

SWAMPCON

# GIRQUE DU GATOR



OFFICIAL CONVENTION GUIDEBOOK





# MERCHANDISE

# WELCOME

## SATURDAY

REGISTRATION | OPEN **9:30 AM**  
CONVENTION | ENDS **11:00 PM**

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**SwampCon** is a free, multi-genre convention hosted by University of Florida students at the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union. For over ten years, members of the Gator Anime club have volunteered their time and talents to present this event, which celebrates **Japanese arts and fashion, gaming, pop culture, cosplay,** and **performance arts** across fandoms.

This convention is **family-friendly** and open to everybody—whether you're a student, a Gainesville local, or from half-way across the world. We are staunchly **LGBT-friendly,** and

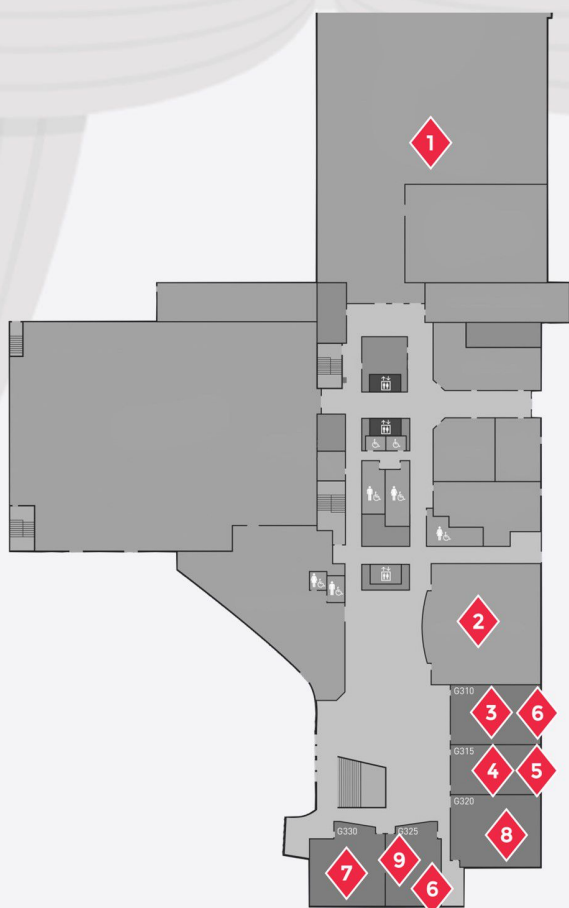
welcome people of all **ages, races, cultures, beliefs,** and **genders.** We do not tolerate bigotry, and in order to protect the minors at our event, we have strict policies regarding explicit and otherwise NSFW content. Additionally, we comply with all University of Florida policies.



**We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to making this weekend possible. Please note that the following list is in no particular order.**

*SwampCon 2024 Coordinators, Volunteers, Design Team members, Drew Baker, Tara Siler, Sarah Aranda, Justine Tyron, Guests and Lecturers, Panelists, Artists, Vendors, Judges, Maid Cafe performers, Gator HvZ and Thieves Guild, InfinityVR, Drag Show performers, Vocaloid, Theatre Strike Force, Next Stage and Paradox Live Idol performers, Cospoi performers, UF Taekwondo Club, Omega Phi Alpha, and most importantly, you!*

# GROUND FLOOR



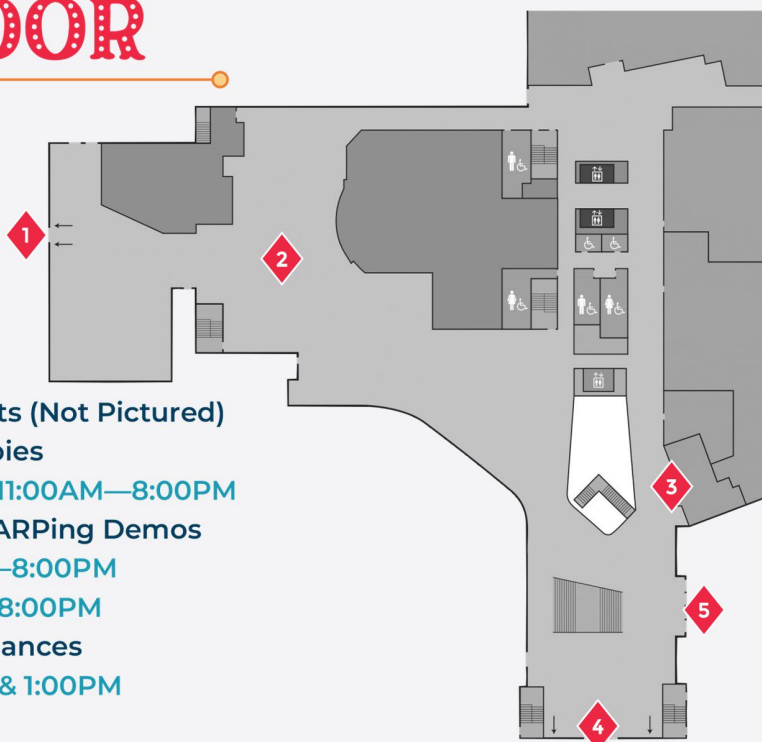
- 1) Registration (Breezeway)
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday begins 9:30 AM
- 2) Lecture Hall — Reitz Chamber
- 3) Guest Tabling — G310
  - ◇ Saturday 12:00PM—5:00PM
  - ◇ Sunday 12:00PM—7:00PM
- 4) Gator Comics Escape Room — G315
  - ◇ Saturday 11:00AM—6:00PM
- 5) Infinity VR Laser Tag — G315
  - ◇ Sunday 12:00PM—5:00PM
- 6) Idol Fest Meet and Greet — G310 & G325
  - ◇ Saturday 5:30PM-7:00PM
- 7) Blood Drive — G330
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 11:00 AM—5:00PM
- 8) URGE — G320
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 11:00 AM—7:00PM
- 9) Paradox Live Tabling — G325
  - ◇ Sunday 3:30PM—5:00PM

