ANIME NJ++

New Jersey's Home for Anime, Tokusatsu, Kaiju, & J-Cinema Fandom!

CONVENTION SCHEDULE 2026

November 13-15, 2026 | Hilton Hasbrouck Heights | Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

FRIDAY

	10A	11A	12P	1P	2P	3P	4P	5P	6P	7P	8P	9P	10P	11P
Main Events Sky Ballroom							OPENING CEREMONIES		PANEL W/ CINDY YAMAUCHI		FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES W/ FLARECORE		EXCLUSIVE FILM PREMIERE: *LADY BATTLECOP*	
Panels 1 Terrace 3			TRAIN WITH KIRITO: SAO MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCE	LET'S TALK EMBROIDERING COSPLAY W/ HEIZL	UMAI-MUSUME: UMAMUSUMESHI FROM PANEL TO PLATE	THE WORKS OF NAOKI URASAWA		THE ART AND HISTORY OF TOKUSATSU		LISTEN TO MY SONG! AN INTRODUCTION TO SYMPHOGEAR	COSPLAY FROM 1900S: BEFORE TIKTOK, WE HAD HOT GLUE & HOPE W/ AKANESAOTOMECOS		HENTAI SHOPPING IN JAPAN [18+]	
Panels 2 Terrace 2			EVANGELION, ESCAFLOWNE, COWBOY BEBOP, & MORE: A LOOK AT ANIME IN THE 90S	THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF JRPS	THE NEWLYWEEBS GAME	THE AMERICAN ANIME BUBBLE OF 2008: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED		THE ANATOMY OF ANIME		OMNISCIENT YOUR READER: KOREAN MANHWA & WEBNOVELS 101	TOTALLY SUBVERSIVE TOONS		THE 100 ANIME YOU MUST SEE BEFORE YOU DIE	
Panels 3 EMC Room 1			ZELDA: MAJORA'S MASK & OVERCOMING TRAUMA	LET'S GO!! RIDER CRASH COURSE	IT CAME FROM THE NEW MILLENNIUM: FORGOTTEN ANIME OF THE 2000S	THE FORMULA FOR LORD OF MYSTERIES: 80L LOVECRAFTIAN HORROR, 20L VICTORIAN...		BY FANS... FOR FANS			MORE THAN JUST DANGANRONPA: ENTER THE KODAKAVERSE! [18+]	ANIMEXPERTS LIVE [18+]	LOOK! OUT AT SEA! IT'S A SHIP... IT'S A GIRL... IT'S MECHA MUSUME!	
Panels 4 EMC Room 2			SHIGERU MIZUKI, THE TRUE GOD OF MANGA!	PERSONA 4 & THE LGBTQ+	PLUS ULTRA SIZED	GENSHIKEN 2	TWEENY WITCHES	GRENADIER	PHOENIX	PHANTOM QUEST CORPS	JUNGLE DE IKOU	THE AMV MIX GUESSING GAME	SEXUAL CONQUEST [18+]	EXPRESS TRAIN TO ECSTASY [18+]	RAUNCHY ROAD TO REDEMPTIONS & SEXY DAZE, NAUGHTY KNIGHTS [18+]
Video Gaming			GUILTY GEAR STRIVE TOURNAMENT		FATAL FURY CITY OF THE WOLVES TOURNAMENT			AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER TOURNAMENT						
Tabletop Gaming			HOLOLIVE (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENT			ONE PIECE (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENT			POKEMON (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENT					
Cosplay HQ						MEETUP: MY HERO ACADEMIA	MEETUP: JUJUTSU KAISEN	MEETUP: RESEVIL/HORROR						

