquid nitrogen ice cream for your flavor enjoyment. Come for the show, stay for the ice cream.
	Midnight - 3:30 AM Oak	Screening of "Blake's Seven"	Created by Terry Nation, a prolific television writer best known for creating the popular Dalek monsters for the television series Doctor Who, Blake's Seven ran for four seasons between 1978 and 1981. Popular from the time it was first broadcast, it remains well regarded on account of its dark tone, moral ambiguity and strong characterisation. It is often remembered for the shock ending that concluded the series.
	12:30 - 2 AM Maple B	Godannar 1-4	
	2 - 5 AM Maple B	Death Note 1-10	
	9:30-10:30AM Northfield B	Django <i>Dan Scott</i>	Django the Python framework for rapid web app development.
	10 - 11 AM Northfield C	Coffee Ritual <i>Matt Arnold</i>	Congregational Litany, led by the Barista: It is by caffeine alone I set my mind in motion. It is by the beans of java that the mind acquires speed, the hands acquire shaking, the shaking becomes a warning. It is by caffeine alone I set my mind in motion.
	9:30-10:30 AM Maple A	Masquerade Q&A Freon, "Red" Kendra Duane, Paul BART Stevens	This year's masquerade is run by budget costuming gurus from the Great Pinata Riders Costuming Guild, www.pinatariders.org Where do you start? What are the rules? What the heck is this enrollment thing? Find out what's it all about, and how to get involved but still have fun. Prepare to take notes - especially if you plan on walking the walk tonight onstage.
	9:30-11 AM Maple B	Gear Fighter Dendoh 1-5	
	9:30-10:30 AM Birch	The Time Traveler Vintage SF Podcast, Live	Your host, a mystery man known only as "The Time Traveler", records a live episode of complete unabridged vintage short stories from the past, and interviews special guest author Tobias Buckell.
	9:30-10:30 AM Promenade East	Writing, Where Do You Start? <i>M. Keaton, David Crampton, David Klecha, Sarah Shefferly</i>	Everyone wants to write a book, but which comes first, the characters or the world? Plot or theme? Panelists discuss how they begin their creative process, long before they begin to put words on paper.
	10:30-11 AM	Break	

	11 AM - noon Ballroom A	The Future Of Spyware <i>Bruce Schneier, Charlie Stross</i>	
	11 AM - noon Ballroom B	Livejournal / Social Networking Sites Etc. Meet & Greet	In past years this event was just a Livejournal meetup, but why limit it? If you're on any web service that offers networking, come share it with everyone. See who else uses that service as well, and exchange usernames.
	11AM - 1 PM Assembly	Junk Pile Wars <i>Tom and Dan Skelton</i>	We provide a pile of antique computer parts of dubious reliability, and a set of judging criteria. Who can build a computer and get the best services running on the network?
	11 AM - noon Northfield A	Intro to Podcasts, How to Listen, Find, Create Dr. Jonathan "Sullydog" Sullivan, Matthew Stuart-Fulton, Tim Ryan	Dr. Jonathan "Sullydog" Sullivan of EscapePod.com, Matthew Stuart-Fulton of OffTopicTalk.blogspot.com, Tim Ryan of This Mad Music Archive.com (guest host of its music podcast "Mad Music Show") and the enigmatic host of TheTimeTravelerShow.com will get you started with an overview of how to listen to or subscribe to an internet audio feed so that it loads directly onto your MP3 player when published. They'll also outline the basic steps to record and publish your own podcast. Then they'll list of some of the best podcasts for you to sample.
	11 AM - noon Northfield B	LiveCD How To Mass Deploy Standardized Linux Images <i>Dan Scott</i>	Learn how to create your own customized Linux LiveCD. Starting with the Slax Linux distribution, you will learn how to add applications, change default behaviours, create your own modules, write a CD image, and burn that CD image to a disk or USB key.
	11 AM - noon Northfield C	How to Throw a Room Party <i>Joe Saul, Moonbeam Nance, Tammy Coxen, Rachel Weisenfeld</i>	Is there more to a convention room party than chips, dip, cheap beer, and people? Unquestionably yes. How do you throw the room party people will talk about all con? Ask our panel of experienced party hosts.
	11 AM - noon Oak	Author Social <i>Michael A Andaluz, David Louis Edelman, Dave Crampton. Moderator: Sarah Shefferly</i>	Penguicon presents a groundbreaking experiment--authors in the wild. An open forum for a group of authors to read, sign, answer fan questions, and generally be available to convention attendees without the stress and pressures of a 'formal' structure.
	11 AM - noon Boardroom	Elizabeth Bear Kaffeeklatch	Sign up at Ops for an informal freeform chat over coffee with Guest of Honor Elizabeth Bear, author of the Hammered/Scardown/Worldwired SF trilogy and The Promethean Age
	11 AM - noon Maple A	How Do You Measure Webcomic Success? <i>Randy Milholland, Eric Millikin, Rob Balder, Megan Gedris</i>	Alexis rating. Ad revenue. Fan mail. Catharsis. The creators of SomethingPositive, FetusX, Partially Clips, and YU+ME discuss - or confess -- the rewards of putting it online for free and not answering to a boss for their performance metrics.
	11 AM - 2PM Maple B	Utawarerumono 1-8	
	11 AM - noon Promenade East	How to Write RPG Fiction <i>Steve Jackson, William Jones</i>	
	11AM - noon Promenade West	Asian Pantry <i>Lisa Leutheuser, Molly de Blanc</i>	One of the most intimidating things about cooking Asian food at home is finding the ingredients. Here we will talk about different ingredients, what they're used for, where to get them, and we will have a selection of ingredients on hand for people be able to see, smell, handle, and taste (if appropriate).
















