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# GRANITE STATE COMICON

**Welcome to the 2023 Granite State Comicon!** It feels like it was just a few weeks ago that we were wrapping up 2022 and here we are again! If this is your first Granite State Comicon (or Granitecon for short) we're excited you're here! Make sure to take the time to check out everything happening throughout the hotel, we literally have stuff happening in every public meeting space here at the Doubletree. If you're a returning attendee welcome back, we missed you! If you see a newbie with a bewildered look on their face feel free to chat them up and show them the ropes. With so much to see and do over the course of 3 days the event can be overwhelming.

Within this program you'll find everything you'll need to navigate Granitecon - maps, schedule of events, a list of guests (and where to find them), where to get food and more. We have an amazing lineup of guests this year from a number of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle artists, to WWE Hall of Famers to Batman artists and Power Rangers!

Make sure to stroll through Artist Alley in the Armory located on the North Side of the hotel and snag some art or discover a new comic you've never heard of. Artist Alley is jam packed with talented artists. The Armory is also home to our con within a con - Kids Con presented by our friends from Kids Con New England. If you're attending Granitecon in costume make sure to stop by the Cosplace in the Armory to have your picture taken.

Just outside the Armory you will find the Victory Condition Gaming Lounge. The Lounge was such a huge hit last year we expanded it to add more gaming awesomeness. Little bit of Granitecon trivia for ya - when we started Granitecon 21 years ago the entire con fit into the room where the Gaming Lounge is now!

Our media guests can be found in the Expo Hall located on the South Side of the building, grab an autograph, a selfie or have your picture professionally taken with our guests. The Expo Hall also features our vendors who will be selling comics, toys, games and more. There are deals and lots of cool stuff to be found.

We're very excited for this year's installment of Granitecon, we have packed so much awesomeness into the hotel and despite our best efforts we just ran out of room and had to turn people and programming away. Heck, before we even stepped foot into the hotel this weekend we have a good chunk of 2024 laid out and ready to roll out after this weekend wraps! We can't give anything away just yet but we can say that next year marks the 40th anniversary of a quartet of sewer dwelling teenagers who were born not far from here in Dover NH.

So go on out and have a great time letting your fan flag fly. Take lots of pictures and post them to your socials so all your friends can see what they missed this weekend. And make plans to be back here in September of 2024! We thank you for attending the 2023 Granite State Comicon and we hope you have a great time!

**Chris, Scott, Brett, Allen, Pat, Sarah, Crystal, Joe and the entire Granitecon Team**

*p.s. If you're one of the diehards that have been coming for all 21 years, introduce yourself to me as I'm running around. I want to give you a high five! Chris*

## HOURS

Friday 4pm - 8pm  
Saturday 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 10am - 4pm  
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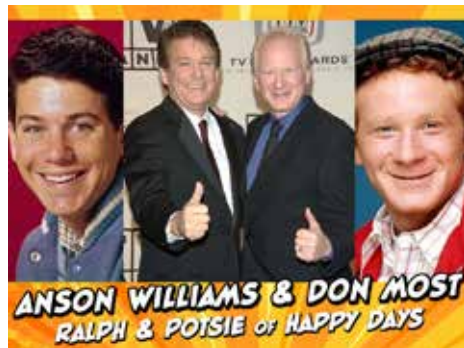
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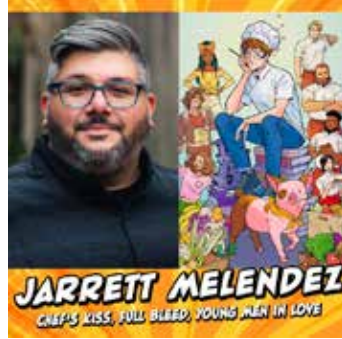
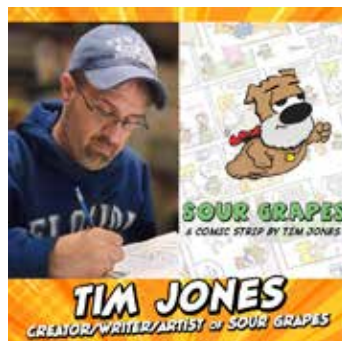
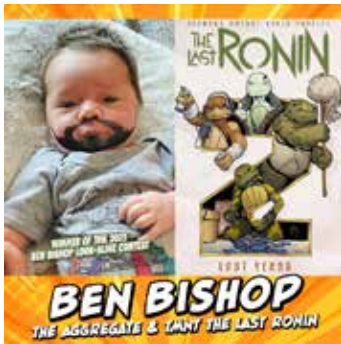
# ENTERTAINMENT GUESTS



