

PAWS Cat Adoption Event

1:30 - 3 p.m. in Community Room

Cats can be found all over pop culture, from comics like Garfield to Marvel characters like Goose or anime characters like Artemis and Luna. Meet cute cats at the PAWS Cat Adoption Event and maybe even take home one of the adorable characters we have visiting.






Mystery Machine

Thank you to Roger Shimono and Haley Conley for bringing the Mystery Machine and Scooby Doo characters.
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Special Thanks

We want to thank all of our special guests, artists, vendors, and volunteers. Please support them and let them know you appreciate all they did to make the 2026 DPLS Def-Com a success!

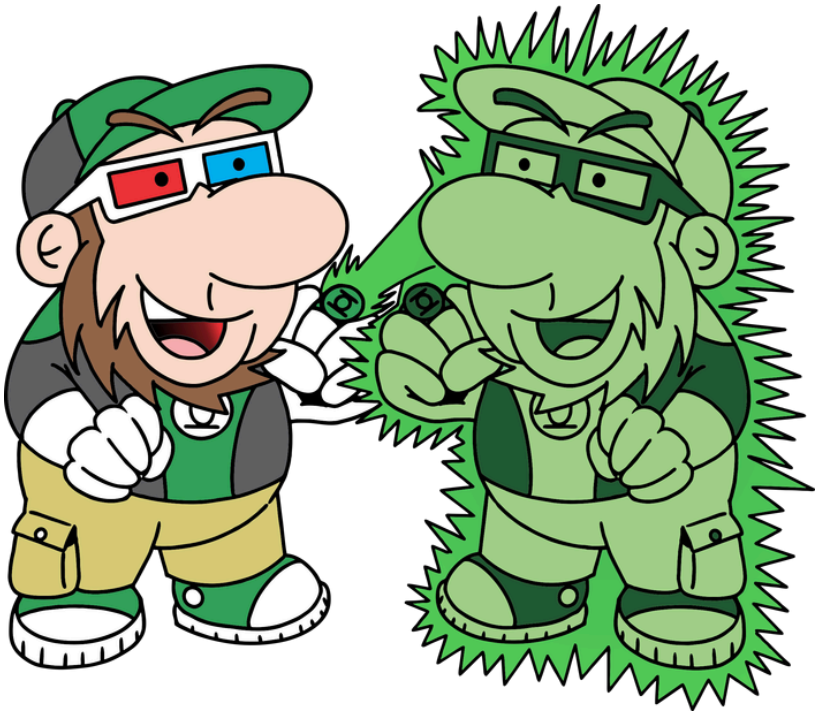
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2026 Event Guide

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Con Etiquette

We love Def-Com and hope you do too. Please help keep our con fun for everyone by being nice and courteous to other attendees, staff, volunteers, panelists, artists, and vendors.

Always ask permission to take photos and make sure when taking photos you are not blocking traffic.



Cosplay Guidelines

No bare feet or nudity. This is a family friendly event. Costumes should be suitable for a general audience. Violators could be asked to leave, or change clothing before entering.

All weapons must be peace bonded and non-working. No live steel. No functioning projectiles. No real guns. Please orange tip any realistic guns. Violators may have weapons confiscated or be asked to leave. Mock or play fighting is not allowed in congested areas and should be reserved for picture taking.

No profanity. Even if profanity is a part of your character's personality, please keep it clean for our family friendly event. Violators can be asked to leave.

Large costumes should be as contained as possible. A handler may be useful to help you through crowds.

Cosplay Rescue

The MakerSpace will have a collection of supplies to help you repair your cosplay at the Welcome Desk.

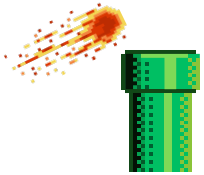
Children's Activity Zone

Yoshi Bowling



Play a game of bowling with this Yoshi-themed bowling set.

Fireball Toss



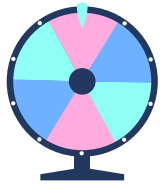
Win a prize if you can get a fireball into a warp pipe.

Cheep Cheep Fishing



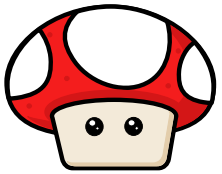
Grab a fishing pole and catch a Cheep Cheep from Mario to win a prize.

Prize Wheel



Spin the prize wheel and see what fun surprise you win!

Mario Scavenger Hunt



Visit our vendors and see if you can find Mario characters. Completed scavenger hunts will get a goodie bag.

Artists & Vendors

We have 50+ artists and vendors this year. To learn about everyone here visit facebook.com/dplsdefcom/ or scan the QR code.

Activities

Kdog's Arcade

Play fun cabinet arcade games like Sound Voltex, Chunithm, Wacca, Project Diva, Jubeat, Museca, Love Live, PopNMusic

Book Sale



Find pop culture books, movies, and more at the Friends of the Defiance Public Library book sale.

11:30 am & 1 pm Dragon Experience



Meet a baby dragon at 11:30 a.m. or see an ice dragon at 1pm, brought by T.A.G. Art Company.

Presentations

Community Room

10:30 a.m. presented by Traeonna of Kimono Kitsune

Kimono Story: An Exploration of Kimono Through Anime



Step into the vibrant world of kimono fashion through the lens of anime! This class explores how kimono are portrayed across different time periods in anime, from the Meiji era to modern-day Japan. We'll examine anime such as Kakuriyo no Yadomeshi, Konohana Kitan, Rurouni Kenshin, Watashi no Shiawase na Kekkon, Kimetsu no Yaiba, Taishou Otome Otogibanashi, Showa Genroku Rakugo Shinjuu, Hanasaku Iroha, Maiko-san Chi no Makanai-san, Chihayafuru, Kono Oto Tomare, and Tsurune—analyzing garments, accessories, and styling choices along the way. Anime gives us an accessible way to identify kimono and related garments, even when the settings aren't historically accurate, using it as our visual guide.

