



August 11, 2022

All Members

Subject Line: Hugo Voting Closes Today and Other Announcements!

Hi everyone!

It's a special week, with TWO email updates from us! There's just so much happening, we couldn't fit it all in this past Monday, and we didn't want to wait until next Monday. So here we are in your inbox once again.

Today's email includes:

- Hugo voting closing today
- Reminder of COVID policy
- Chicon 8 Merchandise
- Announcing Tamora's Legends

Hugo Voting Closes today, August 11, 2022

This is your last opportunity to download the Hugo Voters Packet and to vote for this year's Awards! **All ballots must be received by TODAY 11 August 2022, 11:59 pm PDT (UTC-7).** More information on the Hugo Awards can be found on our website [here](#).

The Hugo Awards Ceremony will be held at Chicon 8 in the Grand Ballroom on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 8:00pm CST (UTC-5). Anyone attending the convention in person may attend, and the ceremony will be live streamed to the public. Full details on the live stream will be coming later in August.

Chicon 8 and Public Health

For those of you planning on attending in person, we remind you that you must follow our [COVID-19 policy](#), which mandates masks and vaccinations. We have also issued a [statement](#) regarding the current Monkeypox outbreak and are working on identifying safety precautions we will take as an event.

Chicon 8 Merchandise: Now Available

We are delighted to announce that we are now selling Chicon 8 merchandise through our Chicon 8 shop at [Redbubble](#). The current offerings feature the artwork of Ray vanTilburg and Eek!Design.

We will also have merchandise available at the convention for purchase, and will soon be producing t-shirts featuring the artwork of our Special Guests Eric Wilkerson and Gene Ha.

Announcing Tamora's Legends

Chicon 8 has partnered with Award Winning Fantasy Author Tamora Pierce to bring Tamora's Legends to this year's Worldcon!

Ms. Pierce is sponsoring VIP ACCESS for 20 kids and teens ages 10-17 to [Chicon 8: The 80th World Science Fiction Convention for the weekend of September 3rd-4th 2022!](#) Half the sponsored VIPs will be chosen from a local Chicago community organization, and half via online application and lottery.

Chosen VIPs will have full access to the convention on Saturday and Sunday, including a teen lounge, children's program, hospitality suite, special seating at all events, epic swag bags packed with geek plunder, and meet-and-greet opportunities with Chicon 8's incredible guests and panelists. These authors and artists will be more than happy to answer any questions about their books, experiences, and career paths for the curious—VIPs will have their total attention at a special breakfast hosted by Tammy on Saturday!

If you know a 10-17 year old who loves Sci-fi and Fantasy, this is their chance to apply for a truly legendary Worldcon experience at Chicon 8. While the majority of special events will exclusively benefit the 10-17 year old VIPs, general membership to the convention and breakfast will be sponsored for the parent or guardian of the VIP.

Applications are open until August 18th, with the selected VIP to be contacted by August 20th. VIP and attendees must arrange for their own transportation and accommodations. The [Chicago Worldcon Community Fund](#) may be able to assist with funding.

Please contact legends@tamora-pierce.net with any questions you may have.

[Child VIP Application Form](#) (ages 10-13)

[Teen VIP Application Form](#) (ages 14-17)