

# Welcome to our 28<sup>th</sup> Escapade

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After 28 years, we've said "welcome" in almost every way. And we always mean it, to those of you who attend every year and those of you who might be here for the first time.

If you have attended 5 or 10 or even 20 (or *all 28*) Escapadecons, you know how things work and how they have changed over time. You help keep the ship steady.

If this is your first or second time to the con, maybe you're wondering who the heck these other folks are. Well, they're very friendly slash fans who might be into your fandom(s). Say hello. (They will almost certainly say hello to you, so be prepared.) Worst case? They won't share your fandoms, but they will help you navigate the con better than this short program book. They might know where a *Cards Against Humanity* game is, or where an extra tech panel or vid show or party is scheduled.

It is our sincere hope that you'll find something this weekend that thrills or delights you, be this your first or your 28<sup>th</sup> Escapade. Welcome to this small part of the global community of slash fans, where once we banded together against a hostile and maligning outside world to find support and joy and sex-positive play. And where today, people gathering to talk about two (or more) fictional (or fictionalized) guys or gals falling in love and expressing it as graphically as we might want to write or draw or discuss them is barely even queer anymore.

So you be you and enjoy the con. Share *anything* with us that you think will improve the event. And have a wonderful weekend.

## What's New?

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**Live Tweeting/Blogging to Share Escapade live** isn't new, but it is a **new volunteer position**. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/LiveBlogEscapade> –or just go for it. 😊

**Outreach.** We know we've been around a long time. Lots of fans don't. Help us increase our social media presence to make Escapade thrive, improve, and keep going strong.

## Convention Guidelines

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**Safe Space.** Because we were all-in-ignorance a "safe space" before the phrase developed social meaning, we never thought much about defining it in print. But it's important to say that Escapade welcomes all fans regardless

of gender, orientation, preference, identity, ethnicity, age, or ability. The Evelyn D. scholarship is available specifically for trans or questioning fans.

**Photos.** You need the permission of anyone you want to photograph. If an attendee's badge has a red bar across the top, it means "NO PHOTOS" period. Don't even ask. Respect the "no photos" rule.

**Consuite Food.** We start the convention suite snacks with a big initial buy, as well as extremely generous gifts from people like Dail and De and Franzeska and Stranger, who bring chili and barbeque and brownies to share with all of us. We also know that for some fans, the consuite food can help make attendance possible. So if you're willing to volunteer, we've brought volunteer rations—extra, quick-and-easy food set aside to help you through the weekend.

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## Who to Ask What

**Misti:** anything about volunteering, or the convention suite—how you can use it. You can ask where the volunteer food station is, and still enjoy a share of everything else on offer. You can ask Misti whether (or when) you might throw a party in the con suite, or how to schedule the side rooms to pimp your fandoms, play games, or find entirely new uses for those rooms that we haven't thought of yet.

**Naked Bee** knows everything about the art show. She knows everything about art, really, and curates the displays while she runs the art show and auction. She also welcomes volunteers and visitors.

**Ken** manages the dealer's room and Orphan Zine table, and will talk Trek, Hannibal, Twin Peaks and anything fannish. Be sure to visit the dealer's room often, because the people there are as interesting as the items they have to show and sell.

**Jo** handles onsite tech, and will run Saturday night's vid show. Thanks Jo, the vid show team, and the vidders whose awesome work we love.

**Megan & Charlotte** will help in any way they can, with anything they can. And they will be ecstatic to accept suggestions for how to make EscapadeCon better next year (or this year). Hotel problem? Ask us (or Misti). People problem? Ask us; we might know the personalities and be able to shed light on something. Co-mod problem? *Especially before* a panel, ask us. We'll do our best to help you make your panels more inviting and exciting. Also feel free to:

- check Escapadecon's social media channels and reply to any open threads (and remind us to do the same!);

-Share any great ideas with us at the con (and feel free to follow up with email);

-tell us if you know of a new hotel nearby, or want to endow a scholarship. It might be important info to share at the closing panel.

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## Who Else Made Escapade Happen

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When they were kids, Megan and Charlotte (thought they) did everything to create Escapade. No more. These days, the con staff that does so much both before the convention and on site is robust, generous with their time (and food and storage locations and social media support) and they deserve far more than this simple thanks. But...

THANKS to Dail, Aral, Raine, Kris, ride\_4ever, Franzeska, Elanor Graves, Constance Penley, everyone we listed above who also does work on site, and you. It would be a weird con with just the 14 of us and no other attendees. 😊

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## Locations

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**Suite 430/431:** Consuite. In the convention suite you will find: registration; volunteer check-in; other fans; the fanzine library; snacks and sometimes hearty food; games; a room with a TV and HDMI cable set up so you can pimp shows to new (or old) friends; etc.

