



### **Attendee Guide**

Loscon 50 Attendee Guide is a quick-reference manual summarizing everything you need to know to enjoy our convention... whether you're a seasoned "Loscon expert" an anxious first-timer, or anywhere in between. You can find more detailed information on the pages of this website.

This guide is currently being updated for the 2024 Loscon at the LAX Hilton Hotel. If you see something that is not here, please email [info@loscon.org](mailto:info@loscon.org).

### **Where and when is the next convention?**

**Loscon 50** will take place November 29 – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 West Century Blvd, just east of Los Angeles International Airport. Please note, that our convention does not start until Friday, you can register on Thursday starting at 4:00 pm in the foyer between the International and Pacific Ballroom

### **How can I purchase tickets?**

Tickets to our 2024 convention are available on the Loscon 50 website at; <https://loscon.org/registration/>

During the convention, you can register for Loscon at Registration.

### **Who are the guests at Loscon 50?**

Writer Guest of Honor: Larry Niven

Music Guest of Honor: Kathy Mar

Artist Guest of Honor: Laura Brodian Freas Beraha

Ghost Artist Guest of Honor: Frank Kelly Freas

Fan Guest of Honors: Genny Dazzy & Craig Miller

### **What do I need to bring with me to attend the convention?**

Entrance to Loscon 50 requires **photo identification**, as your ticket is assigned to your name. Your legal name on your ID must match the name on your ticket.

### **What are my options for hotel accommodations?**

**Hotel accommodations** at the LAX Hilton Hotel are open now. Here is the link:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50782265/owner/50954/home>

Please note that as of 9/8/2024, we have almost sold out of our hotel block. Our hotel liaison is working diligently to increase our block. Please stay tuned.

### **Where do I park?**

**Parking** at the LAX Hilton after Friday morning can be a huge hassle because of the number of people who attend, and because there are other events in the surrounding areas. It's often difficult to park. The Hilton lot can and will fill up quickly, but there are many options around the area. The Hilton has underground parking for self-parking and valet.

Hotel guests will get a parking pass when they check in as a Loscon 50 attendee. It is good for in-out. The cost for parking is \$20 per day for self-parking. Valet parking is \$30.00 a day.

Non-hotel guests who attend the convention and park in the Hilton parking lot need to get a Loscon 50 parking pass. Note -- these rates and parking passes only apply for parking at the Hilton LAX.

### **Other parking options for the LAX Hilton Hotel (this part is stolen from Strategicon)**

See end document

### **Why is Loscon not having a Con Suite this year?**

Yes, you heard that correctly. Due to the fact we do not have a corkage waiver with the hotel (that means we cannot bring in outside food or drink on the venue property) we cannot sponsor a con suite this year. Thank you for understanding.

### **Hotel Food Policy – (this part is stolen from Strategicon)**

No outside food or beverage items, including alcohol, are permitted in public and convention areas. This includes the hotel lobby, registration and gaming areas, meeting rooms, theater, and dealer room. If you wish to have food in any of these areas, it must be purchased from the hotel.

Any attendee, staff member or exhibitor bringing coolers, fast food bags, bottles, cases of beer or soft drinks, delivery boxes, grocery items, or other outside food into public convention areas will be directed to take it back to their hotel rooms or the third-floor Courtyard.

Convention staff must enforce the Hilton's outside food policy. The convention can and will be fined for individual infractions, so your cooperation is appreciated.

### **Do parents have to accompany children?**

Loscon 50 requires all children under 12 at our convention to be accompanied by a paid adult. Anyone who is age 18 or above should be prepared to show a photo ID.

### **How do I check-in/register at the convention?**

Registration will be located to the left of the main lobby entrance of the LAX Hilton Hotel. You will need a photo ID to register.

### **Convention Registration (Badge Pick-Up) Hours**

**Thursday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Friday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Please note, that you **must** have and wear your badge at all times to attend Loscon 50. Failure to wear your badge, after a fair warning will result in immediate removal from our convention.

**Dealer's room hours Attendee Hours**

**Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Fuzzy Pink Niven Art Show Hours**

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday Auction: 11:00 am

**Maker's Room hours**

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Toy Drive Hours**

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Costume Repair is located in the Maker's room on the second floor**

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Boardgame hours**

Starts each day of the convention at 10:00 am

**Electronic Gaming Hours**

**Friday: 10:00 am – Midnight**

**Saturday: 10:00 am – Midnight**

**Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Where is Loscon located at the LAX Hilton Hotel? Attach map**

Loscon 50 is located on the main lobby level of the Hilton, just past the Hilton check-in counters and to the left of the elevators.

