Welcome to Arisia

Whether this is your 10th year coming to Arisia, or your first time attending a con, attending with your family is a wonderful experience. Here are some things you should know:

The following is a summary of Arisia's Children's Policies, which can be found at http://2013.arisia.org/childrenspolicies

CHILDREN UNDER 12:

- Ages 2-6 with full-paid membership and preregistration: Can attend Turtle Track (Childcare)
- Ages 6-12 can attend Fast Track Panels (see the Pocket Program).
- Children under 6 are welcome in Fast Track with a parent.
- Kids without paid membership can be a Kid-in-Tow (KIT).

NOTE: Arisia Policy: one adult per three KITs.

Under 8 <u>must</u> be accompanied by an adult at all times.

ROAMING RIBBONS:

- For children aged 9-12
- Paid Membership & Green Ribbon = allowed to roam on their own
- Paid Membership & Red Ribbon = no roaming without grownup
- Free-Roaming privileges can be revoked due to repeated inappropriate behavior (see website for full details).

Turtle Track Location: See Ops Desk for location (Faneuil 3W)

Fast Track Location: Webster and Hancock Rooms (Lobby Level). See Pocket Progam and handout for hours and programming.

Teen Lounge: A teen-run space dedicated for the teenage fan to hang out with others aged 13-19 only. Located in room 466/467. Hours: Fri 4-10, Sat/Sun 10-10, Mon 10-12pm.

Helpful Dos and Don'ts

DO Read the Pocket Program (PP). It is your bible for all things happening at Arisia! Items that will be in the children-specific programs will be marked with a **★** symbol.

DON'T Leave children unattended in areas that aren't dedicated spaces (Fast Track, Turtle Track). The Gaming Area(s), Con Suite, Anime and Film Rooms are not a drop-off for your young ones!

DO Make sure any toy weapons your child is carrying around are peace bonded by Arisia Security (located in Faneuil 3W).

DON'T Assume your child will be as interested in the same panels you are. If there is a chance they may be bored or cause a disturbance during the session, consider an alternate activity.

DO Be aware some panels are inappropriate for eyes and ears under 18. Arisia and its members should follow local and federals laws.

DON'T Forget to feed your child. Pick them up from Turtle Track and Fast Track for lunch and dinner. While Turtle Track has snacks, Fast Track does not.

DO Seek out and talk to other Fen Families! The Geeky Play Dates, ConSuite, or other communal spaces are a great location to meet and chat.

DON'T Forget many of the costumes, the outfits the attendees will be wearing, and the displays in the exhibit areas may be made of delicate and easily damaged materials that your child should not handle without permission.

DO Provide suggestions on what you think would add to your family's Arisia Experience! Come to a Feedback Panel (PP), or post to an Arisia community on LiveJournal or Facebook.

DO Make sure your contact information is on your children's badges (even KITs) in case you get separated!

2013 Edition

Family-Friendly Guide to Arisia



Family-Friendly Programs & Events

This is not a complete list, just a guide to highlight some items you may not have considered for your family. If noted with PP, see the Pocket Program for more information.

FRIDAY

Learn How To Play 5:30PM, Harbor Ballroom I (3E). Introduction to tabletop games for the 10-18 year old, run by a 12 year old!

Orlando Worldcon Bid Party, 7 PM, Suite 1466/67. Come see why the 2015 Worldcon should be in Florida! Since it is the land of the Mouse, expect Disney-themed snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks. (Again on Sunday, 7PM)

Open Drum Circle 9:30PM, Burroughs (3E) - Drums zills, tambourines, any other non-amplified instruments and supervised children welcome.

Saturday

Geeky Play Date 8:30 AM. Fast Track (Lobby).

Walk the Labyrinth 9-11 AM. Commonwealth Ballroom ABC (3E). Supervised children welcome.

Learn How To Play 10:00 AM, Harbor Ballroom I (3E). See Friday for description.

Etheraz - Kingdom of the Flame Youth LARP 2 PM, Commonwealth Ballroom ABC (1W). Specifially for 10-18 year olds. Storm the dungeon, find the treasure, save the day!

The Nightmare Before Christmas 3PM, Grand Ballroom AB (1W) The Teseracte Players, known for their "Rocky Horror" shadowcast, performing the Tim Burton classic.

Zombie/Halloween Party (Fan-run party). 4-6PM, Room 1306/7.

Geeky Belly Dance 6PM, Grand Ballroom DE (1W). The floor in front of the stage will be cleared for little ones and their parents.

Sunday

Geeky Play Date 8:30 AM - 10 AM, Fast Track (Lobby).

Learn How To Play 10:00 AM, Harbor Ballroom I (3E). See Friday for description.

Zombie aPROMcalypse 2 PM, Harbor Ballroom II (3E). Celebrating the release of the YA novel *Touch of Death*. Get zombiefied at the makeup station, and dance or shuffle to the music!

NERF War, 7 PM, Webster (lobby). Please read description in **PP** for full details—bring own guns and eye protection!

Arisia Masquerade 8 PM, Grand Ballrom AB (1W). The masquerade will run long, so if you don't think your little ones can sit through it, it will also be on Arisia TV (channel 85).

On-Going Items

Arisia Art Show Galleria (1E). Be sure to remind the young ones to look, but not touch!

Films Harbor Ballroom IIII (3E) and **Anime/Video**, Stone (2). The full schedule, movie descriptions, and ratings are located in the Pocket Program.

Gaming—Tabletop Harbor I (3E). Scheduled games are listed in the Pocket Program. However, there are open tables that can be reserved for a game.

Gaming—Video Carlton (3E). Some games are rated M for Mature. It is your responsibility to police your child's gaming experience.

Higgins Armory Demonstrations

Held throughout the weekend, the Higgins Armory Sword Guild present different themed combat styles you see in fandom (like Game of Thrones). See the Pocket Program for details.

MUSIC AT ARISIA

Filking, concerts, and dances, oh my! Consult the Program for musical-themed events and programming.

The Musical Guests of Honor, **Emerald Rose,** will have a concert Saturday, 8PM, in Grand Ballroom AB(1W).



HOTEL POOL HOURS

Fri-Mon

8AM—3AM

Located on Mezzanine Level



Dining Tips:

- Have snacks on hand for the kids
- The Con Suite (1E) is a place for snacks, not full meals
- MJ O'Connors has a kids' menu!

USEFUL INFO

Security Faneuil 3W Ext. 2234

(place to contact for lost children)
Lost & Found Westin Front Desk

Info Desk Lobby Near Elevators