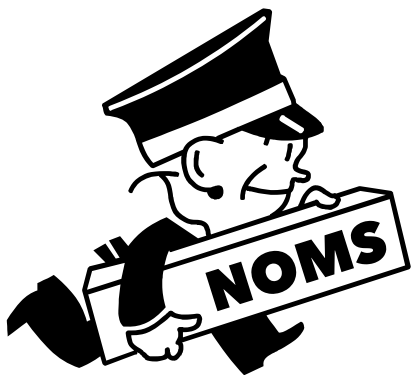


OMEGA CON

Mission Fall 2017
Operating Manual

DID YOU KNOW?

The most time consuming jobs at OmegaCon are packing up NomSweet and Roadkill's Bar!



**VOLUNTEER
for PACKOUT
CREWS**

**NOMSWEET
Sunday 11am**

WELCOME TO OMEGACON!

Welcome to the 15th year of OmegaCon! This year we blast off into space. Much flying, many aeronautics. Wow.

Enjoy a weekend of socializing and gaming with friends. We have lots to keep you busy!

REGISTRATION: BEAR DEN

Friday, 3:30pm to 10pm
Saturday, 11am to 1pm & 7-8pm
Sunday, 10am to 2pm

If during these hours there is no one behind the desk, look around for the person wearing the official OmegaCon Registration Hat. You will know it by its silliness. Paperless registration for Spring and Fall 2017 is available during the hours listed above. At anytime you can fill out and turn in your form to the drop-box at registration. If you need a reminder as to how the room reservation system works, please talk to a staff member (see the Staff & Organizers section for a list of staff).

Badges: Typical convention rules apply. Everyone must be registered and wear their OmegaCon badge at all times. Once you have registered, you can decorate (or not) your badge. Consider the purchase of a swanky OmegaCon Badge Lanyard won't you? Never fear, there is still the cheap-as-free option of the OmegaYarn Badge Retention System.

MERCHANDISE: BEAR DEN

Friday, 3:30pm to 10pm
Saturday, 11am to 1pm & 7-8pm
Sunday, 10am to 2pm

We have exciting new items available for sale; come check it out. Don't forget to try your luck with our value-priced grab bags of 'historical' merchandise.

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SUGGESTIONS

Do you have comments or suggestions? Email us! Want to help out next year, or have an idea for an activity? Of course you do, so mail info@omegacon.org!

ONLINE PRESENCE & POLICY INFORMATION

Web: www.omegacon.org

Facebook:
<http://tinyurl.com/OmegaConFacebook>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OmegaCon>

Room Cancellation Policy:
<http://www.omegacon.org/rules/#cancel>

Alcohol Policy:
<http://www.omegacon.org/rules/#alcohol>

E-Cigs & Vapers Policy:
<http://www.omegacon.org/rules/#cigs>

SAVE THE DATE!

OMEGACON SPRING 2018

Hey Space Conkiteers! Want more slack? Of course you do! Since OmegaCon Spring has been such a slackful success, we've decided to continue the cosmic praxis of doublepluslack as the ice caps of Siren melt. Please join us in April!

Where: Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren, WI

When: April 27 - 29, 2018

How much: \$35 at OmegaCon Fall 2017 or postmarked by March 15th, 2018. \$40 at the door.

OMEGACON FALL 2018

Shiny! OmegaCon Fall is the best Slack-A-Thon™ around: socialize with your 200 geekiest friends, some games, and an incredible NomSweet and Roadkill's bar to keep you going all weekend long. See you next year!

Where: Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren, WI.

When: November 9 - 11, 2018

How much: \$55 either in advance or at the door.



OMEGA CON MOVIE ROOM



For the OmegaCon movie room this year, we have selected the theme of trains! The reason for that will, we hope, become abundantly clear if you read on. If you don't, it is probably because you don't really care what we're showing in the movie room. That's fine. We don't really care either. But we have a job to sort of do and we are going to sort of do it!

Friday 4:00 PM Strangers on a Train (1951)

The weekend begins with Alfred Hitchcock's story about two strangers on a train. You probably gathered that from the title. These two men hatch a plot to...actually that's not right. Only one of them hatches a plot to...you know what? Spoilers! Just come and watch.

Friday 9:00 PM Mystery Movie!

We have no idea what this movie will be because at press time, we hadn't decided. It will be something that may or may not relate to the theme. Heck, if we don't come up with a good movie, it may not be anything at all! We'll let you know.

Friday 11:30 PM Late Night Movie: Blazing Saddles (1974)

One of Mel Brooks' best films, this movie tackles and lampoons racism in a remarkably forward fashion for the 1970's. At the same time, it manages to be shockingly homophobic! So come for the smart commentary about racism and fart jokes but stay for the appropriately named musical number "The French Mistake."