**Catalina:** Dealer Room

**Del Mar:** Art Show

**Panel Rooms:** Laguna/Malibu, Marina del Rey, Newport, Redondo. Check out the Slash Swap Meet in Marina del Rey.

**Atrium:** that huge open space that makes some of us feel we're on Ceres Station from The Expanse. It's a great public space to meet friends and make friends. It's where breakfast is served every morning (free to hotel guests), and where some of the best conversations start before panels, or continue after them.

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## Resources

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You can find the Schedule [Online](https://escapadecon.net/schedule/) (and links to download the Program Book and the one-sheet "pocket program," and the place you sign up for DIY Updates online), at <https://escapadecon.net/schedule/>

Posted Schedules [Onsite at the hotel](#). You'll find large-format schedules posted on the inside of panel room doors, and in the Consuite.

How to promote DIY Updates [onsite](#). If you've added a DIY Update after the program book and schedules were printed, make sure you take a marker

and add your panels to the large-format schedules throughout con space, so others will see them.

**Zine Library:** hundreds of old-school fanzines are brought and set up in the consuite each year. It's an impressive look back at the days before the internet. Over 300 zines and 40 fandoms.

**Slash Swap Meet (in Marina del Rey).** The Slash Swap Meet is a miracle of fanish generosity. Some fans drop off collectibles from fandoms they no longer love, and pick up something from a new fandom they're into. Others find new stuff they adore but didn't bring anything to swap, so they make a donation to the Swap jar. It's awesome, and it supports both the con and the con charity.

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## Scholarships

Escapade has three named scholarships that acknowledge vidfers, lovers of fandom, and the diversity we continue to love and support.

The **Sandy Herrold Memorial Scholarship** remembers a grand hostess of fandom and seeks to support vidfers in particular. The **Stacy Doyle**

**Memorial Scholarship** remembers an Escapade supporter who was with us from Escapade-the-first, and who was always there to lend a hand, her enthusiasm, and her love of fandom. The **Evelyn D. Scholarship** was created to support fans who are non-binary or transgender.

Scholarship funds might cover the entire cost of a con: plane tickets, hotel costs, even meals. Or they might offer that little boost to make attending easier. Sometimes, the break of a convention makes all the difference in a fan's life. Thank you, donors.

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## Fundraising

Each year, conventions of our size become harder to finance. Delightful offerings in this year's auction include **a vid by Luminosity, a Kindle Fire, gift cards, Escapade mugs, and hand-knitted items**) to help cover Escapade's shortfall, which is about \$4,000. We have also opened our online fundraiser, and invite you all to share the url around the web.

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## Donors

The following people have contributed to Escapade and/or its scholarship fund, to make the convention happen for everyone, and for attendees for whom finances might have kept them away: Anonymous, Beck\_Liz, Catherine Von Xlorp, Chelle Too, Constance Penley, Jane (aka Sinead), KatBear, Snow, Killa, Lezlie, Lola, M'llyn, Michelle FishieMishie, Morgan Dawn, Nestra, Percy granger, Rhaegal, Trudy West

# Programming (hour by hour)

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## FRIDAY

### 11:00 AM - Welcome to Escapade

Megan Kent, Charlotte C. Hill

Laguna/Malibu

The best way to help start the convention is with the Welcome to Escapade panel. If you're new, you'll meet people. And everyone needs to be there to help select the wildcard panel. Have Your Voice Heard!

### Noon - Vids from the Vault, Part One

Kandy Fong

Newport

A curated retrospective of vids from early Escapades.

## 1:00 PM

### Anonymity in Slash Fandom: Choosing to Hide

Trekker, k8 paintedmaypole

Laguna/Malibu

Why do the majority of slash fans hide their hobby? Is it fear of blackmail? Embarrassment? Fear of losing employment? How does this affect your happiness? How does this affect your security? What would an ideal world look like? Who would/have you told about your interest in slash? Who would you never, ever, tell?

### The Sentinel: Is it still the fandom you knew?

Teresa, Tayrin

Marina del Rey

What happens when the fandom you remember has changed so much it hardly looks like what you started with? The Sentinel is great for crossovers or fusions, but do the stories you find now have much to do with the show that started it all? Do you even find Jim or Blair in the stories? Have the concepts been borrowed and added to so much that they don't resemble what it all started with? Come share your head canons. What it was at the start, what it is now, and where you see it going.

### Wildcard Panel

TBD

Newport

SOMETHING happens between the closing of panel ballots and the first day of Escapade. We set aside this hour to talk about the biggest "something." Bring your hot topic to the Welcome to Escapade Panel.

### Weird Bollocks

chris Redondo

A discussion of all things PC Grant and the Rivers of London novels. What can we expect from the next one, due sometime this year, tentatively titled, Lies Sleeping? Will we learn more about Molly, the strange fae

housekeeper? Will we get Lesley Grant back from the dark side, face intact? Bring your fanfic recs, and casting ideas with you.