Celebrity Photo Ops are located on the Expo Center CONCOURSE (see schedule for times)  
You can meet our guests and get autographs in the EXPO CENTER (Granitecon South)  
Attend celebrity panels in THE BALLROOMS (Granitecon North, see schedule for times)

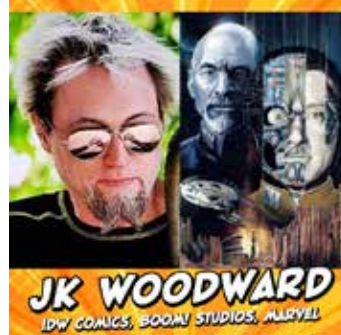
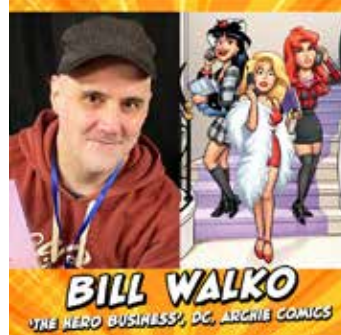


# FEATURED CREATORS





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**Sketches!  
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# GAMING GUESTS



**Find them in the Gaming Lounge (near The Armory)!**

The Granitecon Gaming Lounge is a FREE gaming area for all attendees of Granite State Comic Con!

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**Find them at Cosplace in the Armory!**

*Costume Contest Registration*

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*Cosplay Photography  
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- Activity & Drawing Tables
- Kids Creative Workshops

## MAINE GHOSTBUSTERS

The Maine Ghostbusters volunteers fundraise to support local charities, primarily supporting The Center for Grieving Children. We also support other charities and non-profits in the great state of Maine and beyond. Maine Ghostbusters is recognized as an official GHOSTCORPS franchise by Sony Pictures Entertainment.

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Find us near the **GAMING LOUNGE...**

- Interactive Displays!
- GB Props & Proton Packs!
- Bustin' Ghosts!
- Photo Ops & More!



## 501st New England Garrison & Alderaan Base

The New England Garrison and Alderaan Base are made up of local fans who own movie-quality costumes of characters from all over the Star Wars universe as seen in movies, television, and more. Together they make appearances at events across the region to help share what they love about that galaxy far, far away while helping to promote costuming, community, and charity.

Find us in the Ballroom Concourse, or patrolling the halls of Granitecon!

- Character Meet & Greet!
- Interactive Displays
- Star Wars Props
- Photo Ops & More!



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Granitecon Gaming Lounge (NORTH SIDE) • Kids Con NE (THE ARMORY)