# FIRST FLOOR

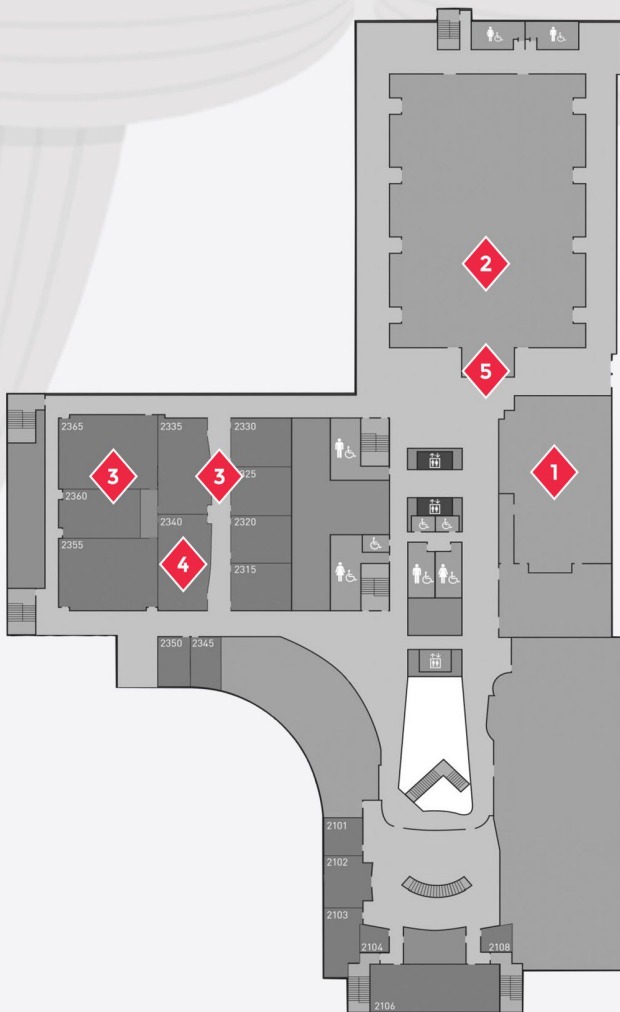
- 1) UF Bookstore
- 2) Reitz Food Court
- 3) Reitz Info Desk
- 4) Constans Theatre
- 5) Access to North Lawn

## North Lawn Outdoor Events (Not Pictured)

- 6) Gator Humans vs Zombies
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 11:00AM—8:00PM
- 7) Glenmorel Belegarth LARPing Demos
  - ◇ Saturday 2:00PM—8:00PM
  - ◇ Sunday 11:00AM—8:00PM
- 8) Thieves Gilde Performances
  - ◇ Saturday 11:00AM & 1:00PM
- 9) UF Club Tabling
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 1:00PM—5:00PM



# SECOND FLOOR



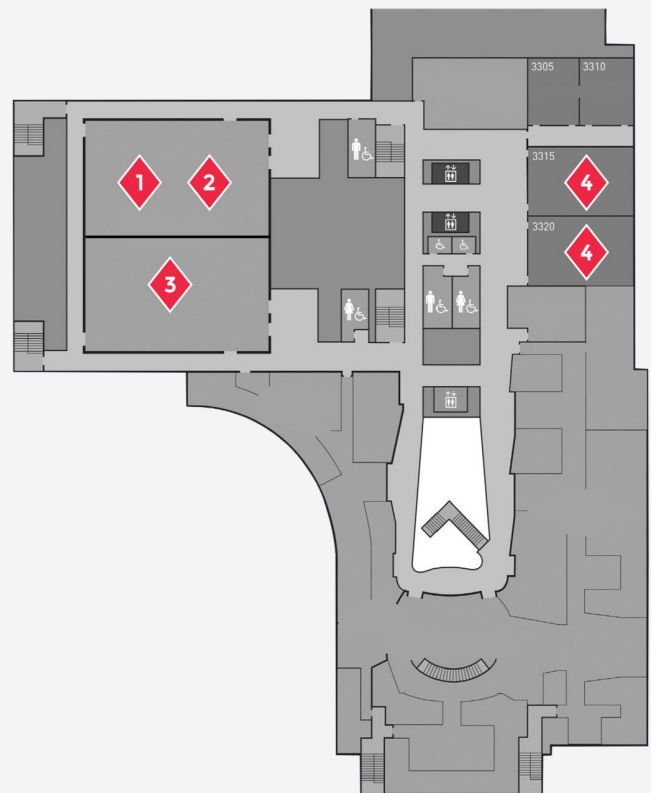
- 1) Reitz Auditorium
- 2) Main Events— Grand Ballroom
- 3) Panel Rooms — 2315-2365
- 4) Furry Round-Up — 2340
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 11:00AM—10:30PM
- 5) Swampcon Info Desk — Outside Grand Ballroom

## Fourth Floor (Not Pictured)

- 6) Tabletop Gaming — Arredondo Café
  - ◇ Saturday/Sunday 11:00AM—10:00PM

# THIRD FLOOR

- 1) Maid Café — Rion Ballroom West
  - ◇ Saturday 11:00AM—2:00PM
  - ◇ Sunday 11:00AM—1:00PM
- 2) Special Events — Rion Ballroom West
- 3) Vendor Hall — Rion Ballroom East
  - ◇ Saturday 11:00AM—8:00PM
  - ◇ Sunday 11:00AM—6:00PM
- 4) Artist Alley — 3315, 3320
  - ◇ Saturday 11:00AM—8:00PM
  - ◇ Sunday 11:00AM—6:00PM





# FEATURED GUESTS

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## Alyssa

Alyssa began her cosplay journey back in 2016, but didn't start making her own costumes until 3 years ago. From there, she quickly fell in love with the craft, and has been creating cosplay ever since. When she's not fighting the sewing machine, you can find her walking around the house singing showtunes.



