

NORWESCON 43
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MEMBERSHIP

All Norwescon attendees are required to complete an online registration process before receiving a membership badge. Membership forms are digital, and are completed and signed through the Norwescon registration website/database. Signing the membership form indicates that you understand the rules of conduct as listed in this document and posted in our policies manual (available on our website) and agree to abide by them. Children 12 and under receive a free membership when attending with their parent or guardian; their membership is linked to an adult's registration.

Membership includes:

- The right to attend the convention
- Membership badge
- Program/Souvenir Book, Pocket Program, and Member's Guide
- Post-Con Report Online (for all current members)

Your membership badge must be visibly displayed while in any designated convention space. Anyone who cannot produce a current membership badge upon request will be asked to leave convention space.

MEMBERSHIP OF MINORS

A minor, as defined by the State of Washington, must have a parent or legal guardian/individual designated by the parent or legal guardian who is on-site when the minor is on-site. Minors must have a permission slip on file with Registration signed by a parent or guardian.

BADGE REPLACEMENT FEE

If a membership badge is lost, you are encouraged to search everywhere before a new one is issued. Make sure you check with Lost and Found (both the hotel and the convention have Lost and Found departments), Registration, and Security before purchasing a replacement badge. The fee for replacement of a lost badge is \$65.

MEMBERSHIP REFUNDS

Norwescon memberships are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend the convention after purchasing your membership, you may roll that membership over to the following year. You may also transfer your membership to someone else in the current convention year. Please contact registration@norwescon.org with membership questions.

RIGHT OF REFUSAL

Norwescon reserves the right to refuse or withdraw membership at any time for any reason.

RULES AND POLICIES

CHILD AND TEEN RULES

Norwescon welcomes its young and future fans. To do this, we have programs planned throughout the convention geared for different age groups. Please refer to the Pocket Program and online guide for information about programming for children, tweens, and teens.

A minor, as defined by the State of Washington, must have a parent or legal guardian/individual designated by the parent or legal guardian who is on-site when the minor is on-site. Minors must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian on file with registration. Children 12 and under must have a guardian with them while in convention space. They **cannot be dropped off and left unattended** at panels or events.

Norwescon does not accept responsibility for supervision of attending minors; that responsibility remains with a minor's parent/guardian/designee. If child care is needed, the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport has a relationship with Best Sitters, Inc.; for more information on Best Sitters, call (206) 682-2556.

HARASSMENT POLICY

Norwescon strives to provide a safe and welcoming space for persons of all descriptions. Everyone should be able to have a great time, in their own way, at the convention—but not at the expense of others. As a community, we insist on behavior that respects the autonomy of each individual member.

Norwescon members and convention staff have the right to be free from unwanted harassment at the convention and while performing convention-related duties throughout the year. Harassment is behavior that focuses unwelcome attention on a person and either inappropriately crosses reasonable expectations of social boundaries or continues after a clear showing of disinterest or a request to desist.

Harassment during the year may be reported to the Personnel Exec, the person's immediate supervisor, or the chair or vice chair. At the convention, reports of harassment are handled by convention security or the Personnel Exec. Any staff member wearing a convention badge may receive a report of harassment. It is each staff member's responsibility to treat a person making such a report with respect, and to offer to accompany the person to convention security or the Personnel Exec. The Personnel Exec may designate a person to receive reports of harassment on their behalf.

Violations of this policy may lead to a range of consequences based on the circumstances, from a warning to more serious steps, such as revocation of convention membership or banning from future conventions.

Convention staff are required to report all incidents brought to their attention. These incidents should be reported to convention security or the Personnel Exec as soon as possible.

WEAPONS POLICY

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND REJECT ANY WEAPON AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.

VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY IN PART OR IN WHOLE MAY LEAD TO YOUR REMOVAL FROM THE CONVENTION BY CONVENTION EXECUTIVE STAFF AND FROM THE HOTEL BY HOTEL SECURITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

This policy includes all real and replicated weapons of any type that may be construed as a projectile weapon or any extension of the human hand.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ALL IN CONVENTION OR HOTEL SPACE: Tasers, stun-guns, batons, real guns (including but not limited to hand-guns, pistols, rifles, shot-guns, black-powder loaded, semi-auto or full-automatic weapons, other); pepper spray, crossbows, slingshots, pellet guns, water pistols, blowguns, catapults, or any type of functioning projectile weapon.

Peacebonding will be available next to the Information Table during open registration hours and in the Security Office when the Peacebonding table is closed.

Peacebonding is required on all weapons worn/carried on the hotel property including parking areas and indoor spaces. The only type of peacebonding allowed is that provided by the Convention.

Fashion coordinated substitutes are not sufficient.

- NO unsheathed weapons are allowed in ANY public space (unless approved in advance for the Masquerade or a programming event in which bonding ties will be removed for such an event and replaced immediately afterward).
 - All bladed/pointed weapons will be appropriately covered in all public areas and function spaces. This includes but is not limited to: daggers, swords, pikes, axes, and polearms, be they made of steel, plastic or any other hard material.
 - Polearms, spears, staves, and other such weapons shall be kept upright at all times and have weapon heads sheathed and bonded. The ends of said weapons must never project more than 12" from the bearer's body.
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - "Nerf-style" weapons:
 - At NO time is ammo allowed, on person, in weapon, or in the magazine of such weapons (except during Convention-hosted/programmed Nerf Game events and only within the designated space for such programmed event).
 - Empty magazines are NOT allowed to be carried in the weapon but are allowed on the belt or in a pouch for costume purposes (again: NO ammo allowed).
 - Bows (again, crossbows are NOT allowed):
 - Arrows must be proven to be secured in such a manner as to be unable to be removed from their container and be secured by Peacebonding the same as all other weapons.
 - Any obvious appearing toy "side arms" such as disruptors, phasers, laser tag pistols/rifles, sonic screwdrivers, laser pointers, or any other item that can project/emit light or sound shall be peacebonded; and shall remain in an appropriate holster at all times or held in an appropriate manner. Exemptions must be authorized by qualified Security personnel.

Special consideration may be granted by the Convention Services Executive or a select designee of said Executive to merchants or dealers who display or show for the purpose of sale. Any weapons removed from the Dealers' Room will fall under the above guidelines.

No weapons (real or replica) are allowed in the hotel's public lounges and restaurants.

This policy complies with hotel policy and local, state, and federal laws.

THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL TO ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES.

This policy supersedes all previous versions.

COSTUME POLICY

Please be sensitive to others with your costume choices. Norwescon is a family friendly convention, and genitals and nipples must be covered at all times. Skin paint or makeup that can be perceived as mimicking or mocking an ethnicity or culture that is not your own is unacceptable—this means no black face, brown face, red face, or yellow face is permitted, not even for fantasy races. Costumes that include or suggest Nazi imagery are also not permitted. And no messy or sticky costumes either—peanut butter is not a costume!

DRINKING

Norwescon members ages 21+ who choose to consume alcohol are encouraged to do so responsibly. As such, Washington State laws concerning alcohol consumption can and will be enforced by police, hotel security, and convention security. Norwescon also requires all parties serving alcohol to check ID.

PARTIES

Guest rooms in Wing 5b and suites will be available for social events. A "social event" is a reception or open house-type event held in a guest room in Wing 5b or a hotel suite. Food and beverages may be served in compliance with hotel, state, and local regulations. Maximum occupancy guidelines will be enforced. Service of alcohol must be in accordance with Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board provisions. A special occasion license or banquet permit must be obtained and posted in the suite. Events that do not qualify for a special license or permit must not serve alcohol. Alcohol service times must be in accordance with state regulations. Complete Social Event guidelines are posted on the Norwescon website.

SMOKING

Washington State law states that smoking of any type is prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited, so as to ensure that any type of smoke (including tobacco) does not enter the area through entrances, exits, open windows, or other means. Smoking areas at the hotel are clearly marked.

