

## 2017 Panel Book Descriptions

### Key

P: Presentation, I: Interactive, X: 18+ Panel, G: Guest of Honor Panel, F: Fandom Panel

### Friday July 28

**AMV After Dark 18+.** LN 10:00pm-11:00pm. Programming 2. Welcome to the AMV After Dark Showcase! Here you'll find AMVs that don't necessarily fit the regular AMV contest. All attendees must be 18+ for this. AMV Department.

**AMV Awards.** 11:00am to 12:00pm. Mainstage. Presentation. Welcome to the Animelowa AMV Awards Panel 2016! Whether you entered the contest or just love AMVs, all are welcome! We have something for everyone! AMV Department.

**Animelowa Haunted House.** 2:00pm to 11:30pm. Interactive. Help Wanted: Animelowa 2017 has been overrun by the Dark Carnival! Come join in the fun with Animelowa Staff Members and the Carnival Ring Master in this Spook-tacular once in a lifetime event. Get your haunt on, Animelowa! The Dark Carnival of Pigs.

**Animelowa Presents: PSYHOSTICK as the Bearded Ladies!** 9:30pm to 11:00pm. Mainstage. Interactive. They're coming, and soon they'll be here! For one night only, it's Psychostick! That's right, Animelowa is teaming up with Psychostick to bring the scariest, most daringest, and down right hairiest show under the big top! Join us as we make The Dark Carnival of Pigs turn metal into more metal! AI Mainstage.

**Art Jam.** LN 12:30am to 2:30am. Programming 4. Interactive. Come join Fredd Gorham in a late night expression of creativity as we mingle and art! Fredd Gorham.

**Ask the Arcadia Baes.** 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Life is Strange and so is our panel. Travel to Arcadia Bay for some Q&A and trivia with Max & co. Become an "Everyday Hero" and win some prizes! Rachel.

**Beginning Gunpla: An Intro to Action Model Building.** 8:00pm to 9:00pm. Programming EXP. Interactive. An interactive discussion on building Gundam model kits. All skill levels are welcome. AI Hobbies.

**Despair After Dark: A Murder Mystery.** 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Programming 3. Interactive. A body has been discovered at Anime Iowa! Join the Super High School Level Ultimates as they try to find the murderer! Christina & Co.

**Frankensteining Patterns.** 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Mainstage. Presentation. Sometimes, the pattern you need for a costume simply doesn't exist... or doesn't come in the size you need. This panel by SnowCosplays will go into how to up-size patterns, how you can take pieces of different patterns to make your cosplay work, and how to make your costume work for your body type. Brichibi Cosplays.

**Greg Ayres: Raw and Uncensored 18+.** LN 12:30am to 1:30am. Programming 3. Join us for a raw" Q&A session with a guest who is never shy of "over sharing". Come listen to tales of true con horror (that may have actually occurred at this convention) from years past, along with some uncensored re-tellings of many stories that have had to be "softened" for a daytime audience. Please bring your ID, a sense of humor, and questions for this "no-holds barred" panel. Greg Ayres.

**Hai-Q & A.** 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. Programming 3. Interactive. An Interactive panel where you can ask your favorite Haikyuu player questions! Prizes included, come see your favorite Karasuno volleyball players! Natasha & Co.

**Haikyuu!! PJ Party.** 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Programming 4. Interactive. Come hang out with some Volleyball players as we chill in our pj's, play and few games, and get to know each other. Morgan & Co.

**Hall Cosplay.** 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Programming EXP. Interactive. Stop by to enter into our Hall Cosplay Contest! More information can be found in the Cosplay Section of the Programming Book. Cosplay Team.

**How to Exhibit at Cons.** 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Programming 3. Interactive. What supplies do I need? How much inventory should I pack? How do I keep my feet and knees from aching? These are common questions for anyone considering exhibiting at an anime show, and veteran comic book writer Russell Lissau will answer them and many more. Bring questions! Russell Lissau

**Iron Cosplay.** 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Programming 4. Interactive. Two teams battle it out in Cosplay Stadium, using only the items provided to them, to create costume masterpieces. Whose cosplay shall reign supreme?! Con Men Productions.