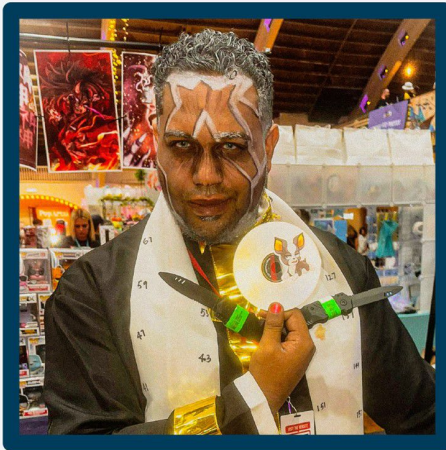
## Azazus

Meet Azazus, an American music artist who has carved a niche in the music industry with his unique Anime-Rap style. His music gained notable recognition among content creators on TikTok and Youtube in 2020. A seasoned performer, Azazus has graced stages at

numerous Anime festivals and conventions, including Anime Festival Orlando, Metrocon, and WasabiCon. In 2021, he was the most-nominated artist at the 1st Tri-County Florida Awards, where he won an award for Best Music Video.



# GUESTS (CONT.)



## Beyond the World

Beyond the World is a man of many skills, which range from Artwork to voice acting, and cosplay of course! You'll find that he is very giving in terms of advice, prizes, and will even recommend excellent sources for cosplay materials. Feel free to ask questions, take

photos, maybe see his artwork that is available. And remember,

Stay Great, Stay Powerful

## Britt Ever After

Britt Ever After who specializes in princesses is also a professional mermaid, certified freediver and character performer under her own photography & character entertainment company. When not cosplaying she loves to create apparel and accessories for her other



business Britt Renee and Co. Britt is most recognizable for her princess characters and loves putting smiles on everyone's faces. 🧡



# GUESTS (CONT.)



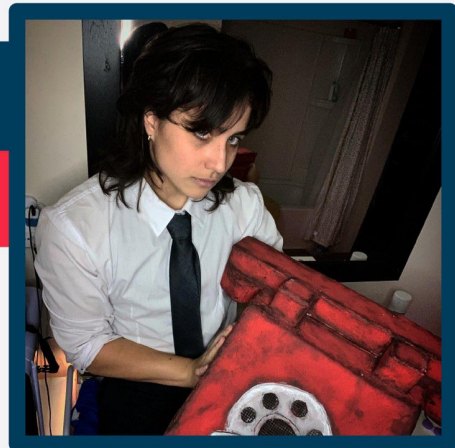
## D3K Universe

Meet D3K Universe, a vibrant and dynamic group of five creative individuals [Zu Kitty, Thee Kare Bear, Deon Durr, Azazus, and Verglas Prince] who have come together to form a unique collective that is making waves in the world of cosplay, nerdcore, and beyond. The group's

name stands for Dreams Don't Die Krew, representing their shared belief in the power of dreams and creativity. Together, they are the founders of a brand new cosplay and nerdcore party event in Gainesville called Nerd-U.

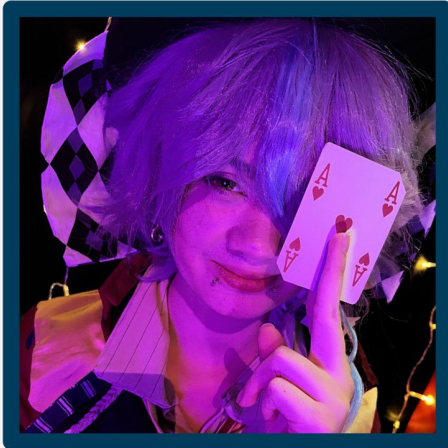
## Jaxsin

Hello! My name is Jaxsin, I'm 20 years old and I'm a Central Florida cosplayer (who primarily uses tiktok for posting content). The main fandom I cosplay from is Creepypasta! I love to do horror makeup and bring peoples' favorite characters from the old fandom to life.



I also cosplay from a lot of animes and other video game fandoms (such as FNAF, shown in the photo is my phone guy cosplay)! I've been cosplaying for about 4 years now and I primarily focus on makeup, video editing transitions, and some acting. I try to create my cosplays from scratch and with things around my closet. :)

# GUESTS (CONT.)



## Quinnamon

Hi! I'm Quinn, I'm a needlework and electronic focused cosplayer who's had the opportunity to compete in and judge a few contests. I'm based here in Gainesville and I'm social coordinator of Gator Cosplay. I enjoy balloon art and giving it out at conventions. I'm very passionate about spreading smiles and making people laugh!



## Rural Gloom

Damon Thomas grew up in a swamp. Dixie County, Florida. Here he read harsh works like Harry Crews' "A Feast of Snakes" and recognized the people. The settings. But he wasn't there. This led Damon to begin writing himself in around the edges of this genre "Rosencrantz

and Guildenstern Are Dead"-style. Short pieces on how the bookish might pass time in a Southern Gothic setting. "More Snakes Than People" lets you see Dixie County. Damon partners with a snake oil peddling Nick Dunkenstein to pair images with stories. A Rural Gloom Graphic Novel.



# GUESTS (CONT.)



## Shieru Doll

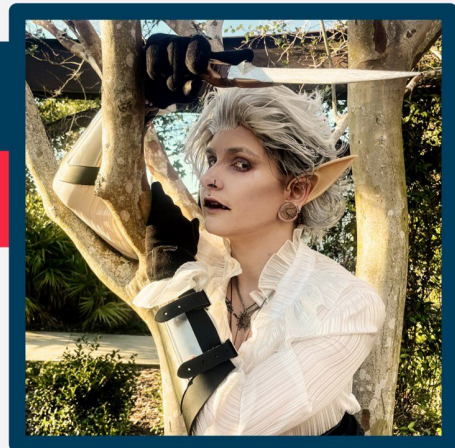
Shieru Doll, also known as Jules, is an award-winning cosplayer, character performer and seamstress based out of Central Florida. Jules has been actively cosplaying since he was very young and hand sewing their own costumes since 2011. Throughout the years they've worked

on numerous intricate cosplays from anime, video games, and fairytales, with their most notably recognized cosplay being InuYasha.

