



August 18, 2022

Hello Chicon 8 Members!

The Program is Here! The Program is Here!

Two deadlines are upon us today:

- [Childcare Reservations](#) close Thursday, August 18
- Applications for [Tamora's Legends](#) close Thursday, August 18

Also in today's email:

- Program Schedule Now Available!
- Pocket Program Update
- Volunteers Still Needed

Program Schedule is LIVE!!!

We are very excited to have released the Chicon 8 Program to you yesterday! With over 750 program participants and 1000 items, you will always find something on the schedule that you want to see. We're incredibly proud of the program that our Program Division created - you're going to love it!

We are utilizing ConClár, an online Program Guide tool for conventions. It will always show the most up-to-date version of the schedule. There are filters available for various items (like 'virtual' or 'Literature') as well as a search box. All of the program participants are also listed along with their schedule so it will be easier to find your favorite author, artist, scientist, etc.

Find it here: <https://guide.chicon.org/>

Please note that you may receive a brief message saying there is no data, and there will be a delay in loading the program, but it will eventually load. We are working on fixing this issue. There is no need to contact us to tell us about the problem.

Another known issue that is being addressed: Many events listed in the guide say that there is an online sign-up scheduled for noon on "Wednesday, August 30th". This should say Wednesday, August 31st. We apologize for the typo.

Pocket Program Update

As mentioned in our email on Monday, this year we will be having an electronic-only Pocket Program. We've gotten several questions, so we're highlighting the answers here.

- Yes, there will still be a printed souvenir book.
- The pocket program will be available online in two different PDF formats - one that is formatted for printing, should you wish to do so, and one that is formatted for phone and tablet screens.
- The PDF will be formatted to work with screen readers.
- We plan to have separate viewable and printable PDFs of the convention map.
- We will have printed maps of the Hyatt available at the Info Desk.
- We plan to have viewable and printable daily schedule grids online.
- We plan to have printed daily schedule grids available at the physical convention.
- We plan to have "pink sheets" with program changes available at the convention.

Please remember that the schedule in the Pocket Program changes almost immediately after it goes to print - the program is shifting constantly, but the folks doing the layout of the PDF need the data earlier.

The PDF of the Pocket Program and other PDFs will be released before the convention, and we will notify you via email and social media when they become available.

Volunteers Still Needed

We still need a lot of help, especially with Virtual C8. Running a hybrid / virtual event like this takes a lot more volunteers than you might think it would. We hope you might be able to give a couple hours of your time as a volunteer (and earn some free swag!).

On our [website](#), you will find a detailed list of jobs that we have available and what they will entail. You will also note that we will be doing lots of trainings for Virtual C8 volunteers, so no worries about not knowing how to do something - we've got you covered.

If you are interested, please fill out our volunteer form, which is found on the page linked above.

Thanks very much for considering! We really appreciate it.

See you soon!

Helen Montgomery
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