TusLAN at TusCon
The Best Little Computer Gaming LAN Party in Arizona!
Frequently Asked Questions

What days will you be holding this LAN party?

Friday, November10, through Sunday, November 12, 2023. Here is the schedule:

10 AM Friday: TusLAN setup
2 PM Friday: Open gaming
11 PM Friday: Close
10 AM Saturday: Open gaming
11 PM Saturday: Close
10 AM Sunday: Open gaming
4 PM Sunday: Close gaming, pack up & move out
6 PM Sunday: Out of the room

The TusLAN room will be locked and secured when it is not open. A detailed schedule of games and signup sheets will be posted in the gaming room.

Will you be charging an admission fee for this party? If so, how much?

Yes. TusLAN is being hosted by TusCon, the annual Tucson science fiction convention. Thus, all participants at TusLAN must be members of TusCon, and all TusCon members may participate in TusLAN. **No LAN in 2023, no Bring Your Own Computer: BYOC!** Due to moving into a smaller facility, thee will only be room for Artemis and VR. TusLAN staff members will be asked to pay $25 membership fee. For more information about the host of TusLAN, see the homepage of TusCon.

Is attendance at the party open, closed or capped at some number?

No LAN in 2023, no Bring Your Own Computer: BYOC! So, no attendance cap at TusLAN but there will only be one Artemis bridge with 6 seats for Artemis Bridge computers, plus possibly a few more for fighters and for VR. Check with the TusLAN Director via email or the FaceBook event to reserve your space at TusLAN.

Will this party offer prizes?

Maybe. We would like to offer prizes, but we have no sponsors for this as yet.

What games will you be playing at this party?

Since TusLAN is facilitated by a science fiction convention, we will feature games with a science fiction or fantasy theme. Likely games are shown in the list, below.

1. Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator (free from http://www.artemis.eochu.com/)
   - We are planning to have a complete bridge set plus fighters
2. Oculus Rift Virtual Reality

Look for updates on the "TusLAN at TusCon" event page on FaceBook. Certainly, we will consider other games. What do you want to play? Let us know!

Will you have Virtual Reality?

TusLAN plans to have an Oculus Rift demonstration again this year. This will include several Introduction to Virtual Reality experiences, space tours, and a few games, such as Robo Recall (https://www.epicgames.com/roborecall/en-US/home).
Sar Trek: Bridge Crew is a possibility if there is enough interest – Let us know!
https://www.ubisoft.com/en-us/game/star-trek/bridge-crew

What game variations will you be offering?

All scenario variations of Artemis will be available at player request. Recruit your bridge crew and sign up for a one hour time slot.

Do you mandate the use of headphones?

No, not for Artemis.

Will this party include Internet access?

Most likely, except the Artemis computers will be deliberately isolated from the Internet.

Will guests be allowed to drink at this party?

No drugs or alcohol are allowed at the LAN Party. Anyone caught drunk or stoned on the premises will be kicked out.

Will guests be allowed to smoke at this party?

No smoking. It's unhealthy, and it irritates many of our players. This hotel is a tobacco-free property, so if you want to smoke, take it outside to a designated smoking area.

Will you be serving food and drink at this party? If yes, what kind?

Yes, snack foods, water service, possibly coffee, and we may provide pizza Saturday night.. Since this event is taking place in a hotel's function space, you may eat any food you buy from the hotel in the gaming room. The hotel is required by county health regulations to be the only one who can "serve meals" in function space, so bringing food into the game room is NOT allowed, even on an individual basis, unless it is purchased from the hotel. The hotel's food sources include a restaurant, gift shop and vending machines. We are trying to arrange for the hotel to provide restaurant-menu food service in the gaming room. There will be free food provided by the TusCon SciFi Convention at a hospitality suite offering snacks and beverages and occasional real food (such as the chili cook-off Sunday afternoon), but these must be consumed in the hospitality suite.

Will minors be allowed at this party?

Yes, but a signed parental permission slip is required.

Will guests be required to sign a legal waiver before they can play at this party?

Yes. Parents of minor participants must also sign the waiver *in person at the event*.

Will you allow nonparticipants to hang around this party and watch?

Yes, but they must be members of TusCon (the convention hosting TusLAN).

What side events (noncomputer activities) will you hold?

TusLAN is a part of an annual Science Fiction convention which has a wide variety of activities, from panels and presentations, to art panels and exhibit booths. Please see the TusCon Science Fiction Convention web site for details.

Will you have a lost and found at this party?

Not specifically, but TusCon (the hosting convention) will have one.

Why have a LAN party at a science fiction convention?

Well, why not? Historically, SF conventions were some of the earliest places people could find computer games (and table top games, too). Today, many SF con attendees are interested in playing computer games, even though they may not bring a gaming rig (or even have a good gaming rig). This is why SF cons like to get sponsors to provide computers for attendees to game on. For a computer gamer who brings a hot gaming rig to a SF con, this is known as a "target rich environment". More seriously, the SF con provides a facility that would otherwise be too expensive for a LAN party, but in exchange requires that all LAN party participants buy memberships in the hosting convention.

For more information on organizing and running computer gaming at a SF convention, see the article in the ConRunner Wiki:

http://conrunner.net/wiki/index.php?title=Video_and_Computer_Gaming

What is a science fiction convention?

A gathering of and celebration for fans of science fiction in literature and media (movies, TV, etc.). For advice on how best to enjoy a Sci-Fi convention, see the

Science Fiction Convention Survivial Kit for Newbies