



August 29, 2022

I'm on site at the Hyatt, and have already run into so many people attending Chicon! It's been wonderful to see you all!

I can't believe we're finally here. It's really quite amazing.

This is my last email to you all before the convention! If you missed any of the prior emails, you can now find them all on the website: <https://chicon.org/messages-from-the-chair/>

On with the show!

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### **Reminder: Official Social Media for Chicon 8**

As a follow up to our last email when we talked about online harassment (if you missed it, see below), we noticed that some people are now trying to spoof our social media accounts.

Please remember the only official Chicon 8 social media links are @chicagoworldcon—for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

If you spot any others, please feel free to tell us at either report@ or socialmedia@ so we can follow up.

### **Help Move Us Into the Hyatt**

We will begin unloading all the Trucks O' Stuff on Tuesday, 30 August, at 6pm in the West Tower. Most of what will be coming in are things for Hospitality and the Art Show. We will begin setting up all the Art Show gridwall and organizing the Consuite. If you are available to help, please join us any time after 6pm on the Gold Level of the West Tower, which is where both Art Show and Consuite are located.

On Wednesday, 31 August, we'll be moving everything else into the Riverside Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall is the lowest level of the East Tower. If you are free to help, please join us any time after 10am.

Remember—volunteers earn swag!

### **New Website Pages**

We have added some new website pages for you! All of these can be found under the “Chicon 8” tab of the main menu.

[At-A-Glance](#)

[What Happens Where](#)

[Schedule](#) (goes to ConClar)

[Highlights](#)

Keep watching the website—we're continuing to make improvements to make your Chicon 8 experience better.

### **Policies: Code of Conduct, COVID, and Weapons (oh my!)**

Chicon 8 has a few policies that we want to remind you of before you arrive at the convention. Please take a moment to review them, as you are expected to follow them.

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Anti-Racism Statement](#)

[COVID Policy](#)

[Weapons Policy](#)

With regards to the COVID policy and Registration:

- You will need to show proof of vaccination and your ID at registration to pick up your badge.
- Children should accompany their parents in order to pick up their badge.
- Teens who have their own vaccination card and ID do not need to accompany their parents to pick up their badge.

If you have any questions regarding the COVID policy, please contact us at [covid@chicon.org](mailto:covid@chicon.org) and questions about the Registration process should go to [registration@chicon.org](mailto:registration@chicon.org).

### **On Site Registration: Opening Soon**

**Registration is located on the East Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level**

Wednesday: Noon – 7 p.m. for pre-registered members only\*  
Thursday-Sunday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Monday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*\*Our goal is noon. Please be patient if we need more time.*

As noted above, we need everyone to pick up their own badges due to showing proof of vaccination.

### **Welcome to Star Chart: The Official Chicon 8 Newsletter**

Our newsletter this year is primarily online and is now starting to publish things! You can find it here: <https://chicon.org/star-chart/>

### **Virtual C8 Information**

We are working hard to add all the information you will need to access [Virtual Chicon 8](#) to our website.

What do you need to attend Virtual Chicon? You will need a membership and a computer or mobile device. Our platform (Airmeet) works best with a desktop, laptop, or Chromebook running Chrome, Firefox, Brave, Safari, or new Edge. Though you don't need a camera to watch programming, if you want to be seen in social spaces it will be quite handy to have one. If you don't have access to a computer, you can also attend using your mobile device or tablet. Look for the Airmeet app in your preferred app store.

If you have a membership for Virtual or In-Person Chicon 8, watch the email that you used for your membership. On Wednesday the 31st, Airmeet will send an email to the address that you used. That email contains a unique link just for you. Don't share this link: anyone with it can pretend to be you, and kick you out of Airmeet if they use it.

Click the link from your computer or mobile device to enter Virtual Chicon. Save it all weekend, as you'll want it to easily get back in or to move to another device. If you didn't get the email, please check your Spam folder. For any questions you can also reach to [virtual@chicon.org](mailto:virtual@chicon.org) or connect with us via the chat below.

At noon on Wednesday the 31st, the Airmeet will open for members. You will be able to build your personal schedule within Airmeet, socialize in the Lounge, and view exhibits in the Arena. This is a great time to make certain that your setup is just how you like it, so that when the programming starts on Thursday you'll be ready to go. It's also a nice opportunity to meet your fellow members.

Need help? Once you are in the Airmeet, we have a help table where you can test your audio and video. If you can't get in at all, email us at [virtual@chicon.org](mailto:virtual@chicon.org) or use the chat box below.

If you want to browse the schedule before you get your link, all of the Airmeet programming is also listed in ConClar at <https://guide.chicon.org>.

Need more information? We have a detailed attendee ["how to Airmeet" guide](#).

If you are a supporting member and do not yet have a membership, there's still time to [join us](#) at the virtual convention.

### **Bike The Drive**

While not an official Chicon 8 event in any way, it's happening nearby during the convention. Every year, the City of Chicago closes Lake Shore Drive to cars and opens it up to bikes. This year, it's happening on Saturday!

<https://bikethedrive.org/>

Full information can be found there, including how you can rent a bike from them if you are here without yours.

*The following items were in last Thursday's email, but they're important so we're sending them again.*

### **Alert: Online / Electronic Harassment**

We are aware that several members of our community, including panelists and staff, have been victims of online harassment. We are also aware of recent incidents at conventions where attendees and staff were harassed by people impersonating members of the community.

Should you be the victim of this type of harassment, which typically includes texts or emails containing several offensive slurs, please report them to us in whatever way works best for you.

For pre-convention and virtual members, you can reach us via [report@chicon.org](mailto:report@chicon.org). If you are at the convention, the phone numbers for both Code of Conduct reports and Operations will be on your badges, and you can also email [report@chicon.org](mailto:report@chicon.org).

More information on our Code of Conduct and the reporting process can be found on our website at <https://chicon.org/home/for-members/code-of-conduct/>

We are here to listen and investigate as needed, and we are sorry that you may see some of these vile messages.

### **Alert: Faux Chicon 8 Merchandise**

Just a heads up that some t-shirt sites are selling Chicon 8 branded merchandise and saying they are official. They are not.

Our only official site for Chicon 8 Merchandise at this time is [Redbubble](#). If you buy from anywhere else, it does not benefit the convention. Please shop wisely!

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