**LODN Panel.** 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Mainstage. Interactive. The LoDN has turned 13! Come learn about Ninja history, culture, the League itself, and how to be the best convention ninja you can be! The LODN.

**Karaoke.** LN 9:00pm to 12:00am. Programming 4. Interactive. Have an anime opening stuck in your head? Come sing it with friends old and new! AI Paneling Team.

**Mainstage: Tips & Tricks.** 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Programming 3. Is this your first contest? Not sure how Mainstage works, or looking to improve your performance? Then this panel is for you! Experienced Cosplayers will help teach you all about preparing for a Cosplay Contest, from improving your performance, to improving your craftsmanship, and even tips on keeping energy high! Cosplay Team.

**Masquerade Orientation.** 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Programming 3. Preregistered for the Mainstage Masquerade on the Animeiowa.com website? Just walking in to see what the Masquerade is all about? Come to the Mainstage Masquerade Orientation panel! Information on the event, Judging, Greenroom, and Categories will be discussed, with Judges, Staff, and Light Technicians on hand to answer any questions not covered in the panel, as well as Prejudging for preregistered contestants. Note: Preregistered Contestants MUST attend to get your prejudging done during this panel. Cosplay Team.

**Mini Festival.** LN 9:30pm-11:30pm. Programming EXP. Presentation. Any age can enter! A contest for customized dolls, figures, model kits and more. Enter, exhibit, or just come to watch. Sign up at the Events Desk. AI Hobbies.

**(Mis)adventures of a Blond Geisha.** 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Programming 4. Presentation. Culture shock is real. Join Lisle Wilkerson discuss the cultural differences between America and Japan and those wonderful culture shock stories. Lisle Wilkerson.

**NHK Tokyo Eye.** 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Programming EXP. Presentation. Lisle talks about what it was like working as one of the main reporters for NHK Tokyo Eye, while showing episodes and giving commentary as well as a Q&A. Lisle Wilkerson.

**No Means No! Self Defense for Anime Fans.** 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Mainstage. Interactive. NO means NO! Saying it is good. Enforcing it is better! Women (and men) have a right to their own personal safety, and when unpleasantness occurs it's nice to be able to protect yourself. Come learn easy, simple, but very effective techniques from Samurai Dan's over enthusiastic partner Jillian that will make your con experiences safer and more enjoyable!

**Opening Ceremonies:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Mainstage. Presentation. Join your fellow con goers and Guests of Honor as we kick off the start of Animelowa 2018! AI Staff.

**Pokemon Contest.** 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Programming EXP. Interactive. People submit one of their own Pokémons that will be judged how well it was bred. Afterwards players will compete in 1v1 battles. Prizes available. AI Contests & the IPBF.

**Show Us Your Pokeballs: A Nerdy Comedy Show 18+.** LN 12:00am to 2:00am. Programming EXP. The fan-favorite stand up comedy show involves one emcee, and three or four stand up comedians, working to bring you the funniest and nerdiest stand up show you've ever seen! This type of show is perfect for barcades, geek bars, and convention shows done in panel rooms. Show Us Your Pokeballs.

**Sponsor Cards Against Humanity 18+.** LN 10:00pm to 12:00am. Programming EXP. Want to cut loose with our awesome Guests? Come play Cards Against Humanity with our Guests of Honor!! We supply the cards, snacks, and beverages while you supply the humorous game play! 18+ Sponsors & Staff Only. Sponsor Department.

**Sponsor Meet and Greet.** 8:00pm to 10:00pm. Programming EXP. Want to cut loose with our awesome Guests? Come to the Meet and Greet our Guests of Honor! We'll provide snacks and beverages while you mingle with our Guests! All Sponsors & Staff Only. Sponsor Department.