SATURDAY

	10A	11A	12P	1P	2P	3P	4P	5P	6P	7P	8P	9P	10P	11P
Main Events Sky Ballroom		ANIMENJ++ 2026 ANIME MUSIC VIDEOS (AMV) CONTEST		TOKUSATSU Q&A W/ JUN WATANABE		MASQUERADE PRACTICE SESSION			SATURDAY IDOL CONCERT W/ AOI MATSUYAMA		COSPLAY MASQUERADE		LADIES VS BUTLERS [18+]	YOSUGA NO SORA [18+]	FORBIDDEN LOVE CLUB [18+]
Panels 1 Terrace 3	COSPLAY ON A BUDGET: DON'T BREAK THE BANK	RAQS NERD - FUSION BELLY DANCE W/ JESSIDOESSTUFF	MENTAL HEALTH & BULLYING AT CONS	GOING TO A CONVENTION WITH A DISABILITY	HELLAVERSE TRIVIA GAME! [RECOMMENDED FOR 16+]		FROM FAN TO PROFESSIONAL W/ RY MCKEAND		OLDER THAN VHS: GEN-X RECOLLECTIONS ON THE EARLY DAYS OF AMERICAN ANIME FANDOM		WHISPER OF THE HEART - A TALE OF ART AND LOVE	DOMAN EXPANSION: MIXOLOGY		HENTAI: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY [18+]	
Panels 2 Terrace 2		THE HISTORY OF ANIME OPENING/CLOSING THEMES	OVA: THE SECRET GEM OF ANIME	BEING A BLACK CREATOR IN THE COSPLAY COMMUNITY W/ RYOKOCOS	THE BRIGHT SIDE OF COSPLAY: JOY AS A MENTAL HEALTH TOOL W/ NANAAKAONASIS	TILTING WITH PURPOSE: A PINBALL PANEL		THE HISTORY OF JAPANESE ZOMBIE CINEMA	THE WORLD OF VOICE ACTING W/ EMMA BREEZY		BAD ANIME, BAD!!		WHO AM I? ANIME EDITION		THE ANATOMY OF ANIME: AFTER DARK [18+]
Panels 3 EMC Room 1	JOJO'S PERSONA ADVENTURE	FROM PIXELS TO PEOPLE: HOW DIGITAL PETS BRING US TOGETHER	ANIME TIER LIST BONANZA		THE MIRACLE OF TRAILS: A GENERATION OF BELOVED JRPGS	A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO STEINS;GATE & SCIADV		CON SURVIVAL: HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF CONS	ANIME IN 5 WORDS OR LESS		THE BIRTH, DEATH, AND REBIRTH OF THE OVA		THE PARADOX OF STEINS;GATE'S RISE TO POPULARITY		PRESS START'S J-POP/K-POP RANDOM PLAY DJ DANCE OFF!
Panels 4 EMC Room 2		JUST SAY YES!!! POP CULTURE IMPROV 101	THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT RITA (REPULSA)	HUNDRED LINE: LAST DEFENSE SATURDAY GAME SHOW		THE WILD, WONKY WORLD OF TV COMMERCIALS		CLOAK, DAGGER, KIMONO, KATANA: SPYCRAFT & OTHER DIRTY DEEDS IN ANIMATION	WAIT, THAT'S TOUHOU?! THE BIGGEST FRANCHISE YOU ALREADY KNEW		THE PERENNIAL APPEAL OF THE LONGEST OVA IN ANIME HISTORY		INDIE ANIME		LATE-NIGHT AMV SHOWCASE [18+]
Video Gaming			SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT		STREET FIGHTER 6 TOURNAMENT				MARVEL TOKON FIGHTING SOULS TOURNAMENT						
Tabletop Gaming		POKEMON (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENT			ONE PIECE & MTG (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENTS			HOLOLIVE (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENT							
Cosplay HQ		COSPLAY MASQUERADE PRE-JUDGING		MEETUP: DEVIL MAY CRY	MEETUP: ONE PIECE		MEETUP: NARUTO								

SUNDAY

	10A	11A	12P	1P	2P	3P	4P
Main Events Sky Ballroom		STARRY IDOLS K-POP AND J-POP RANDOM PLAY DANCE!		AMV AWARDS & OVERFLOW			
Panels 1 Terrace 3	2026 MANGA RECOMMENDATIONS	EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY: WHAT JOJOS GOT RIGHT AND WRONG	SHILLING NICHE ANIMANGA YOU FORGOT ABOUT		YOU JUST ENTERED A MASQ... NOW WHAT DO YOU DO? W/ NIANYANYANCOSPLAY		CLOSING CEREMONIES & FEEDBACK SESSION
Panels 2 Terrace 2	ELEVATING YOUR COSPLAY ON A BUDGET		ANISONGS OF THE SHOWA ERA (1963-1989)		ANIMENJ++ SWAP MEET		
Panels 3 EMC Room 1		ANIME JEOPARDY	HUNDRED LINE: LAST DEFENSE SUNDAY GAME SHOW	ANIME ARMAMENTS & TOON TACTICS		THE DAY THE KIDS SAT STILL: THE HISTORY AND ONGOING LEGACY OF SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS	
Panels 4 EMC Room 2	NANA: SEVEN OF SEVEN	CODE-E	GIRL'S HIGH	RAMEN FIGHTER MIKI	MAGICAL WITCH PUNI-CHAN	VIDEO GAME STREAMING 101	GETTING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY INTO ANIME: THE DO'S AND DON'TS	
Video Gaming			TEKKEN 8 TOURNAMENT				
Tabletop Gaming		POKEMON, ONE PIECE, & HOLOLIVE (STANDARD TCG) TOURNAMENTS					
Cosplay HQ		MEETUP: GACHIAKUTA	MEETUP: FINAL FANTASY	MEETUP: BLEACH			
	COSPLAY JUDGES MASQUERADE FEEDBACK SESSION						