MARIJUANA AND CANNABIS

The DoubleTree does not permit the smoking of marijuana or other cannabis products anywhere on the property. As such, Washington State laws concerning cannabis consumption can and will be enforced by police, hotel security, and convention security. Norwescon members ages 21+ who choose to consume smokeless cannabis products are encouraged to do so responsibly.

ANIMALS

Although the DoubleTree is a pet-friendly hotel, **only service animals are allowed in Norwescon convention space**, not pets. Service animals may be issued a complimentary convention badge at registration. Please be considerate of other convention attendees when navigating hallways and convention space with your service animal. If you encounter a working service animal, please do not touch it without first asking permission from the owner. Contact the hotel for their specific rules about animals in guest rooms and public hotel areas.

ADA SEATING

Norwescon intends to provide all convention members with an equal opportunity to participate in all panels, programs and activities, including members with accessible needs. Norwescon has therefore implemented a policy to increase awareness of the needs of individuals with disabilities as outlined in the text of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. ADA seating should be clearly marked with blue tape and obvious placards in most convention programming space. Please note that for larger events with early ADA seating, seating in front of the blue line will be limited to two (2) attendants per disabled person. Seating to the rear of the blue line shall be unlimited.

FLYERS

Flyers may be posted only on the paper or cloth covered kiosks provided by Norwescon. Check at the Information Table for locations. Do not attach anything to walls, windows, or doors. The hotel and/or the convention staff will remove any flyers found in unauthorized places.

SLEEPING IN HALLS AND STAIRWAYS

One word on this subject:

Don't.

PUBLIC PHOTOGRAPHY

While in public areas, panels, or events, it is possible Norwescon photographers may take your photo as part of a group. You may request that photographers not photograph you, and our photography team will do their best to comply. If you find photos in our galleries after the convention, you may contact us to request that your photo be removed.

EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies are held Thursday night of the convention. They are an excellent way to catch a first glimpse of our guests of honor and find out about exciting events.

GUEST OF HONOR BANQUET

The guest of honor banquet is a special meal where you can be seated with one of our notable guests and seven other convention attendees in a relaxed, conversational setting. It is a great way to learn more about our guests of honor and Norwescon's community outreach initiatives. Tickets for this special event can be purchased when you purchase your membership. Tickets this year are \$80 per person.

ART IN ACTION

Come see art in action! Art in Action is a very special area where you can interact directly with artists and makers while they work. See the process unfold and ask questions as several artists, working in multiple media, show how they do it. Come down and take a look! If you like what you see, original works may be available on a limited basis. Art in Action is located on the first floor of Concourse Two.

ART SHOW

BAG CHECK: For the safety and protection of the artwork, some personal items may need to be checked at the time of entry into the art show at the bag check station. These items may include, but are not limited to: all bags, large coats or cloaks, and any large costume accessories that may cause safety concerns.

BIDDING: You can use the kiosk in the art show to generate bid stickers that are tied to your Norwescon account. Attach one of the stickers to the bid tag along with the amount of your bid. Remember- a bid is a commitment to buy and you will be held to that commitment should you win. Under no circumstances may you withdraw your bid, so please consider carefully before placing any bids. It is not fair to the artist or other potential bidders if you bid on a piece and then decide you do not want it.

DIRECT SALE: If you purchase a piece at the direct sale price, it belongs to you and will be marked SOLD. For attendees with a full membership, the art must remain on display until Sunday morning. A receipt will be issued at the time of sale, and you must present this receipt when picking up your art on Sunday. Attendees with one-day memberships may take their purchases with them at the time of sale. Pick-up times will be provided by the Art Show Director.

AUCTION: Items with four written bids go to the Sunday Auction for voice bidding. This event is a combined Art Show and charity auction.

