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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in Phoenix, AZ with a slight focus on authors! Here's your update for Monday, August 5.

Attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

### **DEADLINES**

Our room block at the DoubleTree has now closed. You should still be able to book rooms at the convention rate but, if you have any trouble doing so, please contact our Hotel Liaison at [hotel@cokocon.org](mailto:hotel@cokocon.org).

We'll be closing online registration on August 15 and prices will be slightly higher at the convention so, if you don't have your memberships already, now's a great time to buy them. Currently, an adult membership is \$50 with youths half price.

### **CHARITY AUCTION**

One of the most popular events at CoKoCon is the Charity Auction, in which many of us bid to win donated items of every description before the hammer of the auctioneer falls. Beyond the items themselves, the bidding wars can be magnificent entertainment and it's all for charity.

100% of the money raised during the Charity Auction (and the Sketch Off) will go to the [Y! Achievers](#), a YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

Y! Achievers helps young adults (ages 16-24) get started in the right direction in life. Participants explore their career interests, train in high-demand careers and

gain the confidence they need to become employed in our ever-changing job market. The program is free of charge to qualified youth.

Everyone with a membership to CoKoCon can attend the Charity Auction and bid on items. Your badge number is your bidder number.

Check out the [Charity Auction](#) page on our website to see some of the items that will go under the hammer at CoKoCon. There are plenty of books, games, collectibles, jewelry and special space items. More items will be added before the convention.

Some of the folks we'd like to thank include (in no particular order) Bookmans, Trash City, Game Depot, Dr. David Williams, North Valley Games, Drawn to Comics, Beth Cato, Thomas Watson, Castles & Coasters, the Western SFA, our fine dealers at the con and, particularly, the generosity of Imperial Outpost Games.

## **BOOK DRIVE**

As at most local science fiction conventions, the Western SFA is sponsoring a book drive to benefit the Children First Academy of Phoenix.

The [Children First Academy](#) is a charter school with a goal to provide services directed toward poverty-level and homeless children in grades K-8. Their buses drive 450 miles each day all over the Phoenix Valley and the school provides services that go beyond the responsibilities of regular schools by providing the children and their families with services such as medical and dental assistance; clothing including socks and shoes; food; personal hygiene supplies; and school supplies.

There will be a special donation box in the Fan Table area. Books donated will help to the school library. The age ranges vary, but we would particularly like to see juvenile fiction. Please take some time to clear your shelves and closets of unwanted books and help a child.

While children's books are preferred, we will take anything you bring! If you donate adult fiction, we will contact a local bookseller to exchange adult for juvenile fiction. So keep an eye out for the big Harry Potter donation box.

Hygiene items are also greatly needed. You could throw in any soap and shampoo you might have picked up at any hotels. And backpacks...

## **FOOD DRIVE**

We're also sponsoring a non-perishable food/pet food drive at CoKoCon to benefit the Joshua Tree Feeding Program. Please bring whatever you can spare.

[Joshua Tree Feeding Program](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit food pantry for the HIV/AIDS Community for Maricopa and Pinal counties. JTFFP is a social, supportive and welcoming place for persons living with HIV/AIDS. JTFFP offer a safe and comforting environment for sharing empathetic conversation, receiving relevant health and nutritional guidance or selecting from a wide assortment of nutritional foods to take home.

In 2010 JTFFP started the Pet Assistance Project (PAP) when they found out that their clients were using the meats they were picking up and feeding their pets instead. So every other week their clients get free dog or cat food so their furbabies get fed. The PAP also gives our clients information and resources for low-cost neutering as well as vet care.

## **PROGRAMMING**

Our [online programming schedule](#) is live and being fleshed out daily. Check it out regularly to see what else we're adding in!

In addition to the many authors who will be presenting and signing, we'll have plenty of panels, workshops and other events to choose from, from favourite old faces to refreshing new ones.

The D.R.E.A.D. Fleet will arrive in port, dead set on getting up to all sorts of piratical shenanigans. The MVD Ghostchasers will be introducing some of the most haunted places of the UK that have inspired sf/f authors over the years. The Phoenix Astronomical Society will be hosting a number of star parties in the evenings so you can peek through their telescopes and see wonders of the sky.

Programming items going live this week include something for everyone: a cordial workshop from Lord Craig of the White Cliffs, a number of Discworld panels and one on Doctor Who, along with more late night Fan Fiction Erotica readings from the Unipornicorn Theatre.

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2019 event will be held over the four day Labor Day

weekend (Aug 30 to Sep 2) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free (but limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 (single thru quad) and suites are \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details are on our website.

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