ROOM HOURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Exhibitors Salon A-D	12:00pm - 7:00pm	10:00am - 6:00pm	10:00am - 3:00pm
Autographs Salon E	12:00pm - 7:00pm	10:00am - 6:00pm	10:00am - 3:00pm
Video Gaming Terrace 1	12:00pm - 11:00pm	10:00am - 11:00pm	10:00am - 4:00pm
Tabletop/Arcade EMC Rooms 5/6	12:00pm - 11:00pm	10:00am - 11:00pm	10:00am - 4:00pm

18+ WRISTBAND PICKUP

You must be at least 18 years of age or older to attend any programming marked as 18+. Please present a Photo ID to the Info Desk to get your 18+ wristband prior to attending these events.

COSPLAY PROP CHECK INFO

If you have a prop, make sure to stop by Info Desk to get your prop checked by our Staff. Please review all Cosplay & Prop policies prior to bringing a prop into the convention space.

MAIN EVENTS | ATTENDEE PANELS | GUEST PANELS | VIDEO SCREENINGS | ACTIVITIES



SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - VISIT WWW.ANIMENJ.COM FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES AND FOR THE ONLINE INTERACTIVE SCHEDULE GUIDE

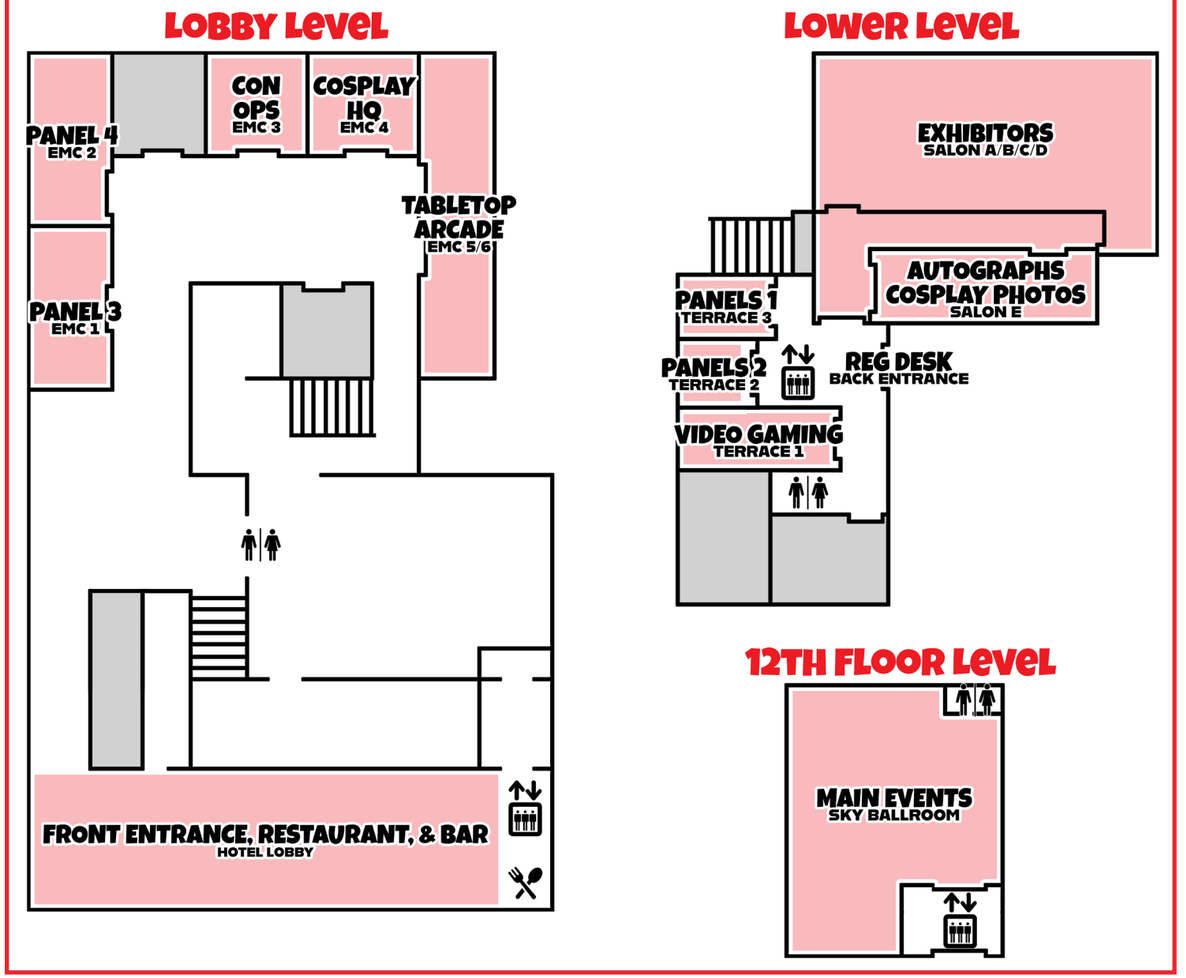
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CONVENTION CENTER MAP



JOIN US FOR NEXT YEAR!