Saturday 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon: The Polar Express (2004)

Tom Hanks stars as...um...we think it's actually everyone in this animated film about a trip to the North Pole. There is a little bit of an uncanny valley at times but the story is charming and if you like Tom Hanks well...

there is a whole lot of Tom Hanks.

Saturday 1:00 PM or so Road Trip Movie

As has been the case every year of OmegaCon, there is a movie theater just a short walk away! We are going over there to watch a movie. If the new "Murder on the Orient Express" is there, that's our pick because - you know - trains. If not, we'll figure it out. Probably Thor.

Saturday 4:00 PM The General (1926)

So this is a fantastic silent film starring the incomparable Buster Keaton. It is also a movie that is all about a Confederate character. Which is problematic because the Confederacy was formed to protect slavery and we can all agree slavery was bad. So we'll take a minute or so before the movie starts to talk historical context and then let you watch it. Because it really is fantastic.

Saturday 11:30 PM Late Night Movie: Murder on the Orient Express (1974)

Whether or not you see the new version of Murder on the Orient Express in the theater this weekend, why not check out the classic original starring Albert Finney, Ingrid Bergman, Lauren Bacall, and Sean Connery? If you saw the remake, you'll already know the solution but it shouldn't matter with all these thespians just acting the shit out of everything.

Sunday 10:30 AM New Release Theater: Baby Driver

We know you all loved Wonder Woman and Spider-Man: Homecoming but this might be the best pure action film of 2017. It also features Kevin Spacey so there's that.

STAFF & ORGANIZERS

Bring these people a drink. They're not slacking enough! Also, our thanks to everyone who helped out with NomSweet and Roadkill's Bar shifts, and thanks to those who donated items.

HOTEL INFORMATION

- Ω The hotel is 100% non-smoking (including e-cigarettes) and no pets are allowed.
- Ω Mini-fridges, coffee makers, and TVs are in every room, and the hotel has free wifi!
- Ω Hotel checkout time is Sunday at 11am (unless you received late check-out, then it is 5pm).
- Ω Opt-in room cleaning is in effect again. If you need it, add your room number to the sign-up sheet (1st floor) by 9am on Saturday morning. Otherwise, you can sleep in!
- Ω Drop off dirty towels before getting a new one (drop off/pick up is on the 1st floor).
- Ω Tip your hotel staffers!

HOTEL AMENITIES

- Ω **Breakfast Nook:** The breakfast nook will be available 24 hours, and has a microwave for all to use! Complimentary continental breakfast is in the Breakfast Nook every morning from 6:30am to noon.
- Ω **Pool and Hot Tub:** Open 24 hours (Friday through Sunday).

EVENT ROOMS

GANDY DANCER

Available for board and video gaming all weekend long. Remember your Game Etiquette; respect others' property, don't spill or get the games dirty, and don't lose any of the pieces!

CoCoGaZoRS: The Color Coded Game Zone Return System. Game tables in Gandy Dancer are divided into "color zones". Color-matched sticky notes should be posted on games, the owner adding their name and badge number. This helps keep games in one general zone, and makes for fewer lost games!

BEAR DEN

Reserved for TV use (DVD games, cartoons, etc.), socializing, puzzles, reading, arts and crafts, etc.

Game Exchange: There will be a designated area for games you don't want any longer. It's a "leave a game and/or take a game" system. Please use the provided labels on your donations. If you are taking a donated game, don't forget to remove the label. Games left by the end of the weekend that no one takes home will be donated to The Lodge. Please ensure that games on normal tables do not end up here. Unless a game is yours to give, you shouldn't be adding it to the table.

SATELLITE ROOM

Located on the 2nd floor, this room is available in two-hour blocks by sign-up sheet, which is on the door. Why sign up? This room is a great place for large or loud games, podcasting, and similar pursuits.

NOMSWEET

Friday, 7:30pm to Late / Saturday, 9am to Late / Sunday, 9am to 11am: Other conventions call it ConSuite, but we call it NomSweet! If you've been to OmegaCon before, you already know this is the best room in the house: where the bathtub is full of soda-pop, the noms are sweet and plentiful, and the tots are always shiny. This year we're serving up food, food, food, and of course everyone's favorite: Shiny Time!

Volunteers: are needed to cover shifts, so please sign up on our shift board, taped up on the wall just outside NomSweet. You haven't earned your slack if you haven't done some time. Come check us out on the first floor down the hallway from the main rooms - you won't be disappointed. And remember our motto: SHINY FOOD IS GOOD FOOD!