PRINT SHOP: Many of our artists bring prints of their work. Watch for a sign in an artist's display area advertising if they have prints for sale. Print Shop items may be purchased at any time during the convention. Additionally, many of our music performers have their CDs available for sale in the Art Show Print Shop.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

The last event of the convention each year, closing ceremonies gives us a chance to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to our Guests of Honor.

ONIONS AND ROSES

Onions and Roses is a panel held immediately following closing ceremonies on Sunday. At this panel, the convention membership provides feedback both positive (roses) and negative (onions) to the Norwescon chair and convention services director.

PHILIP K. DICK AWARD CEREMONY

The Philip K. (PK) Dick Award is presented annually for distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the United States. The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society sponsors the

award, and the Northwest Science Fiction Society and Norwescon sponsor the award ceremony. For more information on the award, see: <http://www.philipkdickaward.org>.

The first time the PK Dick Award was presented at Norwescon was at Norwescon 7 and went to William Gibson for *Neuromancer*. See your pocket program for the location and time of this year's ceremony.

CONTESTS

MASQUERADE

Each year the Norwescon Masquerade showcases the works of many of the best costumers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The Masquerade is held Saturday night in Grand Ballrooms 2 and 3 and is open to all Norwescon attendees.

SINGLE PATTERN CONTEST

The single pattern contest focuses on wearable art pieces created from a preselected pattern. Each year the contest coordinator selects a pattern, which often ties into the convention's theme. The entrants then create their designs prior to the convention. Entrants show their creations at the Single Pattern Contest Fashion Show. In addition to the Judges' Awards, a Fan Favorite Award is given based on votes received from the audience.

If you would like information on entering future Single Pattern Contests watch the Norwescon website or register for the Norwescon eNewsletter.

PROPS CONTEST

If your creativity runs toward working with wood, metal, craft foam, and duct tape then you might be interested in our props contest. Each year we select a theme for your creation, such as ray guns, future tech, wizard staffs, or magical hats. Check out the Norwescon website prior to the convention for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Since Norwescon falls during Easter weekend, you might be concerned that your little ones will miss out on hunting for Easter eggs. Fear not, because every year we provide egg hunts for children 12 and under, broken into age-appropriate groups. To demonstrate our awareness of allergies and dietary restrictions, we fill our eggs with small toys and stickers rather than candy.

SERVICES

NORWESCON PROVIDED

CLOAK ROOM

The cloak room is located in Wing 7, room 7101. See the pocket program or online Guidebook for hours of operation. This is a free service provided by the convention for the use of convention members. The cloak room is for temporary storage of parcels, coats, and bags; it is not meant as a substitute hotel room, food locker, or for the storage of medications or medical supplies. Please make other arrangements for these types of items. We reserve the right to refuse any article.

Norwescon is not responsible for items left in the cloak room. Use of the room is at your own risk. **Before you place your items in the cloak room, make certain to understand the hours of operation.** A 25¢ charge will be assessed for lost claim tags.

CONVENTION LOUNGE

We invite you to hang out in the Convention Lounge: the convention's "living room". We are happy to offer a comfortable, intimate, genial space for members to hang out, plan your next workshop, panel, or event, relax with friends, enjoy lively conversation, and partake of some light snacks. The Convention Lounge is located in Wing 7.

We know it's important to offer nourishment in a friendly atmosphere to our members and we're confident the Convention Lounge offers the right combination. We'll offer continental breakfast and yogurt in the morning and fruits, vegetables, and snack foods throughout the day.

CONVENTION AND SECURITY OFFICES

The nerve centers of the convention are the convention offices. The main Convention Office and the Convention Security Office are both located in Olympic 3. Someone will be available all hours of the day to assist with convention issues and concerns.

DAILY 'ZINE

Norwescon's official daily 'zine contains news of the day from around the con as well as last minute schedule changes. Previously you could find paper copies scattered around the convention; now we are updating the 'zine to reflect the digital age. The most up-to-date information can be found on the Guidebook app.

