

Multiverse Expo



September 17th, 2023

Event: 1p-4p

Norwalk Gamers Symphony Concert: 4p-5p

Bethel Library & Greenwood Ave · Bethel, CT

What is the Multiverse Expo? A family friendly comic-con type event featuring workshops, entertainment, and vendors that come together to support the fandom community by offering interactive, hands-on creative avenues of discovery within the parameters of pop-culture multiverses from film, television, comic books, literature, and both board and electronic gaming platforms. *ie: Star Wars, Star Trek, Harry Potter, Steampunk, Solarpunk, Marvel Franchise, Nintendo, and Dungeons and Dragons*

Event Description & General Information: Calling all Jedi, Trekkies, Whovians, Potterheads, Batmaniacs, Pigs, and RPGamers - unite for the Multiverse Expo! This family friendly, super creative, comic-con type event is returning to Bethel on September 17th, 2023 for an afternoon of multiverse fun! Join us for hands-on workshops, game demos, great vendors, photo-opportunities, book signings, and a variety of entertainment. Best yet - watch the Norwalk Gamers Orchestra close out the event with their concert at 4pm! Meet and mingle with other multiverse fans, learn some new skills, and plan for a great time! Like our Facebook page @MultiverseExpo for the most up to date information.

We are continuing to host the event location and offering it along Greenwood Avenue and surrounding areas. Workshop/craft stations will be held at local businesses. You do not need a ticket to participate but VIP advance registration does get you early access. For more information, visit: LearningStreams.com/Multiverse.

Note: Costumes are enthusiastically encouraged but coming as a muggle is okay too!

The Multiverse explained in plain English:

- **Fandom:** the fans of a particular person, team, fictional series, etc. regarded collectively as a community or subculture.
- **DC & Marvel:** the two largest comic book franchises which include Batman, Superman, etc.
- **Muggle:** is a person who lacks any sort of magical ability and was not born into a magical family.
- **Multiverse:** A multiverse is a self-contained group or larger bubble filled with a finite or infinite number of universes. In this case, we are including fictional universes from pop-culture.
- **Steampunk/Solarpunk:** a genre of science fiction that has a historical setting and typically features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology. Solarpunk is a Steampunk spin-off that embraces green energy concepts.
- **RPG:** Role playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons.

Additional Event Information:

- **How long is the event?**
 - The actual event is 1p-4p but the orchestra plays from 4p-5p. Vendors can begin teardown at 4p. All workshops and other entertainment ends at 4p.
- **Participants do not have to dress up but most people choose to.**
- **Are there ID or minimum age requirements to enter the event?**
 - This event is for the entire family and children of all ages. Please keep that in mind if you choose to dress-up in character, young children will be present. Children must have an adult with them at all times.
- **What are my transportation/parking options for getting to and from the event?**
 - There is ample free parking for this event along Greenwood Avenue and at municipal parking lots. The nearest train station is located in the town of Bethel, approximately .25 miles away.
- **What can I bring into the event?**
 - Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as a part of your costume, subject to approval by security and in compliance with the following:
 - No functional weapons are allowed at this event.
 - Costume weapons may be inspected at any time by a Multiverse Expo staff person.
 - Projectile costume weapons must be rendered inoperable.
 - Costume swords must be tied to your costume in such a way that they can't be drawn.
 - If you do not want to have your costume weapons inspected or if you are not willing to comply with these policies, please do not bring your costume weapons to the Expo.
- **Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?**
 - For VIP advance admission, you must present your printed ticket.
- **Is it ok if the name on my ticket or registration doesn't match the person who attends?**
 - Yes, as tickets are transferable.

We Need You!

How you can help make this event a super success:

- Volunteer
- Spread the word through word of mouth, your business, email and social media
- Help obtain relevant vendors, workshop hosts, activities, and entertainers
- Donate workshop materials and supplies
- Donate prizes and raffle items
- Like the Multiverse Expo Facebook page
- Attend the event, preferably in costume

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Security
- Ticket-takers
- Set-up
- Tear down
- Researchers: cost for printing, vendor locator, etc.
- Vendor help during the event ie: breaks, set-up
- Flier Distribution
- Marketing
- Emcee
- DJ
- Event Helpers ie: answer attendee questions
- Workshop Assistants
- Local Business Connector