12 p.m. presented by Bryan Ballinger

AI Art: Its Impact on Creatives and the Creative Industry

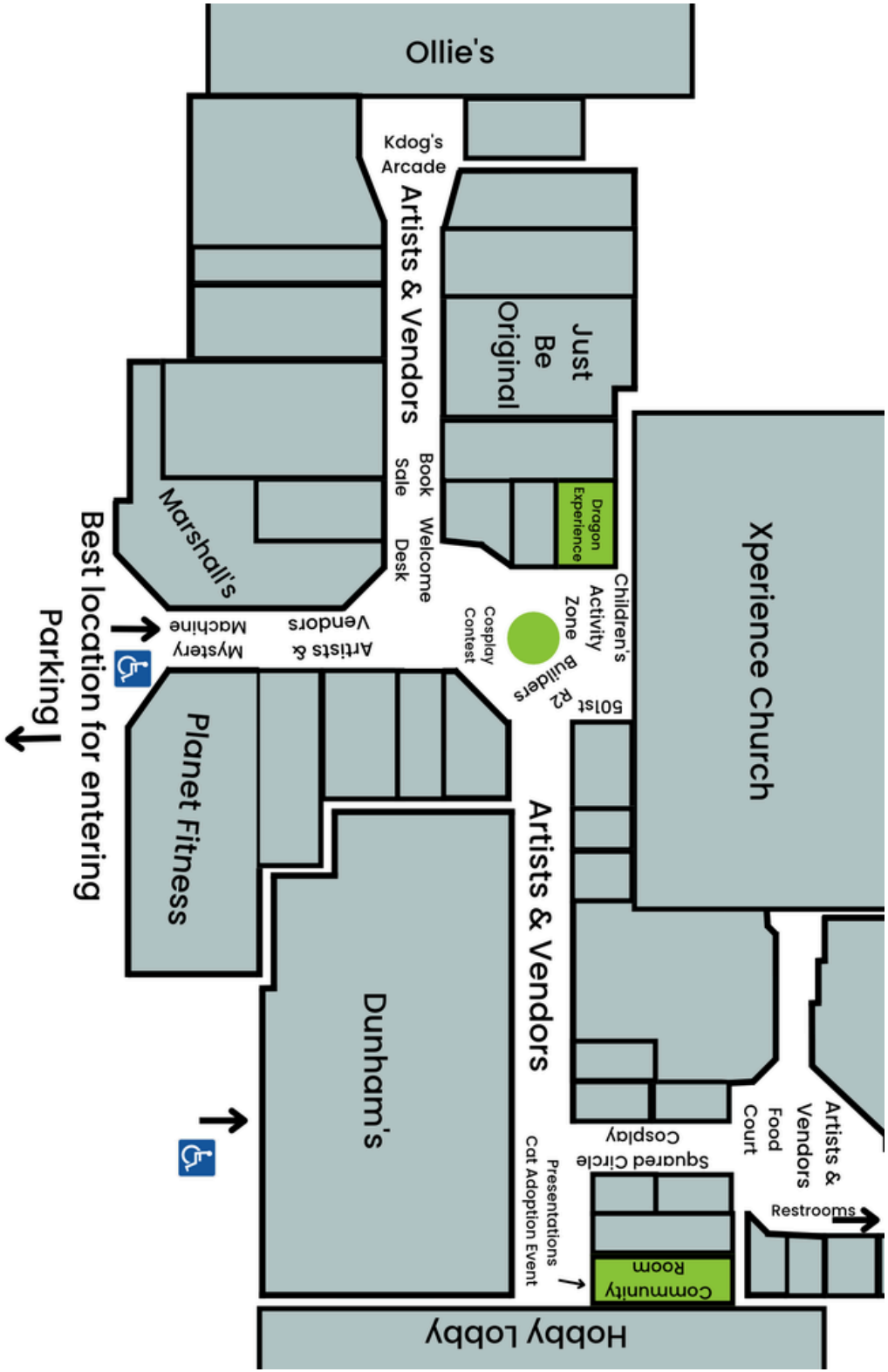


Join illustration and computer animation veteran and educator Bryan Ballinger as he presents an overview of the impact of the evolving visual capabilities of AI.

Schedule

See the activities & presentation list for descriptions and all-day activities

Time	Community Room	In Front of Center Stage	Behind Stage by Children's Activity Area
10 am			
10:30 am	Kimono Story by Traeonna		
11 am			
11:30 am			Baby Dragon
12 pm	AI Art: Its Impact . . . by Bryan Ballinger		
12:30 pm			
1 pm			Ice Dragon
1:30 pm	PAWS Adoption Event		
2 pm			
2:50 pm		Cosplay Line Up	
3 pm		Cosplay Contest	
3:30 pm			



501st & Rebel Legion Apollo Base



See movie-accurate Star Wars props and costumes. They will be raising money for the Save the Children charity.

R2 Builders Club

R2 Builders are bringing their robotic droids and will have interactive displays and demonstrations throughout the day.



Squared Circle Cosplay

Professional wrestling cosplayers raising money for Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Spin the wheel for a donation, get your photo taken, or try your hand at wrestling trivia.



Cosplay Contest

3 PM at Center Stage

Start lining up at 2:50pm by standing near the sign with your category name on it in front of the center stage.

Enter the cosplay contest for the chance to win a prize and serious bragging rights. Categories: 0-12, 13-17, and Adults 18+