## 2:00 PM

### **Help! Men Have Ruined Everything I Love**

Jane (AKA sinead), Nestra, Aral

Laguna/Malibu

The title may be a bit of an exaggeration, but what happens when we find out, years or decades later, that a content creator has a pattern of harassing or abusing women or children? Joss Whedon, Kevin Spacey, Brett Ratner, Harvey Weinstein, Louis C.K., John Lasseter—the list is seemingly endless. How do these revelations impact our enjoyment of the work they produced?

### **Ghostbusters (2015)**

Megan Kent

Marina del Rey

Yep, it's another all-lady remake, and you either love it or hate it. Either way, the femslash possibilities are boundless and delicious. Are you one of the few, the proud? Or are you interested in hearing what this fandom has to offer? Come and chat or be pimped, and bring your fic recs.

### **The Little Black Dress of Fandom**

Teresa Newport

What is your little black dress for fandom and slash... is it a trope that you search for in your fic, sentinel & guide, cop buddies, soldier & scholar pairing, the magical world, soul bonds, teacher & student? Is it crossovers or fusions? Or are you like me and it's a character that you can plop into practically any universe. Come show off your "Little Black Dress" and tempt us with the sparkly.

### **Alternate Slash Card Deck**

Carmen Williams

Redondo

Ever feel like Slash, the card game, was lacking the important cards? Come make your own.

## 3:00 PM

### **Literature 101: Let's Discuss the Literary Merit of our Fan Fiction**

Sally, jen Laguna/Malibu

Every now and then we read a fan fic that yes, features our favorite guys (or gals), and yes, pushes all the right buttons slashwise, but also rocks our world in a literary sense. Maybe it's so poetically beautiful it brings tears to the eyes. Maybe it inspires deep thoughts we hadn't anticipated in our quest for the Next Hot Fic. Maybe the author is a genius with alliteration. Maybe we're forgetting the guys (or gals) for a while as we ponder bigger

questions of philosophy, religion, and life's big questions. Tell us about the fics that have changed your views. How literary is fan fiction, anyway?

### **GotG: Dysfunctional families on crack**

Kris, Snow, FJBryan      Marina del Rey

So they made a family out of misfits? How does this dysfunctional family work? Will Groot survive adolescence? Let's talk.

### **Aphrodisiacs Made Easy**

Neth Smiley      Newport

So, you've got a historical AU you want to try? Or maybe your OTP wants to have an night of cultured sexytimes? Personal research? Awesome! What works, what could work, what doesn't? Great examples from history both welcome and included!

### **Escapade: The Website**

Elanor Graves      Redondo

Like to take a peek under the hood? Make suggestions? Curious about how things work?

## **4:00 PM**

### **Canon vs. Subtext**

Rokikurama      Laguna/Malibu

These days, we can go for the canon gay if we want, but do we? How much canon support do you like for your ships? And does the fandom of a canon ship differ from the one for a non-canon one?

### **ST: K/S: Grand-Daddy of Slash—Time to Retire or to Reboot & Refresh?**

Catalena Mara, Trekker      Marina del Rey

Star Trek K/S is the first slash pairing, and broke the taboos for the slash that came after. From the hushed, closeted circulation of K/S stories shared surreptitiously among friends to today's enormous AO3 slash fandoms in their many glorious permutations of IDIC, how have these 50ish years treated K/S? Is K/S over, or have the new Star Trek Reboot movies given K/S new life?

### **General Fandom Pictionary**

TBD      Newport

Draw very suggestive pictures of those we love to see get some love!

### **How to Tumblr**

Elf, Lola      Redondo

Like it or not (often, mostly not), tumblr is where fandom is most active right now. How do you find anything? How do you have conversations? How do you archive the bits you like best? The good news: the answers are

not, "you don't; you don't; you don't." Bad news: Those aren't actually good questions for being fannish on tumblr.

## 5:00 PM

### **Black Panther**

Raine Wynd, Megan Kent

Laguna/Malibu

The movie opened the week before the con. Let's debrief! How do we feel about the Wakanda worldbuilding? The kick-ass female characters? Let's discuss the issues of representation in this blockbuster franchise film about an African society and African superhero, written by Black men, directed by a Black man, with an almost entirely Black cast. What backlash are we already seeing?

### **Where Have All the Good Girls Gone?**

Saklani Marina del Rey

Female representation has been an issue in media fandoms forever, so let's talk about the shows and movies that are getting it right, especially now that we aren't limited to just what's on network TV. Are there good shows on Amazon Prime, Netflix, and Hulu, and YouTube Red that have strong female characters? Are there great recurring characters on male-dominated shows? What's the one show or movie you wish everyone else was watching?

## 8:00 PM

### **Friday Night Dance Party**

Franzeska

Laguna/Malibu/Newport

Come dance to a playlist of classic fanvids or sit back and watch, cocktail in hand. Come in your festive best or your jeans, in cosplay or just as yourself. We'll be chatting and drinking and dancing the night away.