## Vesper

BlazedSirenOfficial also known as Vesper, is a local Cosplayer from Jacksonville FL. They have been cosplaying for 3 years, and are in multiple fandoms including Genshin Impact, Star Rail, Bungo Stray Dogs, Black Butler, Chainsaw Man, JJK, and many others. Vesper specializes in wig

styling, make-up (including sfx), and photography. BlazedSirenOfficial is also a gamer who enjoys various titles such as Genshin Impact, Honkai Star Rail, We Happy Few, BG3, Diablo, Borderlands, and many more. Their other hobbies include reading, karaoke, making tiktoks, and hanging with friends. This is their debut as a cosplay guest, so feel free to stop and give them a warm welcome if you see them while you're here this year!



# GUESTS (CONT.)



## InfinityVR

InfinityVR is a local company in which they bring the fun of Virtual Reality to you! They offer array of games including FPs, escape rooms and much more. Come tag along with your con gang and explore the many fun ways of VR!



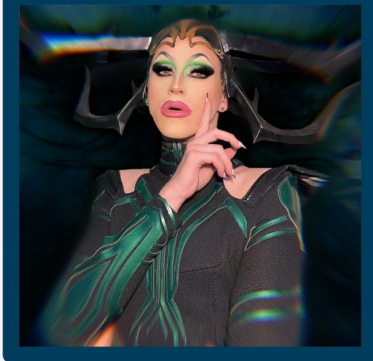
## PikaBelleChu

PikaBelleChu has been cosplaying for over 25 years, constructing over 85 cosplays through the years. Most known for Pokémon she has also cosplayed from horror, sci-fi, Disney and other Anime characters. She also appeared in numerous magazines, on tv and other social



media through the years and also in the Guinness Book of World Records for her "Chuseum" consisting now with over 23,000 Pikachus that take up residence in her home. Her "PikaBug" which you can see at numerous events including conventions, movie theater premieres, kids events and birthday parties, store appearances as well as official Pokémon events has now turned 24 years old, still making smiles on the open road. When not cosplaying she also teaches art classes and paints murals in businesses and private homes as well as taking commissions for her art and making others cosplays.

# GUESTS (CONT.)



## Nicki Mirage + Inertia

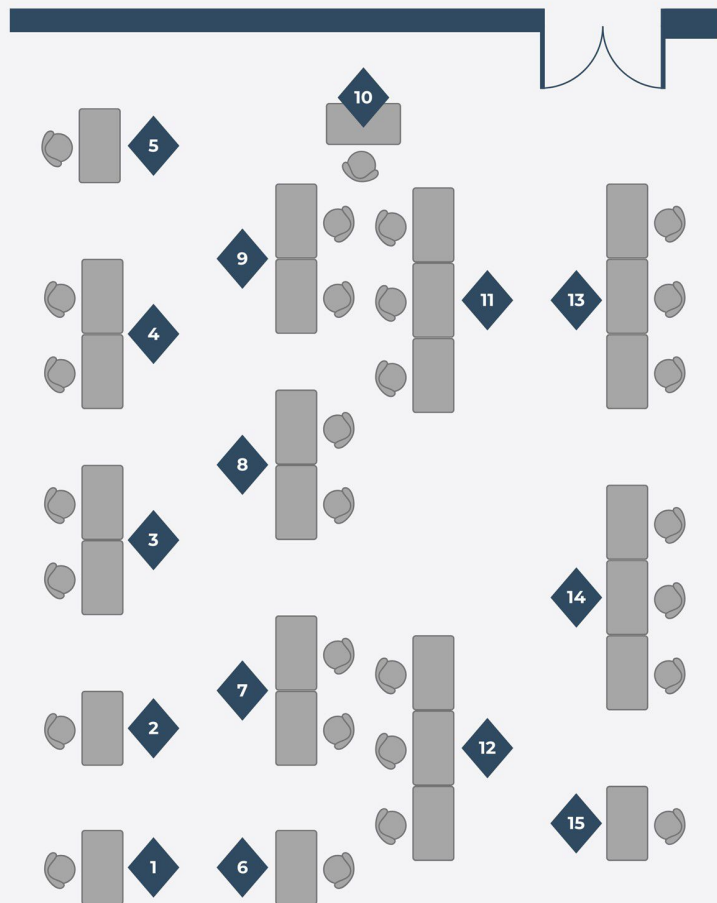
You've waited all year to come and scream for these queens, and you don't have to wait any longer! Enjoy the performances of several incredible queens with your hosts Nicki Mirage and Inertia!



# FEATURED GUESTS

## VENDOR HALL

- 1) Pop Pastel
- 2) Fayes Tiny Toes and Bows
- 3) Pride Kitty Like a Cat
- 4) PikaBelleChu
- 5) Zombie Love Squad
- 6) JPUSA Enterprises LLC
- 7) This That and the Other  
Anime and Gaming
- 8) The Venerable Viking
- 9) Juno Prints
- 10) Arcade Atlantis
- 11) Small Obsession
- 12) Bags by June
- 13) Lazy Nerd Designs
- 14) Peachade
- 15) Wills Woodworking

