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28–30 September 2018  
Hilton Bloomington  
Bloomington, MN

## Welcome Back to the Hilton Bloomington!

Decongestant returns to the Hilton Bloomington for the third year in a row. We like this hotel, because they have a nice space for what we need (all on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor!) and don't have a problem with our late-night merry-making (again with that "all on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor!"). Please help us let the hotel know how much we appreciate them and their hospitality!

## Registration

Badge pick-up and at-con registration open at 2pm in the Consuite.

Registration Type	Rate
21+	\$60
13-20	\$20
0-12, free range	\$20
0-12, continuously supervised	\$0
One Day (8am-8pm)	\$40
Just a Few Hours	\$20
Really Just One Hour	\$10

## Gaming

The Gaming Room will be open more or less continuously throughout the convention until 11:59pm Sunday night. We'll provide tables, chairs, and some games and puzzles. Feel free to bring your favorites.

## Friday Dinner

Scott and Irene Raun have once again volunteered to coordinate a group order for dinner. This year we're ordering from Pizza Luce. You can sign up in person at the con until ~5pm. You can either order one or more complete items from their menu, or join in on the group pizza order. If ordering the latter, assume 16" pizzas (cut into 12 slices). Tell us how many slices, and up to 3 kinds of specialty pizza in descending order of preference. We'll be picking 2-5 specialty pizzas to order, and we'll try to order such that we're getting at least one of the preferences stated by anyone who pre-ordered. Check out the menu: [pizzaluce.com/menu](http://pizzaluce.com/menu)

## Code of Conduct

It is our hope that everyone has a fun and enjoyable weekend. Please help us in ensuring a good time for everyone by reading and abiding by our Code of Conduct: [mnstf.org/decongestant3/code-of-conduct.php](http://mnstf.org/decongestant3/code-of-conduct.php)

## Sunday 30 September

### “Morning” Cartoons

Even though it's Sunday, we'll watch Saturday morning cartoons. *Kevin Austin* [Lincoln]

### 1-2pm New Technologies

What new technologies are fans adopting these days? 3D printing? Virtual reality goggles? What else? Show and/or tell us about what you're using. *Dean Gahlon* [Programming]

### 2-3:30pm Secrets of Pumpkin Carving

Halloween decorating guru Richard Tatge will demonstrate and share tips on carving amazing pumpkins. Watch him work his magic! If you want to carve one, too, bring a real pumpkin or a carveable Styrofoam pumpkin and some carving and scooping tools. A small supply of real pumpkins and knives will be provided, but please bring your own if possible. If you can scoop your pumpkin ahead of time, you will have more time to spend on artistic carving. *Richard Tatge* [Programming]

### 3:30-4pm Closing Ceremonies

Should we do this again? Do you have ideas for next year? Will you volunteer to run things? [Programming]

### 4pm-late Music Circle

Music is encouraged, but the room will be available for socialization when musicians are not using it. [Programming]

### 6pm Dinner at Teahouse in Plymouth

Sign up in the Consuite by 2pm! Please indicate on the sign-up sheet whether you intend to meet us at the restaurant or meet in the lobby at 5:30 to carpool, and whether you can provide transportation if needed.

*Coordinated by Dean Gahlon & Laura Krentz*

88 Nathan Lane, Plymouth, MN 55441

763-544-3422

[teahouseone.com](http://teahouseone.com)

### After Dinner-late Dead Dog Party

This three-day con keeps going on the third day until it can't go anymore. *Hosted by Ctein* [Consuite]

## Saturday con't

**1-3ish pm** Nature Walk in Hyland Lake Park Reserve  
 You may want to bring a camera, hat, walking stick, water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc. Meet in the lobby to join a group and carpool if necessary. (Videos may be available in the Programming Room for those who don't want to go.)  
 10145 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington  
 763-694-7687  
[www.threeriverspark.org/location/hyland-lake-park-reserve](http://www.threeriverspark.org/location/hyland-lake-park-reserve)

**3:30-5pm** Minicon Programming Brainstorming Session  
 Come share ideas for Minicon programming. This is an open meeting and a Decongestant membership is not needed to attend.  
*Emily Stewart* [Programming]

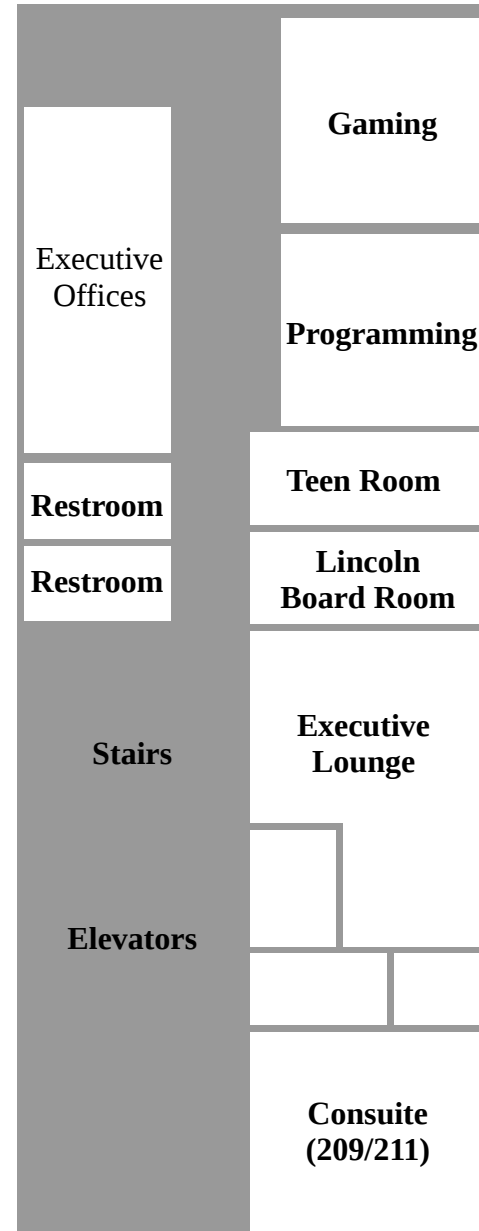
**7:30-8:30pm** Concert: Nate Bucklin  
 Enjoy a live concert by one of MnStf's favorite fannish musicians. *Nate Bucklin* [Programming]