### **Game Night**

Katbear

Marina del Rey/Redondo

Friday night games—drop by for a break from the dance. We'll have some games to get you started or you can bring your own. Play, watch, heckle or just take a few minutes to recharge.



## SATURDAY

### 9:00 AM

#### **Not Gay if it's a Threeway?**

glymr Laguna/Malibu

Are m/m/f ships slash? Het and slash? Something else? Do you prefer your OT3s m/m/m? As a V? Let's talk OT3s of every persuasion.

#### **Sherlock: Watson: Is He As Dumb As He Looks?**

Trekker Laguna/Malibu

In ACD canon, Watson is Holmes' foil, standing in for the ignorant reader. In BBC Sherlock, Watson is Sherlock's admirer, amazed at his feats of intellect. But Watson is an educated medical man; why does he hide his abilities? Claiming conventionality while he chases after Sherlock in his vigilante role, Watson's actions speak louder than his words. Who is John Watson, and why does he act the dumb blond?

#### **Zinedom: Meet the New Fandom, Same As the Old Fandom**

Morgan Dawn, Elf, Catalena Mara

Newport

Come hang out with the fans who are working to help print fanzine authors get their fanfic posted online at AO3, the K/S Archive and the Starsky & Hutch archive. If you're an author looking for help, stop by. And if you'd like to learn how paper fic is brought to your screen, we'll walk you through the process.

### 10:00 AM

#### **Thor: Ragnarok: All the meta, all the missing scenes that fangirls love.**

Muriel Perun, catalena mara, Tenaya

Laguna/Malibu

Let's discuss headcanons, squee over our favorite parts, discuss plot holes, share meta and background info, and speculate on the first post-credit scene. There's already a lot of fic showing up, so bring your recs.

#### **Utopian Fiction Recommendation Party**

Rokikurama

Marina del Rey

In these dark times, has anyone else been craving some good, creative, utopian worldbuilding? Who wants bleak, cynical dystopia when all you have to do to get that is read your twitter feed? Come share recommendations for utopian fantasy and science fiction novels, especially by women, people of color, and queer people. Good film, tv, comic/graphic novel recs welcome too! Let's help each other imagine better futures!

#### **Book Club**

Delibby

Newport

What profic are we reading and/or writing? Bring a list of recs and let's share.

## 11:00 AM

### **Confronting the Tensions Between Slash and Queer Representation**

k8 paintedmaypole, Jane (AKA sinead), Aral Laguna/Malibu  
Slash fandom thrives on homoerotic subtext. Many queer fans are unwilling to settle for this quasi-representation. Part of every slash fandom seems loudly invested in their ship becoming canon. Some are queer fans who want actual textual representation in their favorite shows, and some are fans using queer politics to fight ship wars. Then the "slash is not activism" posts make the rounds. Is slash activism? Is advocating for slash ships in canon the same thing as advocating for queer representation?

### **Pros: Domestic Bliss: The Pros at Home**

Kris Marina del Rey

In the few episodes where domesticity gets connected to Bodie and Doyle, do they seem to fit in, or are they too rough for lace curtains? A discussion of canon and fanon views of the Professionals in their personal environments.

### **The Exorcist: Buddy Priests and Existential Horror**

Christy Newport

Come for the horror, stay for the tour de force acting and intersect of religion and spirituality!

### **Transformative Works in 3D - Crafting Your Fandom**

Rokikurama, Lizbetann, diannelamerc Redondo

Crafters, yo! Whether you've been knitting Whovian scarves since before the internet was born, or you've just discovered that laser cutters can... well, pretty much do anything (see the most recent season of MST3K), come to us! Bring your materials (if portable) and pictures (if not)! Does the term "crafting" please you, or do you feel like it better describes a little kid making a house out of popsicle sticks? Come stitch-n-bitch or glue-n-stew, whichever tickles your fancy!

## Noon

### **One Fandom, Many Canons**

Saklani, Megan Kent Laguna/Malibu

How do you deal with several character histories sharing the same name? Marvel's movies, cartoons, and comic books don't mesh. DC's canon history is a tentacled swarm of retcons. "Sherlock Holmes" has at least three very different active-fandom versions and several other variants.

Fullmetal Alchemist has two different storylines that share the same character names. Do you pick one "true canon" and ignore the rest, or grab the tastiest pieces from each canon to drag into fic?

### **The Dresden Files: Not-So-Empty Nights**

Glymr

Marina del Rey

There's no question that the Dresden Files books have a strong heteronormative slant. At the same time, how many times does Harry describe in loving detail Sanya's broad chest, Michael's strong jaw, Nathan's muscles, and Gentleman Johnny Marccone's money-green eyes? Who is your favorite to pair with Harry Dresden, Wizard P.I., trouble magnet, and unreliable narrator extraordinaire?

