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Y'all.

One week.

We start in One. Week.

OMG.

Anyway, we have more news for you!

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### **Alert: Online / Electronic Harassment**

We are aware that several members of our community, including panelists and staff, have been victims of online harassment. We are also aware of recent incidents at conventions where attendees and staff were harassed by people impersonating members of the community.

Should you be the victim of this type of harassment, which typically includes texts or emails containing several offensive slurs, please report them to us in whatever way works best for you.

For pre-convention and virtual members, you can reach us via [report@chicon.org](mailto:report@chicon.org). If you are at the convention, the phone numbers for both Code of Conduct reports and Operations will be on your badges, and you can also email [report@chicon.org](mailto:report@chicon.org).

More information on our Code of Conduct and the reporting process can be found on our website at <https://chicon.org/home/for-members/code-of-conduct/>

We are here to listen and investigate as needed, and we are sorry that you may see some of these vile messages.

### **Alert: Faux Chicon 8 Merchandise**

Just a heads up that some t-shirt sites are selling Chicon 8 branded merchandise and saying they are official. They are not.

Our only official site for Chicon 8 Merchandise at this time is [Redbubble](#). If you buy from anywhere else, it does not benefit the convention. Please shop wisely!

### **Pocket Program - Now Available!**

As promised, the PDFs of the [Pocket Program](#) are now available on our website!

There are two versions.

- There is a single page version which is best viewed on phones and tablets.
- There is a two page version which is best for printing.

We have more documents coming soon - thank you for your patience.

### **Website Updates**

We are currently working to transition the website to its Final Form - where everything you need during the convention itself is quickly and easily available. We're not quite there yet, but it's definitely in process and will be done soon. Again, thank you for your patience.

### **ConClar Update**

A new feature was just added to the ConClar guide! On the My Schedule page, you will now see a link and QR code at the bottom of the page that will allow you to transfer your marked sessions to another device! [guide.chicon.org](http://guide.chicon.org)

### **Fringe Events (On site in Chicago)**

We have now published our list of Chicon 8 [Fringe Events!](#)

We have pre-con and post-con events in addition to things happening off site during the convention. Please note that some of these events will require additional fees, such as museums and tours.

For some of the tours, like the Chicago Architecture Foundation tours, you can purchase tickets ahead of time either online through Ticketmaster (with additional fees), or you can go to the Chicago Architecture Foundation when you arrive downtown and buy them in person. You can also buy them on the day when we get to the dock, but there is always a chance that they won't be available. Details on the website.

Many items will be "captained", meaning that people will gather in the Hyatt lobby and walk to the event together. There are other items, however, where you will have to provide your own transportation, and we've put that in the event detail.

We have some great events - there is a Happy Hour sponsored by Seattle in 2025 Worldcon Bid, several off-site readings, architecture walking and boat tours, trips to the American Writers Museum for the final weekend of their Ray Bradbury exhibit, a trip to Maggie Daley Park for families and kids, and of course, the ever popular Worldcon tradition of "Stroll With The Stars".

We hope you can join us!

### **Volunteering**

Thank you so very, very much to everyone who has signed up to volunteer in the last few days! We are so appreciative of you.

We just need a few more volunteers. So if you are able to help, please let us know!

You can see available jobs [here](#), fill out the volunteer interest form [here](#), reach out to [volunteers@chicon.org](mailto:volunteers@chicon.org) before the convention, or stop by one of our Volunteers desks at the convention (East Tower, Gold Level, by convention registration, and West Tower, Gold Level, by the Regency Ballroom).

We also still need volunteers for Virtual Chicon 8! Descriptions can be found [here](#), and we are providing several training opportunities.

Whether you are volunteering in person or virtually, remember, there will be thank you swag!