

Subject: Virtual CoKoCon 2021 - This Weekend!
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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in the Phoenix, AZ metro area with a focus on authors! Here's your last pre-con update, for Wednesday, September 1. See you at con!

THIS WEEKEND! DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Virtual CoKoCon 2021 will be held in our CoKoCon Discord server, with some panels in Zoom, from September 3-6, 2021.

It's FREE to attend, but you do need to register. We recommend you do that really soon on our website:

Register: cokocon.org/2021/members.html.

Those who purchased memberships to CoKoCon 2020, which have been rolled automatically to CoKoCon 2022, are already registered. Please feel free to fill out the form if your information has changed.

If you're unsure if you already have a membership (COVID definitely does that to our brains), please contact us at banker@cokocon.org.

EARLY CHECK IN

When you follow [this invite](#) to connect to the CoKoCon server in Discord, say hello in registration and tell us who you are so we can assign you a virtual wristband to be able to get into the convention.

While the convention doesn't start until Friday afternoon (the first panels are at 4:00pm), our registration team will be there as of 6:00pm on Thursday to check you in early. If you're really eager to see what our Discord setup looks like, we'll often be around before then too. Just pop in.

Remember that you need to register using the form in the section above before we can assign you a wristband.

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Our [mobile friendly online program schedule](#) has been live throughout the year on the CoKoCon website but our programming has now been finalised, subject to the inevitable last minute tweaks.

One feature that we really like about the software we're using is that you can create your own personal schedule, just by clicking the boxes by the panels that you plan to attend. Everything you highlighted will appear in My Schedule for your easy ongoing reference.

Also, we've published a Pocket Program on the website that lists everything in easy to read grid form. Print and fold a copy to keep to hand, save it to your dekstop or phone to use as easy reference or just open it on the website. You can also find this in the #schedule channel on Discord.

Participants: cokocon.org/2021/participants.html.

Program Schedule: cokocon.org/2021/program/ and #schedule.

Pocket Program: cokocon.org/2021/cokocon4-pp.pdf.

DISCORD

While we will be hosting some panels in Zoom, the heart of Virtual CoKoCon is in Discord and we heartily recommend that you check that out before the con so that you're properly acclimatised. We realise that Discord is new for most of you; it was new to us too.

Some of our panels are in Discord, but there's so much more to explore. All our help and interactive options are in Discord. Our Gaming is in Discord. Our Art Show and Dealers' Room are in Discord. Our Charity Auction is in Discord.

We have an attendee packet on the website in PDF form that talks you through

the basics: how to get to our Discord server, how to get your wristband, some simple settings that will optimise the experience for you, how to find the Zoom links and all sorts of ways to interact with us during the convention.

We heartily recommend that you read this packet before con, especially if you haven't been to Discord before.

Attendee Packet: cokocon.org/2021/cokocon4-ap.pdf

TIME ZONE

We have attendees joining us from across the continent and beyond, with some registering from Colombia, Scotland, Australia and the Philippines.

We should thus highlight that Virtual CoKoCon 2021 is an Arizona convention and we're on MST (not MDT, because we don't change our clocks for daylight savings). We're effectively the same as Pacific time right now and we've added some clocks to the front page of our website so that you can see the difference in each of the continental timezones and those of our international attendees.

We hope that helps! We don't want you to miss a panel you're aching to attend just because you're in a different time zone.

CHARITY AUCTION

All the items up for bid at our Charity Auction are now listed on our website and in the #item-descriptions channel in Discord. Just click on images to open larger versions of them.

Check them out in advance so you have an idea about what you want to bid on and how high you want to go before the auction happens. It'll be held live, not as a write-in. You'll need to be there and bid in person.

There are lots of books, as always, some listed as individuals and some in grab bags, some collectable and some signed. There are also games, tarot decks, DVDs, jewellery, art prints and even some gorgeous 3D printed dice towers.

What's more, there are instructions on how to register for the Charity Auction, so that you can bid and win. Check it all out at the link below:

Charity Auction: cokocon.org/2021/charityauction.html and #item-descriptions.

All proceeds will go to the Joshua Tree Feeding Program.

ART SHOW AND DEALERS' ROOM

Don't forget to check out our Art Show and Dealers' Room, which are both on our website and in the appropriate channels in Discord.

Art Show: cokocon.org/2021/artshow.html and #art-show.

Dealers' Room: cokocon.org/2021/dealers.html and #dealers-room.

DON'T FORGETS

Don't forget that we now have a YouTube channel for CoKoCon, so check that out and like and subscribe to ensure you don't miss future content.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMVs_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw

Also, if you have any videos of our convention that you're willing for us to post to this channel, please let us know at info@cokocon.org.

Sunday morning's Book Discussion is around the award-winning Mary Robinette Kowal novel, *The Calculating Stars*, so don't forget to pick up a copy and read it before that discussion.

If you're interested in being a GM in our Games Rooms during Virtual CoKoCon 2021, please fill out the form

Gaming: cokocon.org/2021/gaming.html.

We're still looking for volunteers to help man the Virtual ConSuite at CoKoCon, which will be open throughout the convention for anyone who wants to chat in between or instead of programming. If that sounds like your sort of thing, do please let us know by filling out the Volunteers form on the website:

Volunteers: cokocon.org/2021/volunteers.html.

GENERAL

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2021 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (September 3-6, 2021) virtually. Memberships will be free and we'll roll all current paid memberships to a future year. All details are on our website.

Website: <https://www.cokocon.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoKoCon/>

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw

Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

History page and archive of newsletters: <https://www.cokocon.org/history.html>.

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