**8:30-9:30pm** A History of Fannish T-Shirts  
 Wear an old favorite if you have one that still fits, and we will take a group photo. We'll watch a slide show of some past con t-shirts and share stories about them. Bring some t-shirts for a display of fannish shirts, starting Friday evening. (Label your shirts so you can get them back, and add a note about the year, artist, interesting stories, etc. if you can.)  
*David Dyer-Bennet, Matt Strait* [Programming]

**9:30-11:30pm** Gaming with Rachel Kronick  
 Rachel will be joining us via videochat from Taiwan. Let's play some games with her that are reasonable to play that way, like *Code Names, Spyfall, Taboo, and/or EPYC.*  
*Rachel Kronick* [Gaming]

**11pm-late** Late Night Music Circle, Etc.  
 The programming room will be open for a music circle and other spontaneous activities. Music gets first dibs. Bring your instruments and a copy of Rise Up Singing and/or Rise Again.  
 [Programming]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Map



## Hours

### Consuite

Thursday  
 open in pm for set-up  
 Friday  
 noon – open seating  
 (no food/drink)  
 5pm – drinks available  
 7:30pm – 2am – snacks etc  
 Saturday  
 open for breakfast thru late  
 Sunday  
 open for breakfast thru  
 Dead Dog

### Programming

Friday: 3pm – late  
 Saturday: 10am – late  
 Sunday: “morning” – 4pm

### Gaming

Open Friday not later than  
 6pm thru Sunday late  
 Closed while people sleep

### Teen Room

Open Friday not later than  
 6pm thru Sunday late  
*Teens only!*

# Programming Schedule

## Friday 28 September

### 3-5pm Crafty Time

A time to work on and show off your current art or craft projects.  
*Laura Krentz* [Consuite/Programming]

### 5-5:30pm Hecto Workshop Part II

Learn how to use a hectograph! Matt will set up and demonstrate the principles of hectography, and the materials will be available throughout the con. This year we (probably) will have a typewriter to experiment with (oooooh! new tech!).  
*Matt Strait* [Programming]

### 5-7 pm Dinner Break

Go out to a nearby restaurant or opt into a group order from Pizza Luce, with food to arrive at the hotel around 6:30pm. See page 2 for information on ordering.  
*Coordinated by Scott & Irene Raun*

### 7pm Opening Ceremonies

Greetings, announcements, etc. *Matt Strait* [Programming]

### ~7:15-8:30pm We're All Bozos on This Bus: Minneapa, Rune, and Other Fannish Writing

What is an APA, anyways? David Dyer-Bennet is in the process of scanning issues of Minneapa for the MnStf archives. Dean Gahlon was Official Editor of Minneapa for many years. Matt Strait runs Rune, our irregularly published club zine. Laura Krentz coordinates Once Upon a Time, an APA focused on children's fantasy books. Let's talk about the history of fannish writing and maybe get inspired to write something for the next issue of Rune. *David Dyer-Bennet, Dean Gahlon, Laura Krentz, Matt Strait* [Programming]

### 8:30-10pm Astrophotography Slideshow

Come see some astrophotos Rachel Kronick has taken recently. From open clusters to distant quasars and a whole lot of galaxies, she's gotten some nice shots over the past year or so.  
*Rachel Kronick* [Programming]

### 10pm-late Crappy Magic Draft

Get rid of some 'Magic: The Gathering' cards that never really fit in with your other decks, and maybe gain something useful (probably not). Bring 30 lands (six of each color) and 45 other cards, approximately half spells and half creatures. (You can tell if an artifact is closer to a spell or a creature by reading the card.) We'll shuffle them all together, build a 60-card deck with a draft-style allocation, and then play. Do NOT bring cards that you expect to get back. *Emily Stewart* [Gaming]

### 11pm-?? Whiskey Tasting

Carol Kennedy will bring a couple of very good whiskeys. If anyone else wants to bring some, we can share and compare. People don't have to bring something to participate. **Must be 21**  
*Carol Kennedy* [Lincoln]

### 11pm-late Late Night Music Circle, Etc.

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## Saturday 29 September

### "Morning" Cartoons

We'll watch some Saturday morning cartoons like you used to.  
*Kevin Austin* [Lincoln]

### 10-11am T'ai Chi Mini Class

Learn a five-posture T'ai Chi form to reduce stress, enhance relaxation, boost your immune system, lower blood pressure, and add some movement to your routine. Can be done standing or seated. No special equipment necessary. Beginners welcome. Presented by Twin Cities T'ai Chi Ch'uan Studio (tctaichi.org).  
*Kim Husband, Dan Frederick* [Programming]

### 11am-1pm? MnStf Board Meeting

Come and be bored with the board. Learn how the business that brings you this con is done. *MnStf Board* [Lincoln]