To ConSuite ↑
To Hotel Rooms →





	11-1 PM Birch	Bring On Da Noise, Bring On Da FuMP <i>Tom Smith, Rob Balder, Worm Quartet, Luke Ski</i>	A gigantic shared two-hour concert with artists from the Funny Music Project, better known as the FuMP! These artists have committed to releasing new or unreleased recordings of their music to the public under a Creative Commons License at www.thefump.com . This means we promise not to be upset when a video of you lip-synching to our song in your underwear appears on YouTube.
	11:11:45 AM ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream	Join Molly J. de Blanc's staff members as they create custom forms of liquid nitrogen ice cream for your flavor enjoyment. Come for the show, stay for the ice cream.
	Noon to 1 PM Ballroom	What's New at SJ Games <i>Steve Jackson, Jimmie Bragdon</i>	Steve Jackson and Jimmie Bragdon talk about new and upcoming releases at SJ Games, including the Big New Munchkin Project, the computer game UltraCorps, new GURPS projects, and, of course, FNORD. Steve will sign games, answer questions (often truthfully), and show off at least one new prototype.
	Noon to 5:30 PM Ballroom B	Installfest <i>GLUG</i>	Bring a computer and get Linux installed on it.
	Noon to 1 PM Ballroom C	Prep for Live Action Customizable Meta-Chess <i>Matt Arnold</i>	Contestants will be taught the rules. This variant is not official FIDE chess, by a long shot! Spend a predetermined number of points, RPG-style, to design a custom chess piece movement on a sandwich sign to wear in the game that starts at 1 PM.
	Noon to 1 PM Northfield A	Principles of Debugging <i>Marshal Newrock</i>	Whether you're a programmer, maintainer, or end-user, it's important to know how to debug when something goes wrong. In addition, knowing what each of the other levels expect helps get problems fixed faster. This panel will offer some methods for keeping debugging simple and easy.
	Noon to 1 PM Northfield B	Posthuman, A Lousy Marketing Concept <i>Christine Peterson, Jason Ahlquist, Karl Schroeder</i>	The term 'posthuman' seems to indicate a lack of humans. This is not what is meant, but it's really bad marketing, and scares people. Even transhumanism is not a very friendly term. Names are important; perhaps it needs a new name the same way Free Software came to be known as Open Source Software?
	Noon to 1 PM Northfield C	This Topic Intentionally Left Blank <i>Eric Raymond, Howard Tayler</i>	Eric Raymond and Howard Tayler talk about whatever they want.
	Noon to 1 PM Oak	Elizabeth Bear Reading	
	Noon to 1PM Boardroom	Paint and Take' Miniatures Workshop <i>Linda Martelle</i>	Linda Martelle Learn how to paint a gaming miniature and take it with you! There is no charge for this event. Hey, thanks, Black Lightning Inc!
	Noon to 1PM Promenade East	Worldbuilding <i>M. Keaton, David Crampton, David Klecha, Sarah Monette</i>	This popular panel from Penguicon 4 is reprised by request. Panelists speak on the difficult tricks and traps of building a world both consistent, plausible, and still uniquely interesting in both SF and Fantasy.