### **Pros Viewing Squee**

Kris

Newport

Get together to watch some Pros episodes.

### **Game: Slash: Romance without boundaries**

Katbear

Redondo

It's like Cards Against Humanity, but for 'ships! Everybody gets a hand of cards with characters from pop culture, history, and literature. The matchmaker selects a character card from her hand and places it face up. Each player selects a possible 'ship for that character using a card from their hand, hoping that the matchmaker chooses theirs. Everyone gets a chance to be the matchmaker and choose the 'ship.

## **1:00 PM**

### **Fanvid Feels**

k8 paintedmaypole, Lola

Laguna/Malibu

What vids do you return to again and again because they just make you \*feel\* things, thrill you, or fill you with joy, or even sadness? Maybe a vid introduced you to a pairing, or a fandom, or perhaps you love it even though you're not really that into the source? Let's look at some of our/your favorite vids and think about what makes them tick. Come with vids you want to talk about in mind, or just come to watch and talk about vids that make us feel stuff.

### **ST: McCoy: Star Trek's Man of Mystery**

Dovya Blacque, Trekker, Charlotte C. Hill

Marina del Rey

Who is Leonard McCoy? TOS and Reboot McCoy is a man of mystery with a shadowy past. We know he was divorced, but what else? Does he hail from Georgia or Kentucky? Does he have a daughter Joanna, or not? With the spotlight on Kirk and Spock as the oldest OTP, how does McCoy fit in? K/S/Mc? S/Mc? K/Mc? Come and speculate with us!

## Longfic Recs Exchange

Chris

Newport

Do you love novel-length fanfic? (50k+ words) What makes them awesome for you: slow burn, complex plot, multiple character arcs, more? All of that? Bring recs—titles, authors, where to find them; bring a notebook to keep track of what everyone else recommends.

## Shadowhunters: Exploring Malec

Tenaya

Redondo

Magnus/Alec: one of the perfect slash pairings. Two beautiful men involved in a highly romantic relationship with many hurdles to overcome—and it's all canon. How do you feel about the progression of their relationship? Will the writers fall into the annoying habit of finding one reason after another to cause conflict between them? What other aspects of their relationship would you love to see explored on the show or in fanfic? Bring your fanfic recs, too!

2:00 PM

## SW: A Galaxy without Jedi?!?

Megan Kent, Katbear

Laguna/Malibu

So what was that "Last Jedi" thing really about? Is the Force still with us but with different players? How has Disney changed SW with both the sequels and one-offs? What works (or not) for you these days with SW or are original or prequels still where it's at for you? Where do you see fandom at these days or where might it be going?

## due South: Do Slash

ride\_4ever

Marina del Rey

Fraser/RayV? Fraser/RayK? Ray/Ray? Fraser/Ray/Ray? Red ships, green ships, other dS ships? Let's show the love for any of them! Share fanworks recs! Reminisce about how we first found dS slash! Discuss dS slash zines (plus some announcements about NEW dS slash zines).

## Fandom Dating Game

Franzeska

Newport

Looking for a new fandom? Be one of our contestants and choose between three mystery bachelorettes... err... fandoms. You have just a few questions to determine which of these lovely fandoms you'll be going home with! Fandom reccers: come for a chance to pimp your fandom. Let the misleading answers and hilarious mismatches commence!

## Fandom Tarot Deck

Elf

Redondo

What cards belong in a (slash) fandom tarot deck? Would you use the traditional 78-card deck, or make up new cards or new suits? Let's design a deck, or at least part of one. Very basic overview of tarot and card-meaning cheatsheet provided.

## 3:00 PM

### **Prudery and License from Ancient Times through the Internet Age**

Neth Smiley, Naked Bee

Laguna/Malibu

From preserved wall murals at Pompeii depicting various sexual acts and painted ancient Greek vessels depicting homosexual couplings to modern slash fiction and slash art, depictions of sexuality have existed throughout history. Just as pervasive have been efforts to restrict this art to brothels, males only clubs, and other non-public venues. Why is it both so persistent and so consistently forced underground? What are the forces that push back against sexual expression today?

### **RPS: The State of Real Person Slash in 2018**

Emile St. Claire, Aral

Marina del Rey

What RPS fandoms are people active in right now? For long-time RPS fans, how have these fandoms changed, and how has the experience of being an RPS fan changed? What about the problem of tinhatting in the social media age? How has the new access to source material and access to the celebrities themselves changed our slash fandoms? Has RPS shipping changed since fandom at large no longer considers RPS the taboo it once was?

### **Gearshifts, Girlfriends, and Goons: Nothing Stops Professionals**

Kris

Newport

How have story writers overcome the obvious barriers that Bodie and Doyle face when getting together? What are some of the most inventive solutions fic writers have suggested?

### **How to GIF**

Lola

Redondo

What makes a great gifset? What genres are we seeing? How do we achieve those effects? What makes a successful AU gifset? Let's talk gifset techniques and aesthetics.

