

# When Does Minicon Start?

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Oh, about the middle of last July... oops, sorry, it just feels that way sometimes. Many many hours of advance work go into a Minicon before we ever get to the Hilton. (Sure, more help is always welcome — see “Volunteers” in this PR.)

We *do* get there, though. This year, we’re planning to get there in the late afternoon of Thursday, April 20, say, about 5pm. There won’t be much to see then, but there’ll be plenty to do — moving in from the truck to our hotel space, building the Art Show, setting up Hospitality, and other arrangements to make the Hilton look and feel like Minicon for the weekend. Later in the evening there’ll be a collating session to assemble the Pocket Program, and probably a few other projects. Program, the Art Show and Hucksters’ Room, and all of the “public” Minicon will start on Friday morning, but Thursday evening is a fine chance to meet people and start interesting conversations while working together.

If you’ve pre-registered (see the back of this PR for the form) you’ll be able to pick up your badge and materials at Registration that night, although membership sales won’t open until Friday morning. The Volunteers Desk will be open Thursday beginning at 6:00 pm for folks to sign in and find out what’s going on where.

The chart below is a *tentative* schedule of what’s planned for when. It is subject to change, but we hope not by much. Please check your Pocket Program when you get to Minicon (or at the Volunteers Desk on Thursday evening) to confirm particular times and events.

	Thursday (Set-up)	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Volunteers	6-10pm	9:30am-8pm	9:30am-8pm	11am-2pm
Registration	8-11pm (pre-reg only)	10am-10pm	10am-3pm	
Hospitality	setup 5pm	all day	all day	teardown
Art Show	setup 7pm	artist checkin 10am-2pm open 2-7pm	open 10am-6pm Auction: Saturday night	public pickup 10am-2pm artist pickup 2-4pm
Hucksters		hucksters noon-6pm public 2-6pm	10am-5pm	11am-3pm
Childcare		5-10pm	11am-9pm	noon-4pm
Program		3-11pm	10am-11pm	10am-4:30pm
Event Horizon Music		evening	noon-midnight	afternoon



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The pre-  
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deadline is  
March 15!

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