ROADKILL'S BAR

Open when NomSweet is open:

Located inside NomSweet, Roadkill's Bar pays homage to our dearly departed Troll by serving you a dizzying array of delicious beverages. Come join us for a drink, a toast, or stop by in the morning for a mimosa or bloody mary with your breakfast.

Volunteer: Have you always wanted to be the most popular person at OmegaCon? Here's your chance to fulfill your dreams, one hour at a time. Sign up for an hour-long shift (or three) as Celebrity Bartender throughout the weekend, where you can convert the crowd to your choice of cherished cocktail.

OMEGA CON EVENTS

- Ω Outside events are weather permitting.
- Ω Events may run long due to much fun being had.
- Ω Events will not be announced (vocally) beforehand — plan accordingly.



ALL WEEKEND

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT



Back for another round! The annual Cribbage Tournament will again award the prestigious OmegaCon Traveling Trophy. Sign up on the wall of Big Bear by the end of the Snooty Reception on Friday night. Please pay close attention to the posted completion deadlines once the brackets go up! These are designed to help keep the tournament moving.

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Opens after Snooty Reception @ Gandy Dancer: Get your craft geek on! There are supplies for making hair flowers, necklaces, and magnets available, or have fun freestyling your own craft magic out of what's on the table. There are also geeky/adult coloring pages available, feel free to tear pages out and take them home. Feel free to bring your own craft supplies to add to the fun!

ROOM OF ROCK



Friday, Open after the Snooty Reception / Saturday, 6pm until late: If this room's a-rockin', no need for knockin'! Get down to some Rock Band in the Hospitality Suite upstairs and party like it's 2010. In addition to the hours above, the Room of Rock will be open whenever else Nick feels like it!

BONFIRES



Friday, 9pm @ the Fire Pit / Saturday, 9pm @ the Fire Pit: It's a pit, full of fire, marshmallows, chocolate, caramel and graham crackers. What could be better? Try some of our extra-special chocolates! This year Xpect Xtream S'moreing! People are welcome and encouraged to bring your own Xtream Ingredients!

FRIDAY-ONLY

OPENING CEREMONIES



Friday, 7pm @ Big Bear: Start your weekend off right by finding out what's going to happen! You'll spend most of the time gaming anyway, but here is where the important announcements are made.

SATURDAY-ONLY

SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS



Saturday, 8am 'til Noon @ Big Bear: Enjoy some continental breakfast & join us all morning long for nostalgic cartoons & live action fare from the 1970's through the 90's!

HANGOVER BINGO



Saturday 10am @ Gandy Dancer: Come join us for classic Bingo-hall style gaming, OmegaCon style! Meet in Gandy Dancer starting at 9:45 to get your bingo cards (one pack/person please), find a seat, and we will start calling games shortly after 10am OmegaStandardTime*. Prizes for each round. We hope to see you there!

*Organizers make no promises of timeliness, because OmegaCon.

SNOOTY RECEPTION



Friday, after Opening Ceremonies @ Gandy Dancer: A Very Merry Unbirthday to all! Join your fellow OmegaCon attendees for the slackiest Unbirthday of them all at the Friday night Snooty Reception. There will be cake! Beyond that...who knows? Come find out, and bring your Snooty Receptacle!

OMEGA RUN



Saturday, 11am, meet @ Lobby: A brisk morning run (or jog—really, whatever we can muster, as we'll probably be hungover) to the airport and back.

LAKE WALK

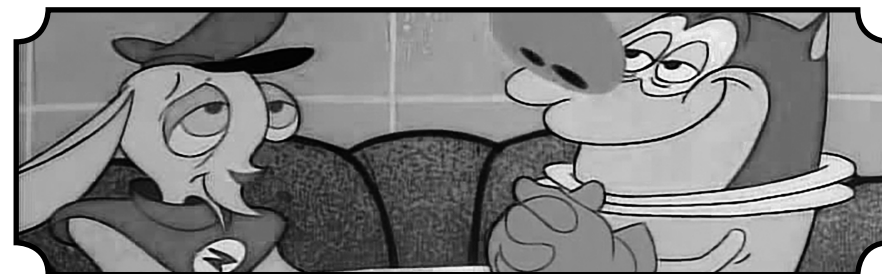


Saturday, 11:30am, meet @ Lobby: Our scenic walk around Crooked Lake takes about an hour and is a great way to get exercise. Bring your walking shoes

WEENIE ROAST



Saturday, 12:30pm @ Firepit: Hot dogs and a firepit are what make the great outdoors so great. Come join us warm by the fire and eat wonderful junk food!



Quality Time in the year 400,000,000,000