

Subject: CoKoCon 2019 - Welcome Back!
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Welcome back to the CoKoCon mailing list!

Just in case you didn't join us at CoKoCon last year, here are some general details about us and what we're doing in 2019. We'll delve deeper in future mailings.

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention in **Phoenix, AZ** with a special focus on authors. Our website is cokocon.org and we're on Facebook and Twitter.

The name is because we're jointly sponsored by CASFS and the WesternSFA, so we're a CopperCon and a ConKopelli.

We'll be back at the same hotel, **DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North**, over the same four day Labor Day weekend. In 2019, that's Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2. We're in the MetroCenter area right off I-17 at Peoria Ave and there are many restaurants within a third of a mile, some of which are offering discounts during the con. We hope you can join us!

Adult memberships (12 and over) are currently **\$50** and will go up to \$60 at the door. Children (7-12) are half price. Kids-in-tow (under 7) are free but limited to two per adult member. All can be [purchased on our website](http://cokocon.org).

Note: we're **capping our membership** at 500.

Hotel rooms are **\$92 per night**, single thru quad. Suites (including party suites) are \$102 per night. Our room block is live and you can [book rooms through our website](#). If you go directly through the hotel, please mention CoKoCon and let us know so we can make sure you'll get our reduced rate. The convention is holding all suites. If you want one, please book a regular room and [contact our hotel liaison](#) to assign a suite to you if one is still available.

As with 2019, we're hosting many traditional sf/f con activities: guests, panels, workshops, gaming, parties, filking, readings, signings, dealers' room, art show, fan tables, charity auction, ice cream social, etc. Meet the people you didn't know you needed to meet in our ConSuite.

Our charity once again is **Y-Achievers**, which is a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults. The WesternSFA will be hosting a book drive for the **Children First Academy of Phoenix**, a charter school providing services to poverty-level and homeless children in grades K-8. We'll also be hosting a non-perishable goods/pet food drive for **Joshua Tree Feeding Program**, feeding the HIV/AIDS community in metro Phoenix since 1988.

We currently have four **Guests of Honor**.

Our Local Author GoH is **Emily Devenport**, author of the 2018 hit for Tor, *Medusa Uploaded*, and the upcoming *Medusa in the Graveyard* (due in July). She's written nine other novels, which were published under three different names.

Our Weird Science GoH is **Professor Sparks**, who presents unique and spectacular high voltage shows with equipment like a 500,000 volt Tesla Coil, an electric chair and equipment from Ken Strickfaden's set for the 1931 *Frankenstein*.

Our Artist GoH is **Gilead**, kindly sponsored by LepreCon, Inc. His fantasy drawings and paintings are done in a style of realism with a dose of whimsy, often painted on recycled materials such as cabinet doors and old signs.

Our Filk GoH is **Alexander James Adams**, kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle. Heir to the music and legend of Heather Alexander, Alec has released twenty albums, a few spoken word stories and many collaborations with other musicians.

We'll be outlining what else we have in store for you in future e-mails. Please watch for those and share with your friends.

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