



## **Anime North – Canada’s Biggest Anime Event**

Anime North is Canada’s premier fan run anime convention and one of the largest anime conventions in North America. Started in 1997, it is conveniently located in the Greater Toronto Area. Anime North attracts fans from all across the GTA, throughout Canada, the USA and the world!

We are a non-profit organization that is 100% volunteer run. Our programming is fun, family-friendly, and covers all aspects and genres of anime fandom.

The convention actively fundraises for the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, which treats severely ill children from around the world. (<http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/>)

Our attendance since 2015 has been about 30,000 unique attendees each year.

Our 2019 event will take place the weekend of May 24-26, at the Toronto Congress Center (650 Dixon Road), the Delta Airport Hotel (655 Dixon Road) and the Sheraton Toronto Airport (801 Dixon Road).

## **Convention Hours**

Events at the convention will run at the following times. Note that registration will open earlier, especially on Friday (see registration schedule below).

**Friday:** 5 PM – 1 AM

**Saturday:** 10 AM – 1 AM

**Sunday:** 10 AM – 5 PM

## **Convention Registration**

Full weekend and single-day admissions to Anime North can be purchased in advance and during the convention from our website ([www.animenorth.com](http://www.animenorth.com) → Information → Registration) or at the link below.

**Pre-Convention Full Weekend Admission (Fri, Sat, and Sun): \$60 CND / USD**

<b>Single Day</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Reg Desk Hours</b>
Friday	\$35 CDN / USD	2 PM to 9 PM
Saturday	\$45 CND / USD	9 AM to 7 PM
Sunday	\$35 CDN / USD	9:30 AM to 4 PM



Registration is handled through Eventbrite and can be reached [at this link](#).

If you have pre-registered for the convention, bring your registration e-mail with you to the Registration Desk. If you have lost/misplaced this email, please bring some type of photo ID, in the name that the admission was purchased under.

The Registration Desk will be located at the Toronto Congress Center, South Building. The main entrance will be **the Hall ABC doors**, on the west side of the building. Registration hours will be:

**Thursday:** 5 PM – 9 PM  
**Friday:** 2 PM – 9 PM  
**Saturday:** 9 AM – 7 PM  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM – 4 PM

**At-The-Door Admissions (Fri, Sat, and Sun):** \$65 CND / USD

Weekend admissions, and single day admissions for Anime North will be available at the door. Cash only will be accepted; no cheques, credit cards or debit cards.

<b>Single Day</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Reg Desk Hours</b>
Friday	\$40 CDN / USD	2 PM to 9 PM
Saturday	\$50 CND / USD	9 AM to 7 PM
Sunday	\$40 CDN / USD	9:30 AM to 4 PM

### **General Registration Information**

Note that your membership badge (which you will receive at registration) will give you access to all convention events in all buildings, space permitting, except for food functions (cafes, Moonlight Ball) and some workshops which require separate tickets. You must also provide valid proof of age to attend 18+ events.

Your membership badge must always be displayed . There will be a **\$20 Replacement Fee** for any lost convention badges. If you lose (or find) a badge, go to the Info Desks at the Toronto Congress Center, located Hall D.



## **Child Registration**

Children 13 years of age and under are admitted for half-price of the corresponding adult admission but must be accompanied either by a guardian 18 years or over, or a guardian 16 years or over with a letter of permission from the child's parents.

Children 6 years of age and under are admitted free but must be accompanied by a guardian 18 years or over, or a guardian 16 years or over with a letter of permission from the child's parents.