**The Art of Storytelling in *One Piece*.** 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Mainstage. Presentation. Come join Chris Malone as we review the artwork of the *One Piece*, focusing on how Oda Eichiro uses composition and character design to tell a story. Chris Malone.

**The Big Oddity Freakshow's In Town! Friday Dance.** LN 11:30pm to 3:00am. Interactive. Do you like to dance? Join your fellow attendees and shake it on the dance floor to some awesome music provided by some fantastic DJs. DJs are Kurtz Callum, Liquid86, and DJ DRAZZ.

**The Mighty NO! 18+.** LN 10:00pm to 12:00am. Programming 3. Interactive. The enigmatic contest panel where the loser controls the board, the winner vies for the grand prize, and bizarre videos are shown. AI Contests.

**What I Learned from Samurai Warriors.** 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Programming 4. Presentation. Who says video games can't be educational?! Come take a crash course over the entire turbulent time known as the Sengoku Era of Japan! Apple!

**World War Too Soon 18+.** LN 2:00am to 3:00am. Programming 3. Presentation. Meet your favorite countries and learn a whole lot of unnecessary things about them all! William.

**Young Justice and You: The Realities of Puberty and Crime-Fighting.** 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Programming 4. Interactive. The members of Young Justice have been told to learn about how to interact with the general public. Come learn how to fight crime and puberty! Rachael & Co.

**You Don't Know Japan! 18+** 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Programming 4. Interactive. Awarded Best Late Night Panel in 2016, we are back to bring you another glimpse of Japan's bizarre, beautiful, and downright crazy side. Con Men Productions.

## **Saturday July 29**

**Cafe Ai.** Interactive. Welcome one and all to Animelowa's very own maid and butler cafe! Come enjoy a fun filled session where games are played, dances are presented and food is served. Celebrate with us by signing up for a session at the Events HQ Desk! Cafe AI Staff.

**Destination Tokyo.** 11:00am to 12:00pm. Programming 3. Presentation. Do you want to go to Tokyo? Then stop on by and join Lisle Wilkerson as she walks you through planning your trip. Lisle Wilkerson.

**Diversity In Writing.** 9:30am to 10:30am. Mainstage. Presentation. They say that if you want more diversity, you should go out and create it. However, that's just part of what needs to be done to get more representation. This panel will talk about three important elements to having more diversity in the world of fiction: creating it, representing it well, and supporting it. Russell Lissau.

**Dolls Based On Anime.** 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Programming EXP. Do you want a doll based on your favorite Anime character? Join us to learn who makes them and where to find them! We will cover dolls such as BJD, Pullip, and more. Also learn about doll conversion! AI Hobbies.

**Doll Meet & Greet.** 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Programming EXP. Interactive. Bring your dolls and join us for a casual meetup to show off your dolls and discussion. All kinds of dolls are welcome! AI Hobbies.

**Hall Cosplay.** 12:00pm to 2:30pm. Programming EXP. Drop by to enter your cosplay into our Hall Cosplay Contest! More details can be found in the Cosplay Section of the Programming Book. Cosplay Team.

**How to Join the Animelowa Staff!** 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Programming EXP. Presentation. Learn about joining the 2018 Animelowa staff. The Animelowa Exec team will cover the requirements and perks of being a staff member. AI Staff.

**Kimono 101.** 10:00pm to 11:00pm. Programming EXP. Do you love traditional Japanese clothing? Ever wanted to wear a kimono but not sure where to start? Join us in this informational panel all about Japan's most popular traditional fashionwear, the kimono. AI Hobbies.

**Iowa Pokemon Battle Frontier Challenge.** LN 11:30pm to 2:30am. Programming EXP. Interactive. Trainers will complete against the Battle Frontier Heads for the title and prizes of Frontier Master. Each Frontier Head has their own rules. AI Contests & the IPBF.

**It Get's Better: Anime Con Edition.** 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Programming 1. Interactive. The "It Gets Better" project was created in response to a string of teen suicides by kids who were bullied because they were perceived to be gay. Sadly, bullying is something that happens to one in four teens. In the past few years we've even seen an increase in bullying within fandom. Join us as we share our stories, and talk about ways we can all help and support each other and find the light at the end of the tunnel. It really does get better. Greg Ayres.