GUIDEBOOK

Find the most complete information about Norwescon participants and activities online via Guidebook. Content is updated continuously after our paper publications go to print, including hyperlinks to our guests of honor and panelists' websites, schedule changes, convention information, interactive hotel maps, and downloadable materials from our panels. You can set up your own schedule of events and have the app send you reminders! Guidebook is user-friendly on iPhones, Android phones, tablets, and all other devices. There is a native app for iPhone and Android, and a mobile web app for other devices. Access it via guidebook.com/getit.

HOSPITALITY

See CONVENTION LOUNGE

INFORMATION TABLE

Information about the convention, the hotel, and the local area can be found at the information table, located in the convention lobby, across from registration. You may recycle pocket programs there. If you have questions after the information table closes, please go to the convention office or the security office in Wing 7.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located in Olympic 3, the convention security office. If you lose something during the convention, check both the convention's lost and found and with the hotel. If it does not turn up right away, check back on Sunday afternoon—sometimes a lost item can take a while to be discovered and filter in.

Unclaimed articles left in the cloak room after 4 p.m. on Sunday will either go into the hotel's lost and found or will go home with Norwescon. Luggage and like items will be placed with the hotel, and miscellaneous and small items will be retained by Norwescon. Please check with both the convention and the hotel lost and found departments for items that you may have misplaced during the convention.

After the convention, inquiries about lost items can be made to info@norwescon.org. Inquiries should also be made with the hotel. Lost items will be kept until July 1 of the convention year. After that date, any unclaimed items will be auctioned at the Volunteer Picnic, with the proceeds going to Norwescon's charity of choice.

PEACEBONDING

SEE RULES AND POLICIES: Weapons Policy

TEENS AND TEEN RUNNERS

Norwescon recognizes that the future of convention attendees and volunteering staff will come from the teens currently attending the convention with their parents. In an effort to give our younger members the opportunity to gain firsthand experience and a behind-the-scenes look into the world of conventions, Norwescon implemented the "Teen Runner" program. If you are between the ages of 13 and 17 and are looking for things to do at the convention, stop by Volunteers and try your hand in helping out as a Runner. There are jobs in many areas, such as Registration, Technical Services, the Convention Office, Volunteers, Masquerade, and Dispatch, which are suitable for teenagers and are vital to the convention.

VOLUNTEERING

Norwescon runs on volunteers, and without them no convention would be possible. As such, everyone is encouraged to volunteer at the convention for a few hours. There are many things you can volunteer for that allow for attendance at certain events. As a bonus, volunteers who have helped at any time during the con will receive a special token of appreciation. Go to the volunteer table in the convention lobby or the Volunteer Office and sign up for a shift (or two, or three, or four, or five).

The Volunteer Office does not provide babysitting. Minors may volunteer with permission of their parent/guardian/designee but should not be dropped off at the office without a specific purpose. In the event that child care is needed, the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport has a relationship with Best Sitters, Inc.; for more information on Best Sitters, call them at (206) 682-2556.

HOTEL PROVIDED

POOL AND HOT TUB

The pool and hot tub are open to hotel guests 24 hours a day and can be accessed with a hotel room key. The pool and hot tub will be closed for scheduled cleaning and maintenance during part of the day. Please read the pool and hot tub rules posted in that area. The rules, including hygiene rules, must be obeyed if we want to keep this area open for the weekend.

INTERNET ACCESS

Free wifi is available in the coffee area outside of Seaports. There are also public terminals available for limited use in the same area.

PARKING

The DoubleTree has a monitored parking system. There are three entry gates into the hotel parking lot. Tickets are dispensed at each gate, and payment is made as you leave or at one of the marked kiosks in the hotel lobby. Off-site parking is also available nearby.