## **Special Guests**

Our guests this year will include:

- WASUTA: Japanese Musical Guests
- Yuriko Yamaguchi: Japanese Voice Actor
- Megumi Toda: Japanese Voice Actor
- Kihara Hirokatsu: Anime Industry Guest
- Yuki Kuihara: Anime Music Composer
- Josh Grelle: Voice Actor
- Jamie Marchi: Voice Actor
- Brittney Karbowski: Voice Actor
- Alexis Tipton: Voice Actor
- Aaron Roberts: Voice Actor
- Lauren Landa: Voice Actor
- Frederik Schodt: Manga Authority
- Helen McCarthy: Anime Expert
- Mike Toole: Editor / Producer
- Charles Dunbar: Academic Guest
- Ragz Cosplay: Costuming Guest
- Paige Gardner: Fashion Guest
- Mieko Ueda: Fashion Guest
- Mamechiyo: Fashion Guest
- Shane Luis: Gaming Guest
- Adam Keresztyen: Gaming Guest
- Jason Anarchy: Game Designer
- Jonathan Lavallee: Game Designer
- Nagata Shachu: Taiko Drummers
- 404s: Anime Improv Comedy
- Illuminair Entertainment: Circus Performers
- ACT102: Japanese Maid Performers
- Ian Flynn: Comic Book and Script Writer

Guest events include Q&As and autograph sessions.



## **Music Events**

We will featured a full concert by WASUTA on Saturday night, performances by the Taiko Drumming Troupe Nagata Shachu at opening and closing ceremonies and on Saturday afternoon, and the Shred-A-Genesis outdoor concert of anime and video game themes.

## **Vendor's Hall**

Our Vendor's Hall will feature over 350 booths of vendors and promoters. One of the highlights of the convention, the Vendor's Hall is generally packed from opening to closing, and our attendees have been known to save up all year for it!

## **Comics Market / Crafter's Corner**

Our Comics Market (Artist Alley) and Crafter's Corner is an opportunity for amateur artists to display and sell their work, and share their talent with other fans. 2019 will see over 200 booths display their skills.

## **Masquerade and Costuming Events**

Costuming is huge at Anime North. Thousands of our attendees show up in costume every year and you're all but guaranteed to find characters from your favorite series.

The Saturday night Masquerade is one of the highlights of the convention and always plays to a packed house. A costume show where attendees can show off their handiwork, and their acting skills with short presentations, attendees have been known to work all year on their outfits.

Friday night will feature the Masquerade Skit Contest, where attendees will perform in longer musical, comedy, or dance acts.

Other costuming events include the Moonlight Masquerade Costume Dance (a formal ballroom dance), Cosplay Chess (a live-action chess game), and the Fashion Show (runway costuming event).



## Programming and Events

Programming at Anime North features of 30 tracks of events running all weekend. Highlights include:

- Video presentations, including new releases and old favorites, the ever popular *Anime Hell* and *Totally Lame Anime*, and the All Night Anime Room.
- Panel discussions, ranging from the enduring fascination of Pokemon to how to visit Japan on a budget.
- Gaming (Video, RPG, tabletop, and a Go Tournament)
- Anime Music Video Contest
- Game Shows and Contests (such as Anime Family Feud, and Anime Name that Tune)
- Gallery Artwork and Gundam Model displays
- Improv Shows (by the comedy troupe the 404s)
- Workshops (such as costume design and leatherwork)
- Manga library (quiet reading room with thousands of volumes)
- Children's Area and Events (such as the Trigun Donut Decorating Contest)
- Yaoi North – mini-con devoted to yaoi anime and manga.
- Doll North – mini-con devoted to Korean Pullip dolls.
- J-Pop Saturday Night Outdoor Dance – rockin' till 2 AM
- Maid and Butler Cafes.
- Nominoichi Flea Market Event.

## Charity Events

As of 2018 Anime North has raised over \$150,000 for **The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation**, with charity auctions and donations.

## Public Transit

To reach the convention via the TCC, take the Laurence 52 bus west from Lawrence West Subway Station, getting off at the City View Drive stop, or take the Martin Grove 46 bus north from Kipling subway station, getting off at Dixon Road, and walking west for 3-4 minutes to the Toronto Congress Center.

If you are driving, there is **free** parking at the Toronto Congress Center. Please note however that there is no overnight security at the TCC, and leaving your vehicle there overnight is **not** permitted. The hotels will charge \$14-\$18 a day for parking.