**Japanese Tea Ceremony.** 9:00am to 11:00am. Programming 1. Interactive. Experience the serenity of Chado (The Way of Tea) at an actual Urasenke Tea Ceremony. Learn the philosophy behind this centuries-old tradition. Jeff.

**Judging Feedback.** LN 11:30pm-12:30am. Programming 2. Did you participate in the Cosplay Masquerade? Join fellow participants and receive feedback from the contest. Cosplay Department.

**Kangaroo Saibansho 3: Merry Sue-ing in the Court.** LN 10:30pm to 11:30pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Improv meets debate for these anime and gaming lawsuits! It's time to get civil as the unfair court returns again for even greater (in)justice! Douglas.

**Karaoke.** LN 11:00pm to 3:00am. Programming 3. Interactive. Love to sing? So do we! Come join fellow congoers and sing your favorite songs. AI Paneling Team.

**Karaoke Reverse!** 9:30pm to 11:00pm. Programming 4. Interactive. This contest is not about who has the best singing voice, but who can hold the best performance! Contestants chose one of seven songs to perform for the chance to win awesome prizes while having fun with friends. Entries are not judged on their singing, but on the performance they put on! Back for year three with bigger and better prizes for all! AI Paneling Team.

**Lolita Fashion 101: An Introduction.** 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Programming 3. Presentation. An introductory presentation on the popular Japanese Street Fashion known as Lolita. We cover the basics to get you ready to dress your best. Elizabeth.

**Mainstage Orientation.** 9:00am to 10:30am. Programming 3. Registered for the Masquerade at con? Staff member wanting to be a contestant? Come to the second Orientation Panel! Information on the event, Judging, Greenroom, and Categories will be discussed, with Judges, Staff, and Light Technicians on hand to answer any questions not covered in the panel, as well as Prejudging for at con submissions and Staff. Note: If you did not attend Friday's Panel as a preregistered contestant you MUST attend this panel. Cosplay Team.

**MGS: A Tactical Discussion.** 10:30am to 11:30am. Programming 2. Presentation. This will be a general discussion of all things Metal Gear, along with a Q&A segment, news revolving around the game series, history, and cosplay. Brandon & Co.

**Party Until Dawn.** 9:00am to 10:00am. Programming EXP. Interactive. They all live! The characters from Until Dawn have survived the night and are ready to party! Join us for skits, games, and q&a. The choice is yours. Rachel.

**Panelist Party.** 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Programming EXP. Interactive. Come join the Animelowa Panelist team for food and fun, meet your fellow panelist and make some friends. Paneling Team.

**Panelstuck: After Us.** 10:30am to 11:30am. Programming EXP. Presentation. Welcome to the world of Homestuck, where the game of "Sburb" rules everything. Come join us for an hour of fun, games, and tons of Homestuck cosplays! JoLee & Co.

**Q&A at the local Boar Hat.** 9:00am to 10:00am. Programming 2. Interactive. Welcome to the Boar Hat! Traveling home of the Seven Deadly Sins! We'll be answering all the questions we can about the anime, in character of course! Shasta & Co.

**Right Stuf Anime.** 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Programming 2. Interactive. Join us at the Right Stuf Anime/Nozomi Entertainment industry panel for the latest Right Stuf News, upcoming Nozomi releases, brand new Gundam updates, contests, prizes, and MORE! Right Stuf Anime/Nozomi Entertainment.

**Samurai Stage Show.** 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Back Patio. Presentation. Come and join Samurai Dan and Jillian on the Patio for an outdoor demonstration of their fantastic weaponry. You won't be disappointed! Samurai Dan & Jillian.

**Sewing Plushies.** 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Programming 4. Interactive. If you like crafts, cosplay, or anything kawaii, join us and learn how to design and sew your own plush dolls. No skills required! Becky.