**What's in the International Ballroom**

Main programming

The Fuzzy Pink Niven Art show

**What's in the Pacific Room**

Dealer's Hall

**What's in the foyer between the International Ballroom and the Pacific Ballroom are the following departments:**

Registration

Information / Volunteers

Handicapped access

Toy Drive

Loscon 51 / LACon V

Photo booth

**What's on the second floor of the Hilton?**

Programming operations – located in San Lorenzo A

Convention operations – San Lorenzo E – F / Chairman's boardroom

Office – Executive Boardroom

Here is where you can drop off Cancer hats, and items for the American Cancer Society Auction

Staff can pick up their ribbons at the office

**Do you still publish a searchable attendee list?**

Yes, we can still search for members online only.

**What is the schedule of events for the convention?**

This will be posted as soon as our schedule goes live, please stay tuned.

**If I want to see everything, when should I arrive (and leave)?**

The best time to arrive is Thursday. Believe it or not, the airport is empty on Thanksgiving Day but all the services and resources are open. The hotel restaurants are open as well. However, arriving anytime on Friday is fine. Loscon will be open starting around noon on Friday and going until around 3:00 pm on Sunday. The best time to leave is Monday. The freeways are less crowded. The airport is less crowded as well.

**I'm flying in; how do I get to the LAX Hilton?**

The Hilton courtesy van runs every 20-30 minutes, but please be advised that the shuttle can run very slowly at peak times, and has occasionally been known to bypass the higher-number terminals if it is full (usually because of airline personnel staying at the hotel). Taxis might be your best option when the airport is very busy.

**Does my badge include everything at the convention?**

**The convention itself, yes;** that is, all seven programming tracks, access to all of our daytime & evening functions, our Dealers Room, Art Show, electronic gaming/board gaming room, maker's room, and more.

**Does Loscon charge for autographs?**

No, we do not charge for autographs. However, please be respectful of your favorite authors and limit the number of books you want them to sign. Note, occasionally we get actors that do charge for their autographs. For many of them, this is how they make their living. Loscon reserves the right to allow this to happen.

**How is seating handled for the programming sessions & events?**

Seating is available on a first come first serve basis. If you need accommodation, please see handicapped access and get a sticker. We will do our best to accommodate you.

### **Can I help set up the convention?**

Interested in helping out Loscon for a few hours? We would love to have you! We need help with both our truck loading on Wednesday and unloading & setting up on Thursday. We're looking for able-bodied individuals. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Eylat Poliner, this year's Chair and she will put you in contact with our Volunteer Coordinator. Eylat can be reached at: [chair@loscon.org](mailto:chair@loscon.org).

### **What is Loscon's policy on Covid and natural/manmade disasters at this time?**

Loscon will follow the protocol of the city of Los Angeles.

### **How can I take care of myself (and others) at the convention?**

Science fiction conventions are notorious for being places where flu and cold germs spread, and the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated that over the past few years. We ask that all Loscon 50 attendees to be prepared... and be mindful of everyone attending this year's convention, by remembering the following:

- As noted above, we recommend keeping up with your **COVID-19 vaccination** and making sure you **test** before you attend. Wear a **face mask** if you feel even slightly ill, or at any time throughout the convention that you wish; we do encourage this! **This is a request and not mandatory at this time.**
- Please be sure to **wash your hands** as often as possible and use **hand sanitizer** regularly.
- Getting a **flu shot** is highly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.
- Getting a Covid vaccine is also highly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.
- **Most importantly, if you get sick, please stay home, so as not to infect others.**

Loscon 50, like any convention or large gathering, is a lot of people from all over the US as well as from other countries, in a very small and relatively confined space. While we're very welcoming to everyone, we do encourage people to consider the health and well-being of all of their fellow attendees when considering their options for attending this year... the convention appreciates it, your fellow attendees appreciate it, and we're sure the Doctor would too!

### **What's in the Dealers Room?**

Loscon 50 **Dealers Room** features everything from various licensed vendors to jewelry and handcrafted items, books, games, comics, collectibles, costumes, prop replicas, guests with their tables, and much more. Our Dealers Room is included in your admission and will be open in 2024 on Friday and Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### **What is your charity for 2024?**

Loscon 50 Charity is proud to be sponsoring the American Cancer Society. Do you knit or sew? If so, please consider donating your time to making hats for current Cancer patients undergoing treatments. Please bring your hats to the Office, called the Executive Boardroom on the second floor.

