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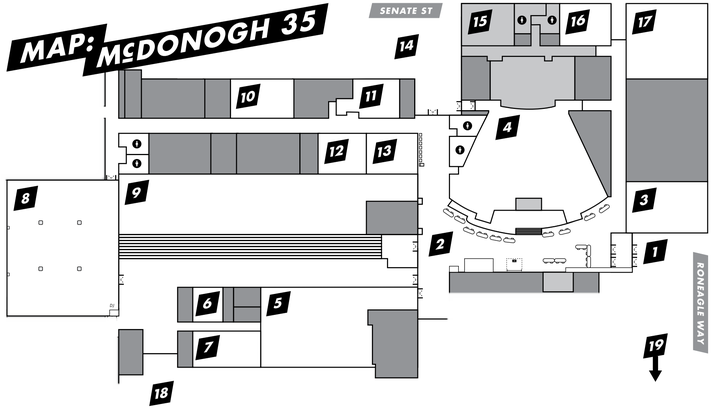

1 ENTRANCE

2 HEROES' HALL *(ATRIUM)*:
- *AERIAL SPACE SQUAD*
- *THE CAST AWAYS OPEN THEATER TROUPE*
- *COMMUNITY CORNER*
- *DJ CLEMANZO*
- *FREE PHOTO BOOTH*
- *FREE PLAY RETRO ARCADE*
- *MERCH & CONCESSIONS*
- *OFFICE (STAFF ONLY)*
- *PROP CHECK*
- *REGISTRATION*

3 CENTER STAGE *(CHOIR ROOM)*

4 THE COLOSSEUM *(AUDITORIUM)*

5 THE BOOK HOARD *(LIBRARY)*
- *THE WRITERS' RETREAT*
- *TABLE GAMING ARENA*

6 MANGA MUSEUM *(ANIME CLUB)*

7 VIDEO GAMING ARENA *(COMPUTER LAB)*

8 BIZARRE BAZAAR *(CAFETERIA)*:
- *COUCH POTATEAUX*

9 THE QUEEN'S COURTYARD
(NON-SMOKING OUTDOOR AREA)

10 FAN-TASTIC FANSPACE *(ROOM 1005)*

11 MAID CAFE *(1001)*

12 JUDGES' QUARTERS *(1104)*

13 KIDS' CORNER *(1103)*

14 NO MAN'S LAND *(REAR PARKING LOT)*
- *GRUB STATION*
- *THE WHIP STRIP*

15 RED, BLACK & GREEN ROOM
(GUESTS & STAFF ONLY; DANCE STUDIO)

16 HUSHTOWN *(BLACK BOX THEATER)*

17 BLERDLANDIA CAVERNS *(MUSIC ROOM)*

18 BLERDLANDIA PLAINS *(ATHLETIC FIELD)*

19 PARKING LOT *(FREE PARKING)*

MAP & SCHEDULE

BLERD 20FEST.ORG 26 NEW ORLEANS

THEME: ONCE UPON A RESISTANCE: FOR 500 YEARS, WE'VE RESISTED OPPRESSION; HOW HAS THAT STRUGGLE SHAPED OUR WORK, OUR ART, OUR STORIES, OUR LIVES...?

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

10% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

11:00 • **BADGE PICK-UP/PROP CHECK:** *Get Checked; Get In!*
LOCATION: *Heroes' Hall: Registration Desk*

• **ACTIVITY: BLERDY CAR SHOW:** *These Whips are Fire!*
LOCATION: *No Man's Land: Whip Strip*

• **RESOURCE: COMMUNITY TABLES:** *Get Information!*
LOCATION: *Heroes' Hall: Community Corner*

• **RESOURCE: FOOD TRUCK:** *Get your Grub On!*
LOCATION: *No Man's Land: Grub Station*

• **RESOURCE: FREE PHOTO BOOTH:** *Get your Pose On!*
LOCATION: *Heroes' Hall*

• **ACTIVITY: FREE PLAY ARCADE:** *Get your Game On!*
LOCATION: *Heroes' Hall*

• **ACTIVITY: LARPING:** *If Ye Are To Exist, Ye Must Resist!*
HOSTS: *ConQuest Events* **LOCATION:** *Blerdlandia*

• **ACTIVITY: MANGA MUSEUM:** *Where Anime comes from!*
LOCATION: *The Book Hoard*

• **RESOURCE: MERCH/CONCESSIONS:** *Swag & Snacks!*
LOCATION: *Heroes' Hall*

• **ACTIVITY: QUESTS:** *The Most Chivalrous will get a Parade!*
HOSTS: *The Cast Aways* **LOCATION:** *Heroes' Hall*

• **RESOURCE: QUIET ROOM:** *get your chill on.*
LOCATION: *Hushtown*

• **ACTIVITY: TABLE GAMING:** *Free Play & Tournaments!*
GAMEMASTERS: *Go4Games* **LOCATION:** *Table Gaming Arena*

• **ACTIVITY: VENDOR TABLES:** *Get your Merch On!*
LOCATION: *Bizarre Bazaar*

• **ACTIVITY: VIDEO GAMING:** *Free Play/Tournaments!*
GAMEMASTERS: *IGL Foundation* **LOCATION:** *Video Gaming Arena*

11:30 • **OPENING REMARKS:** *Kicking Off our 5th Festival!*
HOSTS: **BLERDFEST!** *Staff* **LOCATION:** *The Colosseum*

11:45 • **PERFORMANCE: LIVE MUSIC:** *Ayakashi Krewe!*
LOCATION: *The Colosseum*

12:00 • **PANEL: STEAM:** *Come Hear how RESISTANCE Manifests in the Worlds of Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts & Math!*
MODERATOR: *Dr. Shamika Kelley* **LOCATION:** *Center Stage* ASL

