

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, November 11, through Sunday, November 13, 2022. Here is the schedule:

10 AM Friday: TusLAN setup
12N Friday: BYOC 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. Some TusLAN sponsors will be providing computers for the use of TusCon members who don't bring their own computers. TusLAN participants who bring their own computers will be given a special discounted rate for their TusCon membership. Regular TusCon membership pricing can be found at the TusCon web site (link below).

Discount for TusLAN participants! Every TusLAN participant who brings a computer (**Bring Your Own Computer: BYOC**) will only have to pay **\$40 for all three days** (normally \$55)! But they must register with TusLAN first. Sorry, no single day memberships. 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?

Attendance at TusLAN will be capped at 16 computers. This does not include the 6 seats for Artemis Bridge computers. It does include seats for both BYOC and provided computers. TusLAN has 8 extra computers: The the TusLAN PC Specifications page for details.. These computers will be removed to make room for BYOC participants as needed. 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. We will also try to get demonstrations of other games, such as World of Warcraft and Lord of the Rings Online.

1. Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator (free from <http://www.artemis.eochu.com/>)
 - We are planning to have a complete bridge set.
2. Heroes of the Storm (<http://us.battle.net/heroes/en/>) – Free to play!
3. Overwatch (<https://playoverwatch.com/en-us/>)
4. World of Warcraft - Team leveling contest, see below
5. League of Legends
6. Battlefield3
7. Left 4 Dead 2
8. EA Star Wars Battlefront
9. Star Wars: Battlefront2 (LucsArts 2005)
10. Unreal Tournament 4 (<https://www.unrealtournament.com/>)
11. Unreal Tournament 2004, and mods: ChaosUT, ECE bonus Pack
12. Team Fortress 2 (free from <http://store.steampowered.com/>)
13. Quake Wars: Enemy territory
14. Counter Strike: Source and GO
15. Red Faction/Pure Faction (<http://purefaction.org/>)

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!

What are the WoW Team Leveling Contest Rules?

Teams of three players will roll up new characters on the same server. Players may choose any realm, but all must be in the same realm. They will play for one hour. At that time, play will stop and the levels of all three characters will be summed. The team with the highest sum of levels achieved will be the winner. During play, no assistance from friends or guild mates will be allowed, nor will access to resources from other characters of a players account be allowed, such as items or gold in the bank.

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?

Cooperative play, team deathmatch, capture the flag, assault, domination.

Will you be using custom maps/scenarios (that is, maps or scenarios that do not come with the original game)?

Yes, a few for UT2k4 and UT3.

If you will be using custom maps and scenarios, what maps/scenarios will you be using?

For UT2k4: ChaosUT and ECE Bonus Pack.

Do you mandate the use of headphones?

Yes! Speakers create an incredible racket and drain excessive power.

Will this party include Internet access?

Most likely. The TusLAN location is equipped with broadband Internet access, and it worked very well last year.

What equipment should each BYOC participant bring to the party?

A computer with a TCP/IP Ethernet NIC for 1000Base-T, monitor, keyboard, mouse and mouse pad, headphones (no speakers please!), and all games already installed. TusLAN will supply a CAT5e Ethernet patch cord, but if you want to use your own that will be fine.

Will guests have to perform a viral scan before they can log on at this party?

Yes. Please do this at home just before you pack up and leave for TusCon/TusLAN..

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 Survival Kit for Newbies](#)