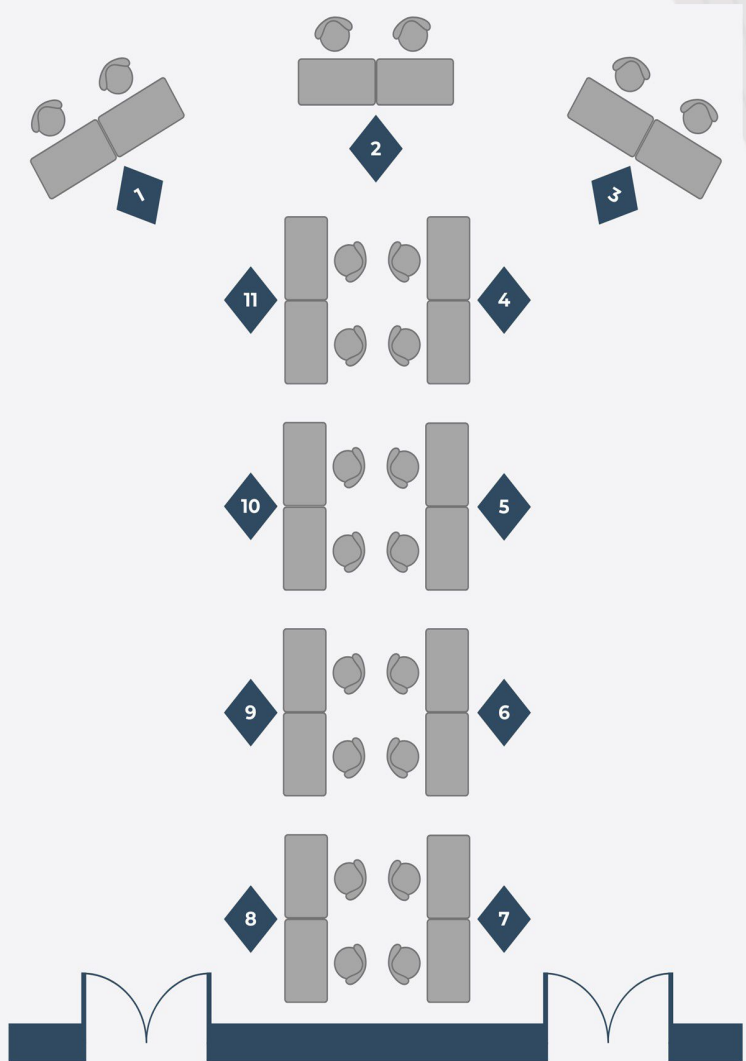


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## ARTIST ALLEY

### Room 3320

- 1) Hiyomii LLC
- 2) Westwind Artistry
- 3) Star Sketch
- 4) Lalaineartgeek
- 5) JupiterAart
- 6) Felis Studios
- 7) Astro Logical
- 8) Witch Crafts
- 9) Kiyashire & Shockyky
- 10) Moon Snail
- 11) Anna Jano



### Room 3315

- 1) Dare to Dice
- 2) Stages of Mania
- 3) Kawaii Satori
- 4) Noodlenavi & Tashimione
- 5) Radjinja
- 6) Celchuno
- 7) Aeris the Artist
- 8) My Febronia & Mistenart
- 9) Zorina Art
- 10) Wolfpai Creations
- 11) ElectricFrank3n & Starfloatt





# PANELS

## SATURDAY

### [Nerd Culture Controversies \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2315, 11:00-12:00

We will be taking a look at the controversies and offbeat histories of My Little Pony, Nintendo, the 1989 Batman soundtrack, and more. We will count down 12 controversies in a power point presentation. Along the way, we will play audience games to test your own fandom. Join us to brush up on your geek and pop culture knowledge.

### [Hype Gurl Hangout \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 12:00-1:00

Come rank 2023 k-pop albums with us while doing a freebie swap/giveaway! We will also be providing freebies and giving away an album will supplies last. Bring freebies (if able) and your love for k-pop with you! This event is not exclusive to women.

### [Kpop Graveyard \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2315, 1:00-1:30

Come gossip with us about the lifespan of kpop groups from curses to contracts to military service. Honoring the disbanded groups and welcoming those just debuting.

### [Touhou: an Intro to Gensokyo \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 1:00-1:30

Ever wanted to know more about Touhou that vaguely mythical bullet hell series? What's a danmaku? And why are those ridiculous fumo plushes getting so popular? I Dank will give you as much info as I physically can in a fun and instructional panel meant to help newcomers get into this wonderful series of games and manga.

### [Power Ranger Pour Hour 5 \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2335, 1:00-2:00

It Panel Time! CALLING ALL POWER RANGERS FANS! Join in on the fifth year of Power Hour. Once again, we will be having a lot of fun with trivia, discussions,

and a few games for prizes. Anyone that has attended before knows we have a blast, and if you haven't, you're missing out.

### [Smathers Libraries' Reading Room \(Sci-fi, Graphic Novels, and more!\) \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 2:00-3:30

Stop by our reading room to sit down, relax, and enjoy sci-fi, graphic novels, and the likes brought to you from the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida collections! Make sure to be respectfully quiet to your fellow readers when you come on over! Additionally, if you're a UF student, you can borrow and take home any book of your choosing.

### [Star Wars Character Bracket](#)

Panel Room 2315, 3:00-3:30

Taking a bunch of different Star Wars characters and putting them on a bracket and doing a versus until only one remains!

### [Navigating the Kpop Stan World \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 3:00-4:00

A helpful guide to kpop stans everywhere! A discussion of music, the basics and brief history to kpop, what it's like to be a stan, concert know-how, cupsleeve events, and more! Join us for a free album raffle at the end!

### [Yes, Just Dance Has Lore \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2335, 3:00-4:00

Curious how a silly dancing party game has enough content to generate fanfiction? Want to know all the juicy details of Rasputin's love life? Come join someone who knows way too much about this series as they present an explanation of the entire lore of the Just Dance games, from planet-hopping demigods to every Britney Spears song shoved into one person. Yes, there is lore. There is SO MUCH lore. You may even get the chance to play some Just Dance songs with your newfound knowledge!

### [Reigen Arataka Presents: The World's First-Ever Live Exorcism Held at a Public University \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2320, 4:00-5:00

Reigen Arataka, the greatest psychic of the 21st century, demonstrates his exorcism skills for a participating live audience. Bring your salt.