## 4:00 PM

### **Art Show Gallery Walk**

Naked Bee

Catalina

Join us for a group stroll through the Art Show to talk about the art on display. Critique and squee equally welcome!

## **Why Slash?**

Rokikurama, glymr

Laguna/Malibu

What is it that makes slash, especially m/m slash, so appealing? Is it just that two guys are hot together? Is it because we can avoid the power differential so often seen in m/f stories? Is it because m/f stories are so common in mainstream media (and m/m stories are so rare)? Is it because the most compelling characters/relationships are so often between male characters? Let's discuss what keeps us slashing!

## **Sherlock BBC v Holmes ACD: Is This the Original AU Universe?**

Thevetia

Marina del Rey

Why is Arthur Conan Doyle's creation Sherlock Holmes so persistently popular? Why is Sherlock BBC such a megahit? What about Elementary? The RDJ Holmes movies? Sherlock Holmes is the most universally recognizable character in fiction, with countless variations, avatars, and AUs, from the medieval to scifi. Let's discuss the canon, the fanon, the Cumberbatch, and why the eternal appeal of Holmes (and Watson).

## **Future of Publishing**

Elf

Newport

Is paper publishing doomed? (Spoiler: No.) What changes is it going through, and what's likely still to come? Digital publishing has changed the industry for novels, textbooks, periodicals, and, of course, zines, which may now be one-shots more than periodicals. Let's talk about what those changes mean and how they affect fandom culture.

## **5:00 PM**

### **Avengers: Infinity War**

Raine Wynd, Megan Kent

Laguna/Malibu

The gang's getting back together, plus all those other gangs from those other movies. How much do we care? What is the state of our collective feelings about the MCU at this point, and about the storylines leading up to/culminating in Infinity War? What are we excited about? With such a smorgasbord of characters and relationships to enjoy, which character interactions are we most hoping for?

### **What is that Unfamiliar Itch? When You Get the Het**

Commodore Marie, Barbana

Marina del Rey

We see slash in everything, we dredge it from the depths and uncover it from the tiniest details, unlock its wonder from the merest glances. It is dyed in our wool. But sometimes... sometimes a fandom hits us differently, somewhere... hetish. And there's nothing wrong with that! But how does

dabbling in a het pairing affect your slash writing, or the way that you read in a fandom? Let's discuss!

## 6:00 PM

### Fan/Scholar Meetup

Constance Penley, Charlotte C. Hill

Atrium

Fans, scholars, and everyone on the spectrum is welcome. Grab your free drink(s) and meet us in the atrium to chat.

## 8:00 PM

### Escapade Songvid Show

Laguna/Malibu/Newport

Featuring new and nearly new vids from a variety of fandoms, the Escapade vid show is not to be missed. Choose your viewing environment: on the big screen in Laguna/Malibu (quiet and attentive atmosphere), or the Vidshow Annex in Marina del Ray (where conversation and commentary are welcome).

## 10:30 PM

### The After Party

Franzeska

Convention Suite

For those night owls among us, join us after the vidshow on Saturday night for The After Party. Vids, perverse bedtime stories, more vids, and chilling out. Bring your jammies and your filthy mind.

## SUNDAY

## 9:30 AM

### Escapade Art & Charity Auction

Naked Bee

Laguna/Malibu

It's fun, exciting, and sexy (and that's before the artwork)! This is your last chance to take home a lovely bit of crafts or artwork, win those prizes, and support artists, our charity, and the con.

## 10:30 AM

### Vid Review

Lola

Marina del Rey

Flash all the way back to Saturday night to dissect our favorite (or not) vids from the show.

## Noon

### Living in the Mirrorverse

glymr, Charlotte C. Hill

Laguna/Malibu

Now that we're thoroughly stuck in the dark alternate timeline where all our dystopian nightmares seem to be prophecies, how do we cope? What steps can we take to get back to a world founded on logic and empathy instead of incompetence, greed, and cruelty? Bring coping methods, activist tips, and any hopeful stories of things not gone wrong.

### **Stargate: Ten Years On**

Tayrin, Teresa

Marina del Rey

Stargate (SG1/SGA) were very popular with large and active fandoms. Now (a decade later) are they still going strong or are they slowly fading away? Without new content how is fandom keeping its forward momentum? Is it Netflix and Amazon or maybe fic (crossovers) that are bringing in fresh fans? Come talk Stargate, what you loved, what drove you crazy about it, and what do you want more of? Bring your story recs!

## **1:00 PM**

### **Representing Slashers**

k8 paintedmaypole, Jane (aka sinead)

Laguna/Malibu

What does "representation" in the media mean to us? We know what more gay or POC representation means, but what about slash fandom, which is largely female and focused on bodies that don't resemble our own? Would better female characters in media better represent us? Or male characters written for a female audience? Come talk about the intersection of slash, personal identity, and media representation.

