
Yaoi-Con 2008: Ready to Rumble!

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THE TIME HAS COME: START PLANNING FOR YAOI-CON 2008!

The location is ready, the dates are set, the guest of honor is confirmed. All we need now is YOU!

Yaoi-Con 2008 will be held Friday through Sunday, September 26-28, 2008 at the Marriott San Mateo-San Francisco Airport in San Mateo, California!

Our 2008 Web site is now online with everything you need to plan your trip to Yaoi-Con this year:

<http://www.yaoicon.com>. You can sign up there for our announcement emails (which we highly recommend, since we will be retiring the Yaoi-Con Announce Yahoo Group some time this year), and there's also a forum for you to talk with other Yaoi-Con-goers and get excited about the big weekend in September!

Check out all that we have in store for you this year. . . .

THE GUEST SO NICE WE BROUGHT HER TWICE: NITTA YOUKA IS YAOI-CON'S GUEST OF HONOR

Nitta Youka, creator of the wildly popular manga Embracing Love, Casino Lily, The Sound of My Voice and The Prime Minister's Secret Diplomacy will be Yaoi-Con's guest of honor this year! After her first appearance at Yaoi-Con 2002 delighted her fans, we are thrilled to have Nitta-sensei back for a second visit.

Learn more about Nitta-sensei and her fabulous, sexy and stylish body of work:

<http://www.yaoicon.com/guests>

COME ONE, COME ALL: PRE-REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register now for the absolute best convention rate: only \$40.00 for the entire weekend! Pre-Registration lasts from now until May 31, 2008, so register now to get the Early Bird rate.

<http://www.yaoicon.com/registration.html>

CON HOTEL ROOMS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Marriott San Mateo-San Francisco Airport in San Mateo, California will again host Yaoi-Con this year. Hotel rooms are now available at these rates:

Single/Double (1-2 people): \$109.00

Triple/Quad (3-4 people): \$119.00

Executive Suite: \$139.00

Book your room early to be sure you get a spot close to the action!

NOTE: If you try to reserve an Executive Suite and get a message that the rooms aren't available for the promo code, wait a day or two and try again. The hotel will be updating the link.

<http://www.yaoicon.com/convention-hotel.html>

ATTENTION: ANYONE WHO RESERVED A HOTEL ROOM ALREADY!

All early birds who reserved their room last year, or who reserved already through AAA, you MUST contact Craig Cordova at [CraigC @ marriott-sanmateo.com](mailto:CraigC@marriott-sanmateo.com) in order to have the convention room rate applied to your reservation! Include your reservation number in your email. The convention rate is at least \$10 cheaper per night than the normal rate, so contacting Mr. Cordova could save you some money!

If you have trouble contacting Mr. Cordova, or if you do not receive a confirmation from him, contact the Yaoi-Con Director:

<http://www.yaoicon.com/contact-us/susan.html>

PANEL-MANIA: GET YOUR PANEL REQUESTS IN!

Since the convention is in late September instead of October this year, we need your panel ideas ASAP! Whether you're an expert in historical Japanese rope bondage, or you just want to gather with other fans who love your favorite bishounen anime, we want you to lead a Yaoi-Con panel! Panels are the lifeblood of any convention, and only you and

your expertise can make our panel lineup totally unique!

Apply with your panel idea today:

<http://www.yaoicon.com/panels-workshops.html>

GET YOUR DOUJINSHI TO COMIKET!

Comiket: the biggest amateur comic and doujinshi market in Japan is interested in Western works! If you'd like to show your doujinshi at the International Corner of this year's Comiket, Yaoi-Con wants to help. Details, caveats, and the address to send a copy of your doujinshi are available on the Web site:

<http://www.yaoicon.com/comiket-or-bust.html>

VOLUNTEERS: YAOI-CON WANTS YOU!

That's right, Yaoi-Con is seeking attendees willing to devote their time towards making the con a rousing success. We can't do it without your help! So check off the little box on the registration form that says you'd like to volunteer, or feel free to drop an email to the Volunteers Coordinator:

<http://www.yaoicon.com/contact-us/todd.html>

Seeya there!

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