### [Project Sekai Random Dance! \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 4:30-5:30

Do you love the hit rhythm game Project Sekai? Well join Central Florida idol group Showtime Up in this Project Sekai random dance! Get up and join and follow along with the dances on the screen or just feel free to watch!

### [Black Butler Q&A \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 6:30-8:00

Come ask questions, or even ask dares to your favorite black butler characters and even play games with them!

### [Ensemble Stars!! Jeopardy!!! \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2320, 7:30-8:30

How well do you know Ensemble Stars?! It's time to show your knowledge on the hit rhythm game's lore and characters! Compete to win prizes or just to learn something new! Let's enjoy an Ensemble!!

# PANELS

## SATURDAY (cont.)

### **Kpop, Save One, Drop One (G)**

Panel Room 2355, 2:00-3:00

Join for a fun game of Save One, Drop One, K-pop edition! You will be presented with a small clip of two K-pop songs and you then must choose your favorite, the one you will "save". See if you and others can rescue your favorite picks.

### **Random Play Dance Presented by Genesis Dance Crew! (G)**

Panel Room 2355, 4:00-5:00

Do you like k-pop? Do you like dancing? Genesis Dance Crew is excited to host their annual Random Dance Play! Come by and have a fun time dancing to your favorite songs and meet other people who are interested in k-pop!

### **FNAF Lore; an Introduction (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2360, 1:00-2:30

Are you a certified FNAF lore expert? No? Would you like to be? Come join me as we take a journey from humble beginnings at Fredbear's Family Diner to a futuristic Pizza plex with robots and mimics! This presentation will follow the lore of the main games chronologically, building a timeline that begins with the foundations of Henry Emily and William Afton's partnership all the way to the most recent games, even with a bit of speculation on future events. I have a feeling you'll love this presentation, but hey, that's just a theory.

### **Con-undrums: The Silly, the Strange, and the Unbelievable in Convention History (G)**

Panel Room 2360, 3:00-3:30

Let's take a deep dive into Con history; at its most absurd and worst moments, all the while including some audience interaction with a tier list going over some recent convention events!

### **Bad Fanfiction Reading (18+)**

Panel Room 2360, 5:00-6:00

Two dudes are hosting a reading of the most atrocious, raunchy, badly-written fan-fiction you've (probably) ever seen! We will select the worst of the worst fics from a curated list and have audience members act as characters while we narrate the fics, providing (hopefully)

funny quips where appropriate. Think you can handle the worst the internet has to offer?

### **The MixFits Podcast Panel 2 (18+)**

Panel Room 2360, 7:00-8:00

Come and join The MixFits for our second year at SwampCon! Like last year we will be having an completely uncensored panel recording so choose your words wisely or not (because we don't). We talk about it all from anime, movies, video games, so if you're down come rock with The MixFits!!!

### **The Art and History of Naginata (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2365, 12:00-1:00

Come learn about the naginata, the elegant medieval Japanese polearm that survives today as a martial art and sport practiced worldwide, and right here in Gainesville.

### **Sun & Moon's Startastic Talent Show: Come show off your superstar! (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2365, 2:00-3:00

A talent show hosted by my partner and I, to come and show off different talents. Such as singing, dancing, magic tricks, etc. an all-around talent show.

### **Toon-Tussle: Animation Club's Death-Battle! (PG)**

Panel Room 2365, 4:00-5:00

Ever wondered how a battle between Kirby and Peter Griffin would go down? Carl Weezer and Jotaro? UF Animation Club lets you craft a one-of-a-kind animated death battle between your OCs/fan-faves. Simply enter your character image of choice or draw them (materials provided) and watch them duke it out with another opponent on the big screen. Join us as we host the ultimate championship to determine who is the most worthy fighter!

### **How to Get a Rizztraining Order (18+)**

Panel Room 2365, 6:00-7:00

Have you ever received a weird message from a stranger on the internet? Maybe an eyebrow-raising TikTok comment? Well, this is the place to share it! We will be doing dramatic readings of some of the best (and worst) rizz attempts we've received.

### **Cirque Du Vocaloid (PG)**

Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 12:00-1:30

Come one, come all to the vivacious Cirque du Vocaloid! Prepare to feast your eyes on marvelously entertaining performers coming straight from your screens into the real world for one night only. For games, prizes, and dazzling performances, join your favorite Vocaloids (and a special guest) under the big top. We hope you enjoy the show!

### **Furries at my University? (PG-13)**

Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 3:00-4:00

From foxes to dragons, these crazy creatures come in all shapes and sizes. Stop by and say hello to learn about how nerdy conventions gave rise to the Furry Fandom! Brought to you by "The Furturnity", the unofficial organization for furries at the University of Florida!

# PANELS

## SUNDAY

### [How to Write Unforgettable Fantasy & Sci-Fi \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2315, 11:00-12:00

Learn to write incredible stories your readers will remember for years to come.

### [DK3Universe Presents: Top Ten Anime Openings Countdown](#)

Panel room 2315, 1:00-2:00

Join D3KUniverse for a thrilling countdown of the top ten anime openings. From timeless classics to recent hits, we'll rank the most impactful openings in anime history. This event, open to all anime fans, promises an exciting discussion about our favorite series and their memorable beginnings. Come share your predictions, cheer for your favorites, and discover new series. Let's see who takes the top spot at Swampcon!

### [LGBTQ Representations in Genshin Impact \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 1:00-2:00

Join Furina as she explores the different representation Hoyoverse sprinkles throughout Genshin Impact! From romance to gender, let's analyze the genshin lore and do a deep dive on the most obvious (and more mundane) LGBTQ+ representation!

### [How to Start VTubing \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2315, 3:00-4:00

Have you ever wanted to know what it takes to start vtubing? Learn from your local vtuber on the process from start to finish!

