

(schedule letter)

Greetings, Boskone 46 program participant:

Thanks for agreeing to be part of Boskone 46, which takes place February 13–15, 2009 at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. Your preliminary schedule follows this general information.

If we've made mistakes (likely!), we'll be happy to adjust your schedule so that you can enjoy Boskone. If you are scheduled for too many items or have a scheduling conflict, let us know. If you are on a panel and you are unclear or uncomfortable with the topic, ask to be removed from the panel. (We really don't want anyone commenting that they don't know why they've been put on a specific program item!) Please speak up – just tell us (politely!?) and we'll fix things. No problem, honest!

If you do have requests for cancellations or changes (or whatever), contact us as soon as possible. To allow time to get changes into the Pocket Program, we really need to hear about these needs by February 7. (Of course, you'll also be able to make changes in your schedule at con.)

Additionally –

- * Program descriptions are being written and reviewed; some (many individual discussion groups, especially) have not yet been completed. Please help! If you have a specific idea for a question or a comment on a precis, we'll try to incorporate such suggestions.

- * Unless otherwise noted, Panels are 55 minutes; Readings are 25 minutes; Signings, Discussion Groups, Kaffeeklatches and Literary Beers are 45 minutes (though may go to 55 minutes if you wish).

- * If you wish to contact your fellow participants to talk about a panel topic before Boskone, e-mail Progam@boskone.org to get the necessary information. (Note that people scheduled with you for Autographs, Kaffeeklatsches, and Literary Beers simply have the same time slot.)

- * If you need specific “tech” help/supplies (slide/power–point projection, etc.) please remind us!

- * An "(M)" next to your name means you're the moderator. If you are uncomfortable with this, please tell us!

* Boskone does not provide guest memberships for spouses or friends of program participants.

You will not be sent another mailing before the convention. However, if any major changes are made in your schedule we'll try to inform you as soon as possible. The full convention program will be posted to www.Boskone.org about a week before Boskone. Program participants are currently listed on the Boskone website. We ask that if you include "upcoming appearances" on your website, you consider providing a link to Boskone. Thanks!

Please check in at Registration (open by 4:00 on Friday) at Boskone. Afterwards, we'd appreciate your dropping by Program Ops (in the consuite - the Galleria on the lower level) as soon as possible. We'll have more information, final schedules, back-of-the-badge labels, ribbons, drink chits, any reimbursements due, and other goodies!

We look forward to seeing you at Boskone.

Sincerely - Priscilla Olson and JoAnn Cox
for Boskone 46 program

(PS - the Boskone hotel block closes February 6. If you want a hotel room, get it immediately.)

(Additional info letter)

Welcome, Boskone 46 Program Participant!

About Boskone

Boskone is for people who love science fiction, fantasy, and horror. Less a “life-style” event than some other conventions, it features exciting exhibits, inspiring events, and an acclaimed interactive program. Our innovative no-boundaries layout is designed to stimulate conversation between friends (old and new), and support the warm family-friendly community of this renowned regional convention. (And it's all served up with just a dash of whimsy!)

Consuite

Boskone does not offer a separate green room for program participants. We invite you to mingle with the other members of the convention (and to enjoy the food and beverage offerings provided in the consuite and the hotel) However, if you do feel you need a more private space to prepare with other program participants, please see the Program Ops staff and we will try to accommodate you in a space near the Program Ops staff area or in a vacant program room. In the event you are short on time (...over-programmed...), and do not have time to procure lunch for yourself, please let Program Ops know, and the staff can provide you with a sandwich/snack.

Check-in

Please register and obtain your badge at Registration. Then, pick up your participant schedule at Program Ops., located the in the consuite (Galleria, lower level).

If you will not be able to attend any program items for which you are scheduled, please advise us before or at-con (at Program Ops). If you would like to be added to an item, let Program Ops know too: we often need program participants at-con for panels for which there have been cancellations.

Moderators

Moderators handle this task as they see fit (though upon check-in at Program Ops., you will receive a helpful Moderators hand-out, if you have a “M” next to your name.) We ask that moderators be conscious of the time, and end the panel at 5 minutes before the end of the hour. (Boskone does not provide a warning before the end of each program item) This will allow for audience members to leave, and the next panel members to set-up.

Audio/Visual needs

Please contact Program prior to the convention with your audio/visual needs so they can be accommodated. For questions or confirm your needs with a tech-wrangler,

please check in with Program Ops. at the convention. If you are using a Mac, please bring adapters.

Tent Cards

Tent (name) cards will be found in a folder at the front of the room, or on the table. You will also be given an additional tent card that you may find useful: they are not provided for Autographing, Readings, Kaffeeklatsches, or Literary Beers. Please dispose of your tent cards at the end of the panel.

Autographing

Tables for autographing will be set up on the same level as the registration area. Water set-ups will be provided.

Readings

Readings will be held in one of two rooms, Griffin or Independence. They are tightly-scheduled, and if you are unable to read at the time provided, we may not be able to accommodate you elsewhere.

Kaffeeklatches

Kaffeeklatches are held in the consuite. Sign-ups are limited by the table size, which will be a round of 6–10. If you do not have time to procure a coffee/tea or other beverage, let Program Ops. know, and we will be happy to provide you a beverage/ snack.

Literary Beers

Literary Beers are similar to Kaffeeklatches, except that they are held in the hotel bar. If more than one Literary Beer is taking place at the same time, you do not need to combine with the other participant, unless it is mutually agreeable to you and the attendees. If you are scheduled for a Literary Beer, you will receive an envelope with cash to purchase a beverage for yourself. You are not responsible for purchasing beverages for those who attend your Literary Beer. Sign-ups are limited by the bar, to 6–10. (A specific reserved location will be assigned as we get closer to the convention.)

Artist Demos

Artist Demos will be held in a special area of the consuite, and will allow you up to 90 minutes to strut your stuff! Easels will be provided.

Dragonslair

Dragonslair program items are designed for children, aged 7–12. Please keep this mind when planning your program item. Dragonslair will be found in a corner of the consuite.