### **Stranger Things: Queerer Things**

glymr, Kadymae DevilC

Marina del Rey

True love, BFFs, the Cold War, girls with psychic powers, the Upside Down... and the ballad of repressed yearnings that is Billy/Steve. Oh yes, there's a slash-ton of queerness and subtext to explore in Stranger Things.

### **Vids from the Vault, Part Two**

Kandy Fong

Newport

A rare opportunity to see historical songvids curated by Kandy Fong.

## **2:00 PM**

### **Escapade Review**

Laguna/Malibu

The last official panel of the weekend, this is your chance to talk about what worked, what didn't, and what you might like to have different next year. Never run by a con chair (but always attended by both), the Escapade Review seeks to capture the essence of the weekend to carry forward into years to come—and to quarantine any problems that arose, so we can



leave them behind. It can be very funny. It can be very heartwarming. It always helps you, the attendee, since you're the designer of this con.

## **4:00 PM**

### **Dead Dog Party**

### **Convention Suite**

No dogs were harmed in the planning of this party. :) This is the last chance to hang out with your new (or old) best friends. Bring any spare munchies you may have to share, and fill out a comments form while the convention is still fresh in your mind.

## Alphabetical list of panels

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Alternate Slash Card Deck	Redondo   Fri 2 PM
Anonymity in Slash Fandom...	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 1 PM
Aphrodisiacs Made Easy	Newport   Fri 3 PM
Art Show Gallery Walk	Catalina   Sat 4 PM
Avengers: Infinity War	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 5 PM
Black Panther	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 5 PM
Book Club	Newport   Sat 10 AM
Canon vs. Subtext	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 4 PM
Confronting the Tensions...	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 11 AM
Dead Dog Party	Convention Suite   Sun 4 PM
due South: Do Slash	Marina del Rey   Sat 2 PM
Escapade Art & Charity Auction	Laguna/Malibu   Sun 9:30 AM
Escapade Review	Laguna/Malibu   Sun 2 PM
Escapade Songvid Show	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 8 PM
Escapade The Website	Redondo   Fri 3 PM
Fan/Scholar Meetup	Atrium   Sat 6 PM
Fandom Dating Game	Newport   Sat 2 PM
Fandom Tarot Deck	Redondo   Sat 2 PM
Fanvid Feels	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 1 PM
Friday Night Dance Party	Laguna/Malibu/Newport   Fri 8 PM
Future of Publishing	Newport   Sat 4 PM
Game Night	Marina del Rey/Redondo   Fri 8 PM
Game: Slash...	Redondo   Sat Noon
Gearshifts, Girlfriends...	Newport   Sat 3 PM
General Fandom Pictionary	Newport   Fri 4 PM
Ghostbusters (2015)	Marina del Rey   Fri 2 PM
GotG: Dysfunctional families...	Marina del Rey   Fri 3 PM
Help! Men Have Ruined...	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 2 PM
How to GIF	Redondo   Sat 3 PM
How to tumblr	Redondo   Fri 4 PM
Literature 101...	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 3 PM
Living in the Mirrorverse	Laguna/Malibu   Sun Noon
Longfic Recs Exchange	Newport   Sat 1 PM
Not Gay if it's a Threeway?	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 9 AM
One Fandom, Many Canons	Laguna/Malibu   Sat Noon

Pros Viewing Squee	Newport   Sat Noon
Pros: Domestic Bliss...	Marina del Rey   Sat 11 AM
Prudery and License...	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 3 PM
Representing Slashers	Laguna/Malibu   Sun 1:00 PM
RPS: The State RPS	Marina del Rey   Sat 3 PM
Shadowhunters: Exploring Malec	Redondo   Sat 1 PM
Sherlock BBC v Holmes ACD	Marina del Rey   Sat 4 PM
Sherlock: Watson	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 9 AM
ST: K/S: Grand-Daddy of Slash	Marina del Rey   Fri 4 PM
ST: McCoy...	Marina del Rey   Sat 1 PM
Stargate: Ten Years On	Marina del Rey   Sun Noon
Stranger Things: Queerer Things	Marina del Rey   Sun 1 PM
SW: A Galaxy without Jedi?!?	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 2 PM
The After Party	Convention Suite   Sat 10:30 PM
The Dresden Files	Marina del Rey   Sat Noon
The Exorcist:	Newport   Sat 11 AM
The Little Black Dress of Fandom	Newport   Fri 2 PM
The Sentinel	Marina del Rey   Fri 1 PM
Thor: Ragnarok	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 10 AM
Transformative Works in 3D	Redondo   Sat 11 AM
Utopian Fiction Rec Party	Marina del Rey   Sat 10 AM
Vid Review	Marina del Rey   Sun 10:30 AM
Vids from the Vault, Part One	Newport   Fri Noon
Vids from the Vault, Part Two	Newport   Sun 1 PM
Weird Bollocks	Redondo   Fri 1 PM
Welcome to Escapade	Laguna/Malibu   Fri 11 AM
What is that Unfamiliar Itch?	Marina del Rey   Sat 5 PM
Where Have All the Good Girls Gone?	Marina del Rey   Fri 5 PM
Why Slash?	Laguna/Malibu   Sat 4 PM
Wildcard Panel	Newport   Fri 1 PM
Zinedom	Newport   Sat 9 AM