### [TCG Extravaganza! \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2320, 12:00-12:30

Got trading cards but nowhere to trade? This panel is for you! Bring any trading cards from Pokémon to Magic the Gathering to even K-pop photocards and get ready to trade in a safe environment with fellow collectors.

### [Balloon Art 101 \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2320, 2:00-3:00

Have you ever seen a clown at a birthday party or maybe even a cosplayer at a con making balloons and thought, "wow! I would love to do that!!" If so, you are fortunately in luck, as this panel will cover the basics of a few simple bal-

loon pieces that you can use to give to your fellow cosplayers or friends! Balloons will be provided at no additional cost.

### [Animania \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2320, 4:00-5:00

I made a bunch of anime characters in WWE 2k22's custom character creator. I'm going to make the computer control all of them and watch them fight. Let's see who wins.

### [From Screens to Strings- A Pop Culture Ukulele Experience \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 3:00-3:30

Have you ever been caught watching Steven Universe and thought "Dang I wish I knew how to play ukulele so I can try all these songs." Or ever heard an anime OP and thought "Hmm, what would this sound like on a completely new instrument that no one would have thought of?" Well, Ukulele Club has got you covered! In this panel we'll play a short set of songs from anime, cartoons, pop culture, and other iconic pieces of media as well as briefly talk about our experiences learning and playing the ukulele and how we mix it with our other interests. If you stick around, you may also learn how you can get involved with the club and start playing ukulele so that you too can flex your uke skills the next time your favorite OP starts playing!

### [GHQuest – a Gainesville Dungeons and Dragons Actual Play Podcast \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2325, 5:00-5:30

Talking about our favorite Actual Play shows, putting together a D&D show, equipment provided by the school.

### [Toploader Deco DIY Workshop \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 12:00-1:00

Learn to decorate toploaders for your favorite photo cards! Supplies will be included but please feel free to bring your cards.

### [Fashion & Cosplay Swap \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 2:00-3:00

Bring your unwanted clothes and cosplays to trade and gift! All clothes and accessories must be clean and free or for trade!

### [Eevee's Evolution Celebration! \(PG\)](#)

Panel Room 2330, 4:00-5:00

It's time to join the Eeveelution crew as they help Eevee decide what type she wants to become! Team up with your favorite evolution in games and trivia to help prove why your type is the best while winning adorable prizes along the way.

### [How to be Great & Powerful in Cosplay \(G\)](#)

Panel Room 2335, 11:00-11:30

Struggling to find confidence in your cosplay? Trying to find your victories within your contest losses? Maybe you feel your cosplay isn't good enough? No worries. In this panel, I'll share my experiences that have helped me maintain my inner strength and motivations to continue my journey, and we can all work together to bring about brand-new ideas and provide advice!

### [Wheel of Teyvat \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2335, 1:00-2:00

Come and try your luck as you compete with your favorite characters in hopes of winning fabulous prizes! Will you get to be the one to win big?

### [Jackbox with the Stray Dogs \(PG-13\)](#)

Panel Room 2335, 3:00-4:00

Have you ever wanted to play Jackbox with your favourite Bungo Stray Dogs characters? Now you can! Guests will be able to compete with members of the Armed Detective Agency and Port Mafia in exciting Jackbox competitions! Audience members will be able to participate in the games as contestants or as helpful audience members.

# PANELS

## SUNDAY (cont.)

### **The History of Nerdcore (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2335 5:00-5:30

Are you a fan of nerdcore? Ever wonder how DPS and Rustage got the idea to start nerdcore? Wonder how nerdcore artists have their songs in video games? Well come through the journey of nerdcore with GxG Wolf, a fellow enjoyer and a musician in the space. Afterwards, watch him perform at 8:30 PM!!

### **Sex Ed Jeopardy (18+)**

Panel Room 2335, 7:00-8:00

Welcome to 18+ Sex Ed Jeopardy! Think you know your sex-related stuff? Come show off your knowledge in this trivia game! There will be 3 teams of 5 (chosen at random from attendants) who will compete for the ultimate prize: some silly stickers and other SwampCon merch! There will be 4 categories: STDs, Anatomy, Reproduction, and Miscellaneous. Each category will have 5 questions. Come learn and have fun!

### **Improve Your Life With Cospoi (PG)**

Panel Room 2355, 2:00-3:00

As Griffin McElroy often says, play with us in this space? Join Cospoi for some theatre game fun guaranteed to IMPROV YOUR LIFE! We will do a number of interactive games that are a blast to play in or just to watch. Welcome to total newbies and experienced zip-zap-zop champions alike.

### **Swing/Line Dancing (G)**

Panel Room 2355, 4:30-6:00

Come learn various Swing moves and Line Dances! Crowd participation encouraged!

### **A Hitchhiker's Guide to the LOONVERSE (PG)**

Panel Room 2360, 11:00-12:00

The formation of LOONA stands as one of the most impressive predebut projects in K-pop. The group had an ongoing storyline known as the Loonaverse that unfolded through music videos, album descriptions, and exclusive fan gatherings. Come join if you're interested in learning more about the story from predebut to debut to last song release.

### **History of Fanfiction (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2360, 1:00-1:30

From copyright concerns to shameful hobby to publicized passion, how did fanfiction develop into the medium it is today? What is the history behind this method of fan expression?

### **Shrek Wars (18+)**

Panel Room 2365, 6:00-7:00

Come join My discussion on my 600 paged book, "Shrek Wars."

### **Bungo Stray Dogs Q&A (PG)**

Panel Room 2360, 5:00-6:30

Come join the members of the Port Mafia and Armed Detective Agency for some Q&A's, games, trivia, and even some prizes.

### **Obligatory BL Panel (18+)**

Panel Room 2360, 7:00-8:00

FELLAS! I know we all love Yaoi, but which stories stand above them all?? Stop on by my house of shame to learn all about the "in the closet" genre and get together to decide which stories live in your head rent free, and which ones you wish you could lock in the vault! Let's get together and see whose baby girl is the best!