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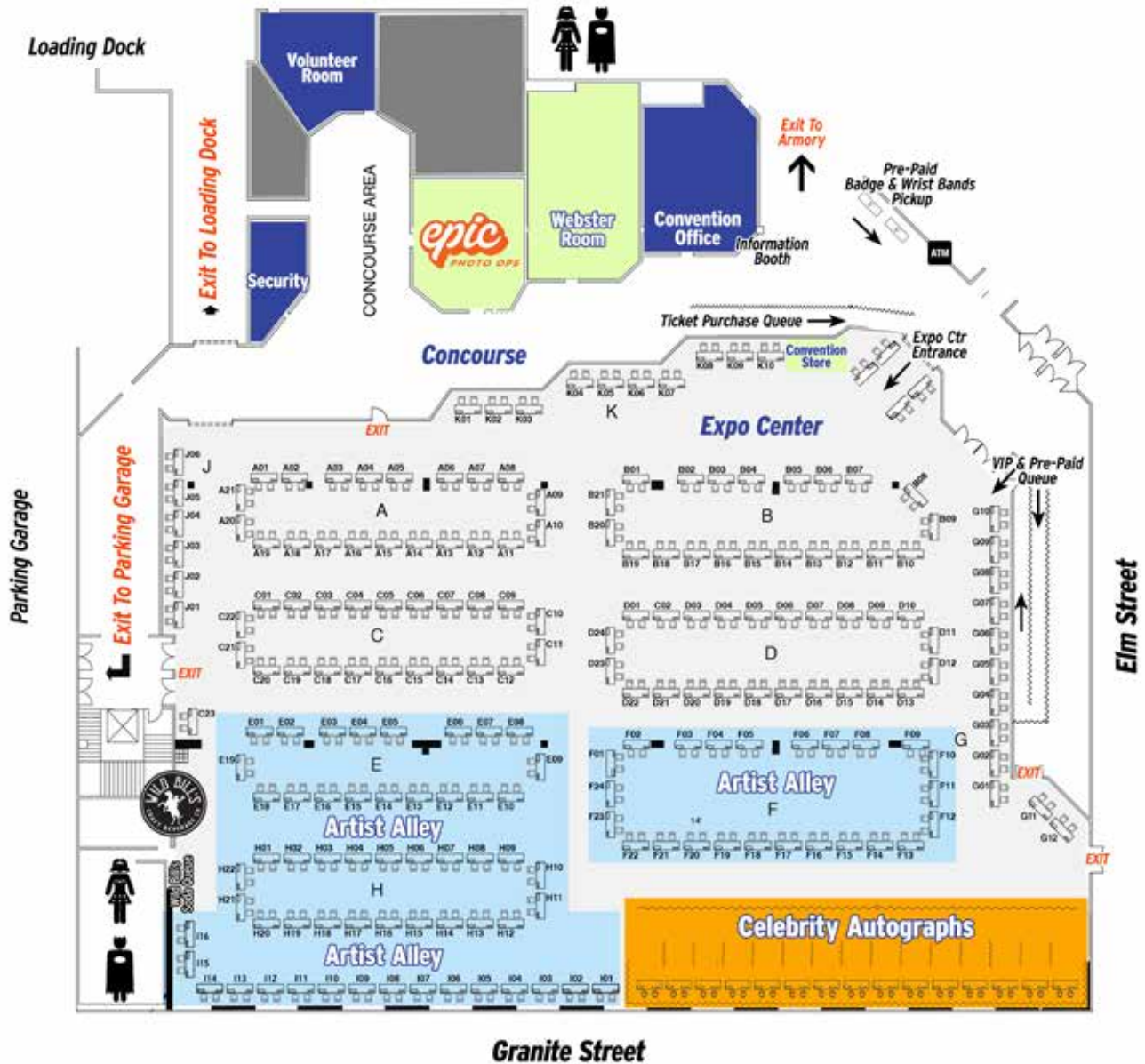
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# EXPO CENTER & CONCOURSE



## ARTISTS & VENDORS

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8-Bit Gaming.....	C4
Aaron Wood Designs .....	E1
Amanda Kahl.....	E9
Amy Fortier LLC .....	A17
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Ari.Nicole.....	E3
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Art is my Voice.....	E4
Art of Nick Lanza.....	H10, H11
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# EXPO CENTER & CONCOURSE

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**Wild Bill's Soda**  
**Celebrity Autographs**

## EXPO CENTER CONCOURSE

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## GAMING VENDORS

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**Darkmantle Dice**

**Black Moon Games**

**Free League Publishing**

**Fyre & Ashe**

**Penny for a Tale**

*All Located in the Gaming Lounge*

## ARMORY ATTRACTIONS

**Kids Con New England & Party Palace**

*presented by Kids Coin NE*

**Cosplace**

*Costume Contest Registration and More!*

*presented by Double Midnight Comics*

## ARMORY CONCOURSE & BALLROOMS

**Ticket Sales/Information**

**501st New England Garrison & Alderaan Base**

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*Official Ghostbusters Costuming Group*

**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

*presented by Victory Condition Gaming*

**Panel Room "A"**

**Panel Room "B"**



# PANELS & EVENTS

## FRIDAY

### EXPO CENTER CONCOURSE

**7:00PM - 8:00PM :: Queen City Improv** Join QCI as they perform a pop culture themed night of goofs, gaffes, and laughs  
**Webster Room**