**Show Us Your Pokeballs: The Improv Experience.** 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Programming 4. Interactive. The comedians of SUYP bring you an exciting 1-2 hour improv show featuring games entirely based in geek-culture and convention themes! This show is a perfect all-ages friendly alternative to the stand up comedy show, which is 18+. Show Us Your Pokeballs.

**Signing Session A.** 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Programming 1. Interactive. Love our Guests of Honor? Come and get an autograph! Session A Guests of Honor include Greg Ayres, Russell Lissau, Samurai Dan & Jillian and Steve Bennett.

**Storyboarding and Animatics for Animation.** 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Programming 2. Presentation. Join in on this intro and demonstration with Chris Malone using Photoshop and Flash to produce storyboards for animations. Chris Malone.

**Thank You For Waking Me Up!** 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Programming 2. Presentation. If you know it, you sang it! YuYu Hakusho is classic, fists flying in complete disregard of time. Join for fun facts, debates, and showin' the love. Stephanie.

**That Hentai Panel: A Dramatic Reading 18+.** LN 1:00am to 2:30am. Programming 2. Presentation. After a few years away we return with a greatest hits dramatic reading of our personal favorite Visual Novel Fate/Stay Night. Elizabeth & Co.

**The Anime Game Show Explosion!** 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Mainstage. Interactive. The AGSE! is back to bring you the latest and greatest in trivia, shenanigans, awesome anime swag, and (as always) a ridiculous amount of pocky!! Con Men Productions.

**The Great Debate.** 6:30pm to 9:00pm Programming 4. Interactive. Back again for another awesome year! Join us at our great debate, where any argument can be made valid. AI Staff.

**The Writing Life.** 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Programming EXP. Presentation. Guest of honor Russell Lissau will talk about what it takes to make it as a professional writer, from scheduling writing sessions to promoting your work online and at conventions. Russell Lissau.

**Traditional Japanese Archery (Kyudo).** 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Programming 3. Presentation. Watch a shooting demonstration of the Japanese yumi, one of the oldest longbows in the world. Old and new traditions combine in this martial art. And join us afterwards on the back patio for a live demonstration! Nick & Co.

**Trance Under the Big Top! Saturday Dance.** LN 11:00pm to 3:00am. Mainstage. Interactive. Come and dance the night away with your Guest of Honor and DJ Greg Ayres.

**Yuri on Ice: Truth or Dare?**. 11:30am to 12:30pm. Programming 1. Interactive. Come ask or dare your favorite skaters anything your heart desires! We will also have a dance competition (with prizes)! Hailey & Co.

**Zumba with Oikawa**. 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Q: How does Aoba Johsai stay so fit? A: Zumba with their captain, the Great Dancing King! Join Oikawa with a dance workout to kpop songs! Bring water! Olivia.

## **Sunday July 30**

**Animelowa Swap Meet**. 9:00am to 11:00am. Programming 3. Interactive. Have you ever had merchandise that you bought on a whim but no longer want? Bring your unwanted loot to the Swap Meet and swap your goodies with fellow attendees. Remember, this is an item exchange only! AI Paneling Team.

**Attack On The Q&A**. 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Mainstage. Interactive. Attack On The Q&A is a PG-13 panel that will bring some of your favorite characters to life. They will answer your questions and play games with you! Katri & Co.

**Charity Auction**. 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Come join in and Auction for awesome swag where all proceeds benefit charity! AI Charities.

**Cel Painting**. 9:30am to 12:00pm. Programming 4. Interactive. Join our special guest Steve Bennett as he demonstrates the beautiful art of cel paints. Steve Bennett.

**Closing Ceremonies**: 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Mainstage. Interactive. Join your fellow attendees as we relive our favorite moments from the weekend and close out Animelowa 2017. Did someone say prizes? AI Staff.

**Forum Meet & Greet**. 11:30am to 12:30pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Curious who Forum members really are? How to use the Forum? Join us for introductions, silliness, MVB (Most Valuable Boardie) awards, and social time. AI Forum Team.