HOTEL PARKING RATES

- The first car registered to each hotel room is free.
- Any additional cars registered to the same hotel room are charged \$13 per day and receive in/out privileges.
- Attendees who drive to the convention but do not stay at the hotel will be charged \$13 per 24-hour day with NO in/out privileges.
- Motorcycles are charged the same convention rate of \$13.00 per 24-hour day. No special motorcycle parking spaces are available, and a standard parking space must be used.
- If you are pulling a trailer and/or use more than one parking space, the parking fee will be \$13.00 per parking stall used. (Using two stalls will be \$26.00 per day and so on.)
- Disabled parking stalls are charged the same convention rate of \$13.00 per day.

Parking is always limited at Norwescon. Do not park in fire lanes. Do not park in spaces marked for those with disabilities unless you have a valid handicap permit. Please only park in marked parking spaces. **Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas (including those set aside for reserved parking spaces) will be towed.** Please park legally and walk the distance rather than parking in unauthorized areas. Many parking lots are available in the area, and some provide transport to and from the airport and hotel.

DOUBLETREE RESTAURANTS AND BARS

(Please note that hours are subject to change.)

Fish Bowl Grill

Open Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. inside the atrium between the Dealers' Room and the Grand Ballrooms. They serve a selection of grilled burgers, hot dogs, and teriyaki plates.

Thunderbird Market

Open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Between the main hotel lobby and Norwescon registration you'll find the Thunderbird Market gift shop and coffee bar. They proudly brew Starbucks drip coffee, and can also create your favorite cappuccino, latte, or mocha. Start your day off with a warm breakfast sandwich, an assortment of grab and go beverages, Danishes, muffins, dessert breads or an array of sandwiches and salads. They even have cheesecake!

Coffee Garden

The Coffee Garden will be open for daily from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. and offers an excellent breakfast buffet with fruits, cereals, breakfast breads, hot items, and made-to-order omelets. They also serve traditional fare like eggs, bacon, and toast, or you can select fancier fare such as a dungeness crab frittata or smoked salmon eggs benedict.

Seaports and Seaports Lounge

Open from 11 a.m. until 1:30 a.m, Seaports offers a lunch and dinner menu, plus a large selection of cocktails, craft beer, and wine. Their lunch menu consists of soups, salads, and hand-crafted sandwiches, as well as fish and chips, a vegan Thai curry bowl, and gluten-free pho. The dinner menu includes a selection of steak and seafood entrees.

Room Service

Room service is available daily from 6 a.m. to midnight and can be accessed through your in-room telephone.

Allergy Procedures

We take food allergies very seriously, so seriously that the hotel created an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for handling these very special orders. Each allergy order is handled with care as a hand-written ticket is created by the server, delivered to the chef, and accompanies the dish throughout the execution and delivery of the meal. Ask for a red ticket for your meal. You can rest assured that the hotel's team will pay very close attention to handling and expediting each and every allergy-sensitive order.

WHAT'S IN THE LOCAL AREA

RESTAURANTS

13 Coins - 18000 International Blvd. (206-243-9500). Five minute walk north of the hotel. Serving up hearty fare 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Denny's - 18623 International Blvd. (206-248-1558). Across International Blvd. road from the convention hotel. Open 24 hours.

Jack-In-The-Box - 2840 South 188th (206-244-6293). Across International Blvd. from the convention hotel. Open 24 hours.

L&L Hawaiian Barbecue - 18613 International Blvd., Bldg. B-3 (206-432-9646). Across International Blvd. from the convention hotel. The name says it all: Hawaiian style BBQ and other Hawaiian staples. Monday - Saturday 9 a.m.–11 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Mango Thai Cuisine & Bar -18613 International Blvd (206-243-1888). Across International Blvd. from the convention hotel. Casual, contemporary eatery offering a varied menu of classic Thai dishes and handcrafted cocktails. Monday - Friday 11 a.m.–10 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday noon–10 p.m.