### THE ARMORY

**4:00PM - 7:30PM :: Arts & Crafts with Kids Con New England Kids Con**

### FOUR RIVERS BALLROOM

**4:00PM - 7:30PM :: Tabletop Gaming** Open gaming, demos and learn to plays all evening.  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**5:00PM - 6:00PM :: Telestrations** in the lounge - It's Pictionary meets Telephone when the gaming guests and attendees play Telestrations! "Each player begins by sketching a TELESTRATIONS word dictated by the roll of a die. The old fashioned sand timer may limit the amount of time they get to execute their sketch, but it certainly doesn't limit creativity! Time's up! All players, all at the same time, pass their sketch to the next player, who must guess what's been drawn. Players then simultaneously pass their guess -- which hopefully matches the original word (or does it??) -- to the next player who must try to draw the word they see -- and so on."  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM :: Rivers of London** RPG demo with Matt Ryan of Chaosium  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**8:30PM - 11:30PM :: Granitemania! Official Granitecon Kickoff Party** Separate tickets are required - \$10.00. This is a 21+ Event  
**Panel Room "A"**

## SATURDAY

### EXPO CENTER CONCOURSE

**12:00PM - 12:45PM :: State of the Game** a look at some advances and declines in the tabletop gaming industry since

the Pandemic, with gaming guests: JD Kennedy, Meredith Placko, Andrew Zorowitz, Matt Ryan, Greg De Stefano  
**Webster Room**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Beginner Electronics for Costumes and Props**  
An introduction to cosplay electronics: fans, LEDs, motors, batteries, etc. Hosted by **Brian Anderson**  
**Webster Room**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: Getting Fit for Cosplay** Been trying to get yourself motivated to fight through the day in cosplay? Join guest Captain Kaycee as she discusses how you can get yourself in to the best cosplay shape to endure the full weekend in costume! Hosted by **Captain Kaycee**  
**Webster Room**

**3:00PM - 3:45PM :: Uniting The Fandom: Our love of a Galaxy Far Far Away** What makes Star Wars so great? Yes, blue milk, but there is so much more! Join the hosts of New England's own Brick City Blockade Podcast as they discuss the upcoming movies, shows, and projects from Lucasfilm, and how the fandom unites around our favorite franchise from a Galaxy Far Far Away. Hosted by **Robin Vogt**  
**Webster Room**

**4:00PM - 5:30PM :: PRESS YOUR LUCK: Granite State Comic Con Edition** "Big Bucks, No Whammies!" BBE Game Shows is back to bring you PRESS YOUR LUCK at Granite State Comic Con! Contestants, randomly selected from our LIVE audience, answer trivia questions to earn spins on a game board, where they can win prizes. Hosted by **Davira Kuy**  
**Webster Room**

### THE ARMORY

**10:00AM - 4:30PM :: Arts & Crafts with Kids Con New England Kids Con**

**10:00AM - 4:30PM :: Character Meet & Greets** with Party Palace Kids Con

**10:00AM - 4:30PM :: Face Painting** with Squirrelcat Designs Kids Con

**11:00AM - 11:35AM :: Learn To Draw Video Game Characters** Kids Con

# PANELS & EVENTS

1:00PM - 1:35PM :: Kids Coloring Contest  
Kids Con

2:00PM - 2:35PM :: Learn To Draw Disney Characters  
Kids Con

3:00PM - 3:35PM :: Learn To Draw Pokémon  
Kids Con

## FOUR RIVERS BALLROOM

10:00AM - 5:00PM :: Granitecon Gaming Lounge Open Gaming, Demos and Learn to Plays all day!  
Granitecon Gaming Lounge

10:00AM - 11:00AM :: Munchkin and Munchkins with Meredith - Join us in the gaming lounge for donut holes and coffee while also playing Munchkin against Steve Jackson Games CEO, **Meredith Placko**. Also meet some of our other gaming guests and challenge them!  
Granitecon Gaming Lounge

11:00AM - 11:45AM :: Arn and Brock Anderson Q&A - Join The Enforcer and Hall of Famer Arn Anderson and current AEW star Brock Anderson on this panel highlighting both of their careers. Hosted by **TJ Jordan**  
Panel Room "A"