## Escapade 2018 Attendees

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Adrienne	Emile St. Claire
Alexis Lothian	FJBryan
Antennapedia	Francisco Serda
April (Saturday Only)	Franzeska
Aral	Gail De Kosnik
Barbana	Galactic Journey
Beryl Topken	Galetoo
bren/glacis	Gloriana
Calysta Rose	glymr
Candle Jack	Inori
Carmen Williams	ivy (hederahelix)
Catalena Mara	Jan Levine
Catherine Salmon	Jane
Catherine Von Xlorp	(AKA sinead)
Charlotte C. Hill	Jane Mailander
Chelle Too	Jen
Cheryl Weaver	Jessie (iesika)
Chris	Jill
Christine Frazer	Jim Rondeau
Christy	Jinx37Kat
Colleen	jo
Commodore	Joanna (foxwrapped)
Marie	Julie
Constance Penley	Julie Levin Russo (Saturday Only)
Cynthia Harper	k8 paintedmaypole
Dail	Kadymae DevilC
Delibby	kandy fong
diannelamerc	Kat
Doctor Beth	KatBear
Dorinda	Kathy R
Dovya Blacque (Saturday Only)	Katryna Wade
Eileen Salmas	Keiko Kirin
Elanor Graves	Ken Dase
Elayna	kerithwyn
Elf	

Koimistress/ Jane Mortimer  
kouredios  
Kris -KrisserCI5  
Kristina Busse  
Laura  
Lezlie  
Linda  
Lisa turnerstokens  
Lisa Weston  
Liz Keough  
Lizbetann  
Lola  
Louis  
Elver Warren Gray  
M'lyn  
Marnie Strom  
Maygra  
Megan Kent  
Mehru  
Melanie  
Melissa  
Mildly Wicked  
MlleMusketeer  
Morgan Dawn  
Muriel Perun  
Naked Bee  
Nestra  
Neth Smiley  
Nick  
Nola Frame Gray  
Percy granger  
Pleasance  
rache  
Raine Wynd  
Ricochet  
ride\_4ever

Robin Winter  
Rokikurama  
Saklani  
Sally  
Shar Rednour  
Sheryl Adsit  
Shoshanna  
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Snow  
STRANGER  
Tangerine  
taselby  
Tayrin  
Tenaya  
Teresa  
Thevetia  
Trekker  
Trudi  
Trudy West

### **Non-attending members**

Beck\_Liz  
dkwilliams  
Killa  
Lana  
Michelle  
Michelle FishieMishie  
Rhaegal

## Escapade 28 Vid Show

Title	Fandom	Vidder(s)
Rainbowland	The Good Place	violace
Blonde	Atomic Blonde	cupidsbow
Arrow	Prison Break	Isagel
Flares	Shadowhunters	Shirasade
<b>No One Is Alone*</b>	Big Eden	<b>dkwilliams</b>
Temple of Thought	MCU	Shirasade
<b>We're Getting There*</b>	Rogue One	<b>k8+therobot</b>
Girl With One Eye	Black Widow '87	AurumCalendula
<b>Look What You Made Me Do*</b>	The Hunger Games	<b>Dar</b>
Halfway Away	Yuri!!! on Ice	starlady
Farscape - Major Tom	Farscape	Bluemeany
I Just Want You to Know Who I Am	due South	AurumCalendula
<b>Learning to Fly*</b>	Stranger Things	<b>Franzeska</b>
Intermission		
Level Up	Killjoys	Scribe
<b>Bring Yourself*</b>	Due South	<b>Luminosity</b>
Fire	Enemy Mine	cupidsbow
Soldier	MCU	Shirasade
<b>A Fire Is Burning*</b>	Starsky & Hutch	<b>kat-byrd</b>
<b>Ex's &amp; Oh's*</b>	Imposters	<b>Dar</b>
Look What You Made Me Do	Yuri on Ice	Lola
DS9-American Idiot	Star Trek: DS9	Bluemeany
You Have a Choice	Minority Report	Valika
Friends	Stargate Atlantis	Valika
<b>What About Us*</b>	Star Trek: TOS	<b>Rhaegal &amp; Ohalovaya</b>
<b>Missionary Woman*</b>	X-Men	<b>starlady</b>
<b>Irresistible*</b>	Avengers	<b>gwyneth</b>
<b>Premiering vid*</b>		