### **Can I donate to the charity auction?**

YES! Absolutely. We would appreciate your **donation**. **However, Loscon Auctioneer reserves the right**

**not to accept or put into the auction anything it feels it does not see as appropriate for our purposes.** Please bring your items to the Office, called the Executive Boardroom on the second floor.

**What kind of items can I bring to the charity auction?**

Gently used merchandise, games, toys, anything science fiction related. Please remember, that the charity auction committee has the right to not put your donated item into the charity auction.

**Can I cosplay at Loscon 50?**

ABSOLUTELY! Costumes at Loscon are welcome, encouraged, and beloved, and are welcome at nearly all convention functions at all times

**Will there be a Cosplay Contest at Loscon 50?**

Yes, there will be one. You can register near registration in the foyer between the International Ballroom and the Pacific. The Cosplay contest will be on Saturday night.

**Can I film anything at Loscon 50?**

Video recording and video streaming of our programming is NOT ALLOWED in any Loscon 50 program unless preapproved by Loscon.

**Photography and video are NOT allowed in the Art Show.**

Photography of art, models, toys, and collectibles displays may be allowed with the permission of the Art Show Coordinator and the artist; contact the Art Show Coordinator for more details.

**Cosplay is not consent to photographs.**

ALWAYS ask permission if you can photograph anyone at Loscon. Never assume it is OK.

**Alternative parking to the LAX Hilton Hotel (This part is stolen from Strategicon)**

As of 9/9/2024, we have not verified the accuracy of the prices and locations.

A [The Parking Spot - 5701 W. Century Blvd.](#) \$16.95 - \$21.95 per day. Online reservation specials.

B [Wally Park Premier Garage Parking - 9700 Bellanca Ave.](#) \$16.95 - \$20.95 per day, self-parking.

C [Sam's Parking - 5700 W, 96th St.](#) Rates vary – Online reservations.

D Airport Spectrum LAX - 5757 Century Blvd. \$9.95/day Valet, \$11.95/day self-parking.

F [Joe's Parking \(formerly All Star Parking\) - 6141 Century Blvd.](#) \$14.95 per day, self-parking. Online specials.

G [Sunrise LAX Airport Parking - 6155 W. 98th St.](#) \$10.91 - \$15.99. Special rates with online reservations.

H [Quikpark Los Angeles Airport - 9821 Vicksburg Ave.](#) \$15.35 per day, self-parking. Online discount rates.

I [Wally Park Express Parking \(former location of Valet Air-Park\) - 9600 S. Sepulveda Blvd.](#) \$14.95 per day, self-parking.

J [Park 'N Fly @ Park One - 6351 W. Century Blvd.](#) \$14.95 per day, with online booking.

K [LAX Economy Parking Lot C - 96th St. & Sepulveda Blvd.](#) \$12.00 per day.

We have been told the lot to the north of the hotel is offering daily parking for \$13.95.

Two more links that may help you decide where to park. [Airport Parking Reservations](#) is another way to book your spot in advance.

**Alternative Transport to Loscon (This part is stolen from Strategicon)**

Note, that the info below hasn't been verified in over a year.

For those willing to take a bus, there are some options.

To give you an idea of what's available, [a map of public transit routes to LAX](#).

[Culver City Bus Route 6 - Friday](#) [Culver City Bus Route 6 - Weekend/Holiday](#) (\$1.00 each way)

[Big Blue Bus - Route 3](#) (\$1.00 each way).

[Metro Fares](#) \$0.35 - \$2.45 each way depending on where or what you're coming from.

[Metro Bus Route #102](#) - South Gate, LA, Leimert Park, LAX.

[Metro Bus Route #111/311](#) - Norwalk, Bell Gardens, Bell, Huntington Park, LA, Hyde Park, Inglewood, LAX.

[Metro Bus Route #117](#) - Downey, South Gate, Watts, LA, Inglewood, LAX.

[Metro Bus Route #120](#) - Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Downey, Lynwood, Willowbrook, LA, Inglewood, El Segundo.

[Metro Bus Route #232](#) - Long Beach, Wilmington, Harbor City, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, LAX.