### **Con Nightmares (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2365, 12:00-1:00

From DashCon to Rainfurrest 2015 - Join the UF Cosplay Club as we review and rank the history of conventions gone horrifically wrong!

### **The Stories Behind Bungo Stray Dogs (G)**

Panel Room 2365, 2:00-3:00

Bungo Stray Dogs is a beloved anime by many, but did you know that the characters we adore are based on real authors? Our panel, hosted by the members of the Homeless Canines BSD cosplay group, will go into a deep dive of the authors and literature that inspired the manga and anime that holds a special place in our hearts. And stick around for the end—there'll be a Kahoot where you can win prizes!

### **D3KUniverse Presents: Pose Baby! (Pose-Off Panel) (PG-13)**

Panel Room 2365, 4:00-5:00

Join D3KUniverse for a sassy and lively Pose Panel at Swampcon! Strike a pose and embody your favorite characters in this interactive event. Whether you're a seasoned cosplayer or a newbie, this is your chance to shine on the stage. Get ready to strut, dazzle, and have a blast with us. Let's bring the characters to life together!

### **I Adore Idol: Idols LIVE!**

Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 11:00-12:00

Games, prizes, and live performances! See original and cosplay acts sing and dance with audience games and participation!

### **Intro to the Furry Fandom (PG-13)**

Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1:00-2:00

Interested in learning about Furry Fandom? This panel will provide all of the basic information to get a glimpse into what this fandom is all about.

### **Pokémon Trainers Unite (G)**

Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 3:00-4:00

Join PikaBelleChu as she discusses over 25 years of the Pokémon franchise, partake in trivia with prizes and everything Pokémon!

### **Cringefest 2024 (PG-13)**

Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 5:00-6:30

That's right! Cringefest is back for another year, baby! If you aren't familiar with CringeFest, it is an event involving letting loose and being silly! Do you love song, dance, and performance but wish performance opportunities were a bit more...goofy? Well, this is the place for you! Inspired by Overseas IdolFests, CringeFest centers on idols (and non-idols!) choosing cringe/comedic songs and choreographing performance routines to them. Ever wanted to see a MineCraft Steve cosplayer dancing to YouTube MineCraft songs? What about Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie dancing to Big Time Rush songs? Us too! Join your hosts, Project MPB for another high-energy, action-packed CringeFest!

# SHOWS AND EVENTS

## SATURDAY

### Opening Ceremonies (G Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 10:30AM—11AM

Join us in opening up SwampCon's 13th year and in welcoming our new mascot!

### Maid Café (G Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 11:00AM—2:00PM

Join the SwampCon Maid Cafe for free sweet treats and dancing! Our maids and butlers serve guests in 15 minute sessions with eight people to a table.

### TGP Presents: Cirque of Danger! (PG Rating)

North Lawn / 11:00AM & 1:00PM

The wacky members of the Guild bring out their best performers but as usual they break down and wind up fighting each other instead. Stage combat and humor collide with steampunk and cirque!

### SwampCon's Idol Fest (PG Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 2:00PM—4:30PM

Join SwampCon's Idol Fest's 6th year with our largest show yet! Bring your light wands to cheer on with live music. Hosted with the generous work of Next Stage! [Light sensitivity warning for event.]

### Theatre Strike Force (PG Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 4:30PM—5:30PM

Lights! Camera! Comedy? Join the gang of theater strike force as they dazzles your eyes with sketch comedies of many forms. Allow yourself to sit back and have some laughs with the gang!

### Vocaloid: Best of SwampCon (PG Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 5:30PM—6:30PM

Join Hatsune Miku and all her friends for SwampCon's Vocaloid Concert, featuring her greatest SwampCon hits from previous years! [Light sensitivity warning for event.]

### SwampCon's Dance Contest (G Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 6:30PM—8:00PM

Join us for the third year of SwampCon's Dance Contest! Groups and soloists will compete to win in this awesome dance battle!

### SwampCon's Drag Show (PG-13 Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 8:00PM—10:30PM

You've waited all year to come and scream for these queens, and you don't have to wait any longer! Enjoy the performances of 12 incredible queens with your hosts Nicki Mirage and Inertia!

## SUNDAY

### Maid Café (G Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 11:00AM—1:00PM

Join the SwampCon Maid Cafe for free sweet treats and dancing! Our maids and butlers serve guests in 15 minute sessions with eight people to a table.

### Paradox Live! (PG-13 Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 3:30PM—5:00PM

Get ready for Paradox Live!! You won't want to miss this— This special event is hosted by Next Stage! We hope you all are ready for these idols who have been putting in the work preparing for this performance!

### Costume Contest (G Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 3:30PM—5:30PM

Show off your legendary costuming skills with SwampCon: Cirque Du Gator's Costume Contest!

### Cospoi's FANTastic Circus! (PG-13 Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 5:30PM—7:00PM

Come one, come all, to the amazing, the incredible, the one and only FANTastic circus LIVE on SwampCon's stage! Our Ringmaster has prepared a showcase concoction of fandoms new and old for your viewing pleasure! From Legend of Zelda, to Dungeons and Dragons, to My Little Pony, to Jujutsu Kaisen... Our circus has it all brought to life with poi, dance, veil fans, and MORE! Glowsticks encouraged! [Light sensitivity warning for event.]

### Lip Sync Battle (PG Rating)

Reitz Rion Ballroom West / 7:00PM—8:30PM

Join SwampCon for their 2nd annual Lip Sync Battle! In this bracket style battle 16 lucky contestants will lip sync it out to win awesome prizes!

### SwampCon Nercore Party and Anime Rap Concert (PG Rating)

Reitz Grand Ballroom / 8:30PM—10:30PM

Join us for a thrilling anime rap concert hosted by D3KUniverse, featuring Azazus and Florida's top nerdcore artists. Dive into the vibrant world of music inspired by video games, comics, and anime. of fun and friendship! Dance, connect, and enjoy an unparalleled experience of fun and friendship!

**ENJOY THE CONVENTION!**

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