11:00AM - 11:45AM :: Well, This Bites: Creating a Last of Us Cordyceps Bite - Special effects make up often seems unattainable. But it doesn't have to be. Join Molly as she walks you through a hands-on demo of creating your own cordyceps bite using tissue, liquid latex, and make up. She has used this technique to create her own Last of Us infected cosplay, as well as used similar techniques for her Gorr, zombie, and various undead cosplays. \*Materials will be provided\* Hosted by **Namaslay**  
Panel Room "B"

12:00PM - 12:45PM :: Karan Ashley Q&A- Go, Go Power Rangers! Join Karen Ashley on this panel, talking her time on Power Rangers, which celebrates 30 years this year! Hosted by **Jay Chanoine**  
Panel Room "A"

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Comic Creators  
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# PANELS & EVENTS

**12:00PM - 12:45PM :: DND: A Classic Game for the Modern Classroom** - Introducing the concept of executive function skills in neurodivergent people (such as time management, organization, task stamina, working memory, etc.) which then will lead to a discussion on various studies made and personal experiences on the benefits of DnD, particularly in regard to building the social and executive function skills of neurodivergent students. After the talk, the audience will be invited to ask questions or share their experiences. Hosted by **Rolling for Initiative**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Batman Day: The Murphyverse** - It's Batman Day and what better way to celebrate than a panel discussing the Murphyverse Batman! Join **Sean Murphy, Katana Collins, Blake Northcott** and **Clay McCormack** for this engaging panel!  
**Panel Room "A"**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Kyle Pacek Q&A** - Join NH native Kyle Pacek in this Q&A talking about his career in Hollywood and more!  
Hosted by **Jay Chanoine**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**1:00PM - 4:00PM :: Call of Cthulhu RPG "The Devil Inside"** session with **Matt Ryan** of Chaosium - Late August, 1921. Several thousand striking coal miners and their families have gathered along creek beds and streams throughout the shadowy Appalachian Mountains. In the morning they march on Logan, the capitol of West Virginia, to demand better working conditions and relief from the rapacious and cruel work policies of the coal mining companies. Almost an equal number of county police, state police, and hired private detectives assemble to stop them, their ranks bolstered by two divisions of the United States Army. Yet as deadly as the Battle of Blair Mountain becomes, a group of miners finds an even deadlier threat up in the hollows of nearby Knob Mountain, the very peak that the locals say the devil lives inside. "The Devil Inside" is a Call of Cthulhu 7th Edition game for up to six players. Pre-generated characters are provided.  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: Todd Haberkorn Q&A** - Genshin Impact, Soul Eater, Dragon Ball Z, My Hero Academia and more! Join us for a Q&A with voice actor Todd Haberkorn, as we ask questions about his career and taking audience questions! Hosted by **Jay Chanoine**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: How to Start an Action Figure Business** - Discussing how to start up an action figure business and what to expect when production starts. Hosted by **Dacre Bush**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**3:00PM - 3:45PM :: Turtle Power!** - COWABUNGA! It's TURTLE TIME as we bring back our fan favorite panel, highlighting Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! Featuring: **Ben Bishop, Steve Lavigne, Sarah Myer, Mike Rooth, Mateus Santolouco** and **Freddie Williams II**. Hosted by **Justin Cooper**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**3:00PM - 3:45PM :: Working with Unusual Material for Cosplay** - Have you wanted to learn a thing or two about how cosplayers get that particular look? Join Melanie Jasmine as she tells shows you various tips and tricks. Hosted by **Melanie Jasmine**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**4:00PM - 4:45PM :: Don Most and Anson Williams Q&A**  
Hosted by **TJ Jordan**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**4:00PM - 5:30PM :: 40 Minute Design A RPG** - Through a 40 minute group discussion, we will look at what it's like to design a game from the ground up. This panel helps the audience realize that they may have what it takes to design a game of their own by helping them think about what goes into designing a RPG. Hosted by **Doug Shute**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**5:00PM - 6:30PM :: Annual Costume Contest** - Our 14th Annual Costume Contest, featuring a variety of cosplayers competing for cash prizes! Interested in participating? Sign ups happen in our Cosplace until we're capped! Don't miss out on our biggest event of the weekend! Hosted by **Pat & Brian**  
**Panel Room "A"**