**Foundation Garments for Your Costume**. 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Programming EXP. No matter who you are, or what you are cosplaying, you can benefit from the proper foundations. Hoop Skirts, Petticoats, Binders, Wig Caps, Tights, and more! Are you crossplaying? What will you need? Does your wig keep falling off? Here is a tip! Wearing Spandex? Don't make this mistake! Join us for these tips from professional costumers. Brichibi Cosplays.

**From Cocktail to Competition, an Art Demo with Chris Malone**. 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Programming 4. Presentation. Starting with a cocktail napkin, Chris Malone demonstrates how a small sketch can turn into a large and finished illustration with Photoshop and Manga Studio. Chris Malone.

**Fullmetal Alchemist: Short Jokes and Symbolism**. 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Programming 2. Presentation. The live action movie is coming out so time to review ALL of the story that is Fullmetal Alchemist! From the manga to '03 to Brotherhood! Erin & Lydia.

**Lost In Translation.** 9:30am to 10:30am. Mainstage. Presentation. Welcome to the world of translation as we try to learn to not just translate but interpret the meanings held behind the words. Whether studying Japanese or looking to utilize your skills in the field, the error of translation lurks. Lisle Wilkerson.

**Love is an Open Forum: Acceptance In Our Communities.** 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Programming 1. Interactive. Come join us for an open discussion of acceptance in the con and cosplay communities, from body positivity to gender identity and sexual orientation, plus so much more. Raine & Vallyn

**Mindbridge Foundation.** 11:30am to 13:20pm Programming EXP. Mindbridges Annual AI Meeting. Ever been interested in the organization behind Animelowa? Feel free to stop by and see what it's all about! AI Staff.

**Ouran Summer Extravaganza!** 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Programming 2. Interactive. The members of Ouran Host Club welcome you to their summer extravaganza. Where all we want is to put a smile on your face with truths or dares. Honeycake Production

**Pokemon Tournament.** 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Programming 3. Interactive. Players will compete in a single elimination tournament. No legendaries. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. AI Contest & the IPBF.

**Poppin Cook Off!** 10:00am to 11:30am. Programming 2. Use your skills and personal flair to compete to have the best Poppin Cookin dish! Our panel of judges will review based on creativity, visual appeal, and your presentation to judge your treats! Teny.

**Ready, Set, Draw!** 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Programming 4. Interactive. A Pictionary-style game in which teams will draw characters, places and things from comics, manga, movies and TV! Hosted by guest Russell Lissau! Russell Lissau.

**Sewing for Dolls: Tips and Tricks.** 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Programming EXP. Have you ever wanted to sew for your dolls but are concerned about the tiny size? Join a professional doll costumer to learn tips and tricks for sewing for dolls. No matter your sewing skills, you can make nice doll clothes!

**Signing Session B.** 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Programming 1. Interactive. Come get your autographs from our amazing 2017 Guests of Honor. In attendance will be Greg Ayres, Lisle Wilkerson, Show Us Your Pokeballs and Brichibi Cosplays.

**Sponsor Brunch.** 9:00am to 1:00pm. Programming 1. Interactive. Sponsors and staff can enjoy a leisure meal with the Animelowa Guests of honor. The Marriott will be serving their delicious all you can buffet as the Executive committee thanks both our staff and our very special Animelowa Sponsors. AI Staff.

**Swap Meet.** 9:00am to 11:00am. Programming 3. Interactive. Have you ever had that merchandise that you bought on a win but no longer want? Bring your unwanted loot to the Swap Meet and swap your goodies with fellow attendees. Remember, this is an item exchange only! Paneling Department.

**Tips and Tricks: Digital Drawing.** 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Programming 2. Presentation. Come join Fredd Gorham as he demonstrates digital drawing techniques and answered your questions. Fredd Gorham

**Your Overwatch.** 11:00am to 12:00pm. Mainstage. Interactive. The cavalry's here! Join the heroes of Overwatch in some interactive games and get the chance to ask your favorite characters some questions! Alyce.