• **PANEL: SLAYING STRESS DEMONS:** *Learn how to De-Stress & Level-Up your Mind with Anime & STEAM!*
MODERATOR: *Xavian Tate* **LOCATION:** *Fan-Tastic FanSpace*

• **COSPLAY THROWDOWN: SIGN-UPS:** *If you want to be in the Throwdown, you have to Sign Up before 2!*
HOSTS: *The Cosplay Krewe* **LOCATION:** *Judges' Quarters*

12:30 • **WORKSHOP: WRITING:** *Choose Your Own Blerdventure with the Help of a Super Smart Writing Pro!*
LEADER: *Dr. Jennifer Bagneris* **LOCATION:** *The Book Hoard*

12:45 • **PERFORMANCE: MAID CAFÉ*:** *They've crash landed in NOLA & hope to make new Earthling Friends & Fans!*
HOSTS: *Hoshi Raion Maid Café* **LOCATION:** *Maid Café*

1:00 • **PANEL: WRITERS:** *Come Hear how RESISTANCE Manifests in the World of Writing!*
MODERATOR: *Will Sutton* **LOCATION:** *Center Stage* ASL

• **WORKSHOP: CREATIVE MOTIVATION:** *Leveling Up Your Life With A Pinch! How Nerd Culture Can Motivate You!*
LEADER: *Don Turner* **LOCATION:** *Fan-Tastic FanSpace*

1:45 • **PERFORMANCE: MAID CAFÉ*:** *They've crash landed in NOLA & hope to make new Earthling Friends & Fans!*
HOSTS: *Hoshi Raion Maid Café* **LOCATION:** *Maid Café*

2:00 • **PANEL: VISUAL ARTISTS:** *Come Hear how RESISTANCE Manifests in the World of Visual Art!*
MODERATOR: *Anne Collins Smith* **LOCATION:** *Center Stage* ASL

• **TALK: HOODOO:** *Roots & Resistance: From Zora to Sinners, we'll Examine Hoodoo as a Tool of Resistance!*
PRESENTER: *Lilith Dorsey* **LOCATION:** *Fan-Tastic FanSpace*

• **FILM SCREENING:** *Come see Student-Made Short Films, followed by Q & A with the Filmmakers!*
HOST: *Cool Cooperative* **LOCATION:** *The Colosseum*

• **COSPLAY THROWDOWN: PRE-JUDGING:** *If you want to be in the Throwdown, you must go to pre-judging!*
JUDGES: *MJ Washington; OnKey Cosplay; Scarlet Moon; Tranquil Ashes* **LOCATION:** *Judges' Quarters*

2:30 • **WORKSHOP: WRITING:** *Choose Your Own Blerdventure with the Help of a Super Smart Writing Pro!*
LEADER: *Dr. Jennifer Bagneris* **LOCATION:** *The Book Hoard*

**Separate fee for this service.*

2:45 • **PERFORMANCE: MAID CAFÉ*:** *They've crash landed in NOLA & hope to make new Earthling Friends & Fans!*
HOSTS: *Hoshi Raion Maid Café* **LOCATION:** *Maid Café*

3:00 • **PANEL: FILM/TV:** *Come Hear how RESISTANCE Manifests in the World of Film & TV!*
MODERATOR: *Lisa Cortés* **LOCATION:** *Center Stage* ASL

• **PANEL: COMEDY:** *The Power of Friends Comedy "Hour," Where Stand-Up Meets Fandom!*
MODERATOR: *Terrence Yon* **LOCATION:** *Fan-Tastic FanSpace*

3:45 • **PERFORMANCE: MAID CAFÉ*:** *They've crash landed in NOLA & hope to make new Earthling Friends & Fans!*
HOSTS: *Hoshi Raion Maid Café* **LOCATION:** *Maid Café*

4:00 • **PERFORMANCE: LIVE MUSIC:** *Thee PlayMatez!*
LOCATION: *The Colosseum*

4:45 • **COSPLAY THROWDOWN: THE MAIN EVENT:** *All-Ages Cosplay Contest! Win Prizes & Bragging Rights!*
HOST: *Shiratori Hime Cosplay* **JUDGES:** *MJ Washington; OnKey Cosplay; Scarlet Moon; Tranquil Ashes*
LOCATION: *The Colosseum*

5-ish • **PERFORMANCE: LIVE HALFTIME MUSIC:** *4EVAME!*
LOCATION: *The Colosseum*

5:45 • **CLOSING REMARKS:** *Winding Down our 5th Festival!*
HOSTS: **BLERDFEST!** *Staff* **LOCATION:** *The Colosseum*

6:00 • **DOORS CLOSE:** *As the Saying Goes, "Ya Don't Gotta Go Home, but Ya Gots to Raise Up Outta Here!"*

• **ALL-BLERD WEEKEND: BLERDFEST!** *is Bringing the Blerdy Fun All Weekend Long! You may have missed the ABW Kick-Off Party at Sea Cave Last Night, but there's still:*

9:00 • **AFTER PARTY:** *Get Your Shwerve On with Your Fave Grown & Sexy Blerds! Cosplay Contest! No cover! (21+)*
HOSTS: **BLERDFEST!** *AFTER DARK* **x BUSHIDO ENTERTAINMENT**
LOCATION: *Emporium Arcade Bar, 2231 St. Claude Ave*

SOON • **BLACK FAE NOLA DAY:** *We were Planning to Picnic with Krewe of Aziza the Day After* **BF***2026, but the Forecast is for Thunderstorms, so it Will Be Rescheduled!*

THAT'S A WRAP! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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