ALREADY PLANNING YOUR COSPLAYS FOR 2027?
WELL YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG - ANIMENJ++ RETURNS SOONER THIS TIME AROUND!

JOIN US JUNE 2027 TO THE HILTON IN HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY
STAY TUNED TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AS WE GEAR UP FOR OUR 5TH YEAR

THINGS TO DO AT THE CON

NEED HELP PLANNING YOUR DAY? CHECK OUT ALL OF THESE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, & AREAS!

360 PHOTO BOOTH
PRESENTED BY BBANKS360
OUTSIDE OF GAMING

PROFESSIONAL COSPLAY PHOTOS
PRESENTED BY THE VARIANT
IN AUTOGRAPHS/COSPLAY PHOTOS

ITASHA CAR SHOW
OUTSIDE OF HOTEL BACK ENTRANCE

SWAP MEET
SUNDAY IN PANELS 4

COSPLAY JUDGE MEET & GREET
IN AUTOGRAPHS/COSPLAY PHOTOS

TABLETOP GAMING
PRESENTED BY GOTCHA GACHA
IN TABLETOP

GUEST AUTOGRAPHS WITH OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
IN AUTOGRAPHS/COSPLAY PHOTOS

INFO DESK
OUTSIDE PANEL ROOMS

COSPLAY MEETUPS
AT COSPLAY HQ

CONTENT CREATION SPACE
USE THE PATIO OUTSIDE HOTEL BACK ENTRANCE

VIDEO GAMING
PRESENTED BY ORIGIN OF PLAY
IN GAMING

IMPORT ARCADE GAMING
PRESENTED BY AEGIS GAMING
IN GAMING

MODEL KIT SHOWCASE
OUTSIDE OF EXHIBITORS

BREAKFAST & DINNER
AT LOBBY RESTAURANT

GRAB & GO SNACKS
AT LOBBY CONVENIENCE STORE

FOOD IN THE AREA GUIDE

DESTINATION	TYPE OF FOOD	DRIVE TIME	PRICES
FLUFFIES HOT CHICKEN	HOT CHICKEN	3 MINUTES	$
BONCHON	KOREAN	4 MINUTES	$
DUMPLING DOJO	ASIAN FUSION	4 MINUTES	$
CORLEONE'S PIZZERIA	PIZZA	4 MINUTES	$
HANK'S FRANKS	HOT DOGS	5 MINUTES	$
BELLA PIZZA	PIZZA	6 MINUTES	$
FISHER'S CAFE	BREAKFAST	6 MINUTES	$
OISHI SUSHI	SUSHI	6 MINUTES	$
WONDER KITCHEN	MISCELLANEOUS	6 MINUTES	$
BUN BUDDIES	BURGERS	8 MINUTES	$
OMGYRO HALAL	HALAL	10 MINUTES	$
BENSI	ITALIAN	3 MINUTES	$$
CHIT CHAT DINER	DINER	4 MINUTES	$$
IVY INN RESTAURANT	AMERICAN	4 MINUTES	$$
BJ'S RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE	AMERICAN	5 MINUTES	$$
HIMALAYA ON HEIGHTS	NEPALESE	5 MINUTES	$$
SOFIA'S MEDITERRANEAN	MEDITERRANEAN	6 MINUTES	$$
ZAFFRON BLOOM	PERSIAN	6 MINUTES	$$
THE HEIGHTS BAR & GRILL	AMERICAN	7 MINUTES	$$
SUMMER & AUTUMN CAFE	BREAKFAST	8 MINUTES	$$
LLAMA SAM	PERUVIAN	6 MINUTES	$$$
KPOT KOREAN BBQ	KOREAN	7 MINUTES	$$$
NOCHES DE COLOMBIA	COLUMBIAN	9 MINUTES	$$$

WE ADVISE ALL ATTENDEES TO NOT WALK TO ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS - PLEASE ORDER ONLINE OR DRIVE
IF YOU NEED SOMETHING WALKABLE - THE 7-ELEVEN NEXT DOOR IS A GREAT SPOT TO GO FOR QUICK BITES, SNACKS, AND DRINKS