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Noon to 1 PM
Promenade
West

Rip It And Stick It: Instant Costuming

*FREON, "Red" Kendra Duane,
Paul "Bart" Stevens*

A lively general instant costuming info session for the non-seamstress. The PinataRiders.org folks shoot the wind about Liquid Nails, hotmelt glue, duct tape and Great Stuff. Yes, the foam.



Noon to
12:30 PM
Lobby Balcony

Randy Milholland Signing



1 to 2 PM
Ballroom A

Open Source-style Security for the Whole Physical World

Christine Peterson, Bruce Schneier

One of the biggest problems society faces this century is the security/privacy/freedom issue. It's already being screwed up in DC, and nanotech will make this worse. The answer may be "Open Source Physical Security", that is, open-source style security principles extended to physical space. How do we do this? It's up to us to figure this out and then implement. (Who else could?)



1 to 2 PM
Ballroom C

Live Action Customizable Meta-Chess

Matt Arnold

Gird yourself with a sandwich sign, take up your polearm, and sally forth onto the checkerboard taped on the floor, in search of gold and glory! The object of this human-sized chesslike game is to capture the crowns of the Kings of both parties of chess pieces. It can be won with chess tactics, or resource management, or diplomacy. Work together to capture whoever is the current King of the opposing party. But only do that in such a way that you are set up to backstab each other for one individual to wear both crowns! Watch out, the surviving members of the other party of adventurers can take their crown back! Will the two parties of adventurers work as a team to protect their crown, or will they munchkin in an attempt to keep it for themselves? Google "chesslarp" for full instructions.



1 to 2 PM
Northfield A

RepRap.org, the 3D printer that prints another one

Sebastien Bailard

RepRap, short for Replicating Rapid-prototyper, has been called the invention that will bring down global capitalism, start a second industrial revolution and save the environment. It will make plastic, ceramic, or metal parts, and is itself made from plastic parts, so it will be able to make copies of itself like John Von Neumann's concept of a Universal Constructor. It is a three-axis robot that moves several material extruders. The RepRap build cost will be less than \$400 US for the bought-in materials, all of which have been selected to be as widely available everywhere in the world as possible. Also, the RepRap software will work on all computer platforms for free. A project leader from Toronto will give an overview of the goals and the 2008 replication target.



1 to 2 PM
Northfield B

Terse Languages

Matt Benjamin, Seth Breidbart

The word "terse" does not appear in the blog article "Succinctness is Power," by Paul Graham, but the article does speculate on what language designers can do to make programs shorter, as an intrinsic property of their language. What languages have this property? Is terseness difficult to read? Are Ruby or Perl terse or verbose? Is Haskell more terse than OCAML? Is Erlang more terse than OCAML, and less than SML--or the reverse? What makes a given language productive for which users, solving which kinds of problems?



1 to 2 PM
Northfield C

Organization for the Overwhelmed: Getting Things Done

Joe Saul, Anne KG Murphy

Getting Things Done, commonly abbreviated as GTD, rests on the principle that a person needs to move tasks out of the mind by recording them somewhere. That way, the mind is freed from the job of remembering everything that needs to be done, and can concentrate on actually performing those tasks.