## SUNDAY

### EXPO CENTER CONCOURSE

**11:00AM - 11:45PM :: Geek Gossip LIVE!!** NH Brothers Jack & Artie Higgins host a weekly podcast discussing news in geek world, comics, movies, and the occasional guest interview! Join them for a LIVE Q&A with mystery guest comic creators!  
**Webster Room**

# PANELS & EVENTS

**12:00AM - 12:45PM :: A Look At Gaming For All Ages** - As RPGs become more accessible for everyone, it's important to remember that we all had to start somewhere. Learn how to incorporate new gamers of all ages into your games and what's needed to make a successful story. Hosted by **Doug Shute**

**Webster Room**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Padawan Training** is a special training program run by the Saber Guild Chandrila Temple; younglings learn the basics of the Force and how to handle a lightsaber. Padawan Training is geared towards younglings between the ages of 4 & 10. *Sign up in advance at the New England Star Wars Clubs Booth.*

**Webster Room**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: Costuming and Community in a Galaxy Far Far Away** Members from local chapters of Lucasfilm recognized Star Wars costuming clubs discuss what it takes to create something that looks like it just stepped off the screen, community service, building and nurturing a community of fans, and how YOU can join in the fun. Hosted by **Doug Wilder**

**Webster Room**

**3:00PM - 3:45PM :: MATCH GAME: Granite State Comic Con Edition** "Get ready to match the stars!" as BBE Game Shows bring you the classic TV game show, MATCH GAME! Contestants, randomly selected from our LIVE audience, answer fill in the blank questions; try to match a panel of guests. Hosted by **Davira Kuy**

**Webster Room**

## THE ARMORY

**10:00AM - 3:30PM :: Arts & Crafts** with Kids Con New England Kids Con

**10:00AM - 3:30PM :: Meet Superhero Characters**  
Kids Con

**10:00AM - 3:30PM :: Face Painting** with Squirrelcat Designs  
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**11:00AM - 11:35AM :: Learn To Draw Comic Characters**  
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# PANELS & EVENTS

**1:00PM - 1:35PM: Superhero Trivia Game**  
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**2:00PM - 2:35PM :: Create A Superhero Comic**  
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**3:00PM - 3:30PM :: Kids Sketch Challenge**  
**Kids Con**

## **FOUR RIVERS BALLROOM**

**10:00AM - 4:00PM :: Granitecon Gaming Lounge** Open Gaming, Demos and Learn to Plays all day!  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**10:00AM - 11:00AM :: Munchkin and Munchkins with Meredith** - Join us in the gaming lounge for donut holes and coffee while also playing Munchkin against Steve Jackson Games CEO, **Meredith Placko**. Also meet some of our other gaming guests and challenge them!  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**11:00AM - 11:45AM :: Scott Steiner Q&A** - HOLLA IF YOU HEAR ME! Join Hall of Famer and tag team and world champion, Scott Steiner, discussing his career in the wrestling business. Hosted by **TJ Jordan**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**11:00AM - 11:45AM :: Super Hero Storytime** - Join Miss Molly, a librarian by day (superhero by weekend/evenings), for an awesome, interactive singing, dancing, rollicking storytime for all ages. Together we will move, groove, and get ready to save to day through some great stories - possibly featuring some special superhero guests. Hosted by **Namaslay**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**12:00PM - 12:45PM :: Jesse T Usher Q&A** - Join us at an on-stage Q&A session with Jesse T Usher, discussing his career and more! Hosted by **Jay Chanoine**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**12:00PM - 12:45PM :: Patterning for Cosplay: 101** - Learning patterns for making your cosplay can be hard, but guest Melanie Jasmine will show you different tricks with this hands on workshop so you can learn to take your cosplay game to the next level! Hosted by **Melanie Jasmine**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Ultimate Sketch Off** - Our annual Sketch Off takes place with reigning champ Mike Rooth defending his glorious Sketch Off title against all comers! Hosted by **Tom Novak**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**1:00PM - 1:45PM :: Christina Costello Q&A** - Join New England native, Christina Costello, as she runs down this Q&A panel talking about her voice acting roles, including Collei from Genshin Impact! Hosted by **Jay Chanoine**  
**Panel Room "B"**