Masae's Teriyaki - 19021 International Blvd. (206-241-6231). A few minutes' walk south on International Blvd. from the convention hotel, just past the Days Inn. Japanese food. Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Sharp's Roaster & Ale House - 18427 International Blvd. (206-241-5744). Across International Blvd. the convention hotel. Features rotisserie chicken, baby back ribs, smoked meats, daily happy hours, and a kids' menu. Dining room open until 10 p.m. The Bent Prop Pub is open until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Subway - 18613 International Blvd. (206-436-8570). Across International Blvd. from the convention hotel. Sandwiches and salads. Thursday - Saturday 8 a.m.–midnight; Sunday 9 a.m.–midnight

Taco Bell - 18812 International Blvd. (206-243-8171). Across 188th St. from the convention hotel. Thursday 7 a.m.–1 a.m.; Friday - Saturday 7 a.m.–2 a.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.–1 a.m.

CONVENIENCE STORES

7-Eleven - 20008 Pacific Hwy S. (206-824-3984). South on International Blvd. from the convention hotel, just past the Day's Inn.

7-Eleven - 3120 S 176th St (206-242-4559). North on International Blvd. from the convention hotel and right on 176th St. Near the Hilton.

7-Eleven - 19023 International Blvd. (206-243-8854). South on International Blvd. from the convention hotel.

GROCERY STORES

Costco – 400 Costco Drive #150 (206-575-9191). Fifteen minute drive east of the convention hotel. Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m.–8:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Costco membership required.

Safeway - 4011 S. 164th St. (206-244-2567). Includes a deli, bakery, pharmacy, Starbucks, video, and liquor departments. Open 24 Hours, Pharmacy open M-F 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Full service Wells Fargo bank on premises. FedEx drop off and pickup location.

Safeway – 21401 International Blvd. S. (206-824-2737). Includes a deli, bakery, pharmacy, Starbucks, and liquor departments. Open 5 a.m.–1 a.m.. Pharmacy open M-F 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. U.S Bank ATM, Safeway gas station. FedEx drop off and pickup location.

BANKS AND ATMS

There is an ATM in the hotel lobby. There is a full-service Bank of America located at 16640 International Blvd. open M-F 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and 10 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday. There is a US Bank inside the airport, open M-F 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The Safeway at 4011 S. 164th Street has a full-service Wells Fargo Bank, open M-F 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The 7-11 at 3120 S. 176th Street contains a Citibank ATM. A Key Bank with ATM is located at 275 Andover Park West near Southcenter Mall.

TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR CONVENTION EXPERIENCE THE BEST

- Attach your badge to the outside of your outfit. This act saves you from having to fish it out when asked by door guards or convention security.
- Remember to carry your identification (driver's licenses, state identification, etc.) with you at all times. Identification is required at the hotel bars and room parties. Also, remember to bring money or your credit card; you never know when you will see something you want in the Dealers' Room or the Art Show.
- Note: You may be asked to provide your identification for entry into events and panels labeled "18+ or 21+ with ID." Without your ID, you may be refused entry.

- Floor 14 (Maxi's Lounge level) is limited to members 21+ with photo ID from 8 p.m.–3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday; carry your ID or you will have to make the elevator journey twice.
- Download the Guidebook app and add Norwescon 43. Every year this app is expanded and now contains more than just the daily schedule. Guidebook is updated regularly during the convention to keep you up-to-date on what is happening or what has changed. Vendors, pros, and artists frequently link additional content in Guidebook, so be sure to explore the app.
- Highlight the panels you want to attend so that you do not miss them.
- Check out the Daily 'Zine every morning to learn of any changes to the daily schedule. Mass copies of the Daily 'Zine are no longer printed, but you will find one posted at the Information Table, in the Green Room, the Convention Lounge, and the Office.
- Visit the Convention Lounge for a fannish family reunion. Catch up with old friends and share your fannish interests with new friends.
- Please remember to eat! As noted above, the hotel has several options available at a variety of price points, and there are other food options within walking distance. Due to the hotel's corporate policy changes, Norwescon is only able to offer snacks in our Convention Lounge, but feel free to bring in your own food while catching up with friends.
- Practice good hygiene throughout the weekend; regular hand washing and showers are the best protection for yourself and others from any unwelcome microbial or viral friends.
- Volunteer! It's a great way to get to know people.