**1:00PM - 2:00PM :: 1st Annual GraniteCon Strike Dice Game Championship** - The game consists of an "arena" and lots of dice. The goal: be the last player who has dice. Start, one die is in the arena. The active player throws die into the arena. If both dice now show the same number, the player must take them out and end the turn. If not, the player can decide to throw in another die (possibly trying to overturn other dice) or end his/her turn. A player who holds no more dice is eliminated from the game. The last player who still has dice is the winner.  
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**1:00PM - 4:00PM :: Call of Cthulhu RPG "The Terror on the Seas"** session with **Matt Ryan** (Chaosium) - New York, New York, 1932. The 18th Amendment has locked the country in the grim grips of sobriety, temperance, and abstinence. G-men and bootleggers play a ruthless game of hide the hooch, and Joe Everyman suffers the consequences of a dry gin mill. But not so on the high seas, where Prohibition be damned and liquor runs as free as the salty breeze. You're aboard the S.S. America, ocean liner scheduled for a six-day voyage to Havana and back, all expenses paid and all the rotgut you can guzzle. What could go wrong? "The Terror on the Seas" Call of Cthulhu 7th Edition game for up to six players. Pre-generated characters are provided.  
**Granitecon Gaming Lounge**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: Billy Gunn Q&A** - He's an @#\$ Man! Join Hall of Famer and multi-time Tag Team Champion Billy Gunn as he discusses his career in both WWE and currently in AEW! Hosted by **TJ Jordan**  
**Panel Room "A"**

**2:00PM - 2:45PM :: Cosplay and Photographer's Shootout** - Returning this year - Cosplayers and photographers are paired up to strike a pose in a setting determined by the team from Nerd Caliber! The winning pair will receive passes to the Granitecon 2024. Hosted by **Gregg Snyder**  
**Panel Room "B"**

# PANELS & EVENTS

**3:00PM - 3:45PM :: Kids Costume Contest** - Don't miss our cutest cosplay event of the weekend, with our annual kids costume contest! Kids 12 and under can enter in our Cosplace to win some great prizes! Hosted by **Pat**  
Panel Room "A"

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# GRANITECON SURVIVAL GUIDE

## Do's & Don'ts

### DO THIS

- **BE FRIENDLY** - Smile, say hi! Be nice to volunteers, staff, guests, cosplayers, AND each other.
- **STAY HYDRATED** and take occasional breaks. It can be a long, hot day (or 3).
- **SHOWER & USE DEODORANT.** It's common courtesy, especially in a sea of humanity.
- **ATTEND PANELS** - from Artists, to Celebrities, to Fandoms - we have something for everyone!
- **TALK TO ARTISTS** about sketches.  
Yes, it may cost money, but you'll get a one-of-a-kind piece of art, and they love drawing for you!
- **BE RESPECTFUL** of other fandoms; at the end of the day we're all just fans.
- **ASK RED SHIRTS QUESTIONS!** They're your best bet for information and directions!
- Know where the **BATHROOMS** are (DON'T be afraid to ask).
- **STAY TO THE RIGHT** while walking through the halls and look out for our tiny fans!

### DON'T DO THAT

- Harass cosplayers, they are people just like you.
- Forget your camera; Plenty of sites to see and memories to capture.
- Monopolize a Celebrity's time! Be polite, be cool and be quick while getting autographs.
- Put your food, drink, or "stuff" on ANY artist, vendor, or celebrity tables.
- Burn yourself out trying to be everywhere—take it slow.
- Be a line-cutter; be patient & be respectful of your fellow fans.
- Leave your personal items, or purchases, behind.
- Lose your badge. Put it in the same place when you take it off.
- Stop in the middle of a crowded walkway to take photos. Move to the side or a less crowded area.
- Wear offensive t-shirts (or anything else) that make Granitecon staff ask you to leave.



## Kit

### BADGES/WRISTBANDS

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### CASH and/or CREDIT CARDS

You can't buy anything without it!

### BACKPACK/TOTE BAG

You'll want somewhere to carry your loot!

### CELL PHONE

Call a friend, take a selfie, catch an Uber!

### CAMERA

So many cool sites and costumes to see!

### HAND SANITIZER

You don't want to catch "Con Crud"!

### SHARPIE MARKERS

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122 Bridge St.  
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[nexgencomics.wordpress.com](http://nexgencomics.wordpress.com)

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