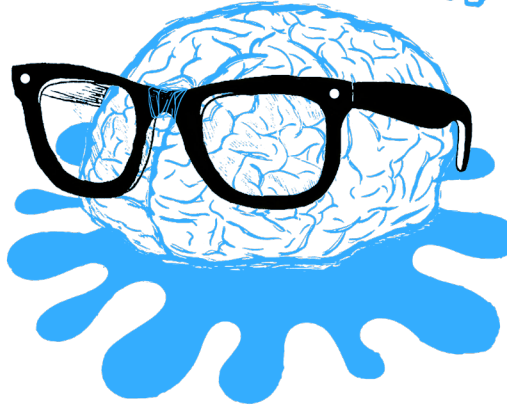


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PANEL LIST

Japanese 101: Structure & Survival

Participants will learn how to form basic sentences and phrases in Japanese that will help in a variety of real world situations. Those planning a trip to Japan will also pick up invaluable survival terms that will surely make the trip easier!

Japanese 102: Writing Basics

Building on lessons from “Japanese 101: Structure and Survival” this lecture dives into the written Japanese language. Participants will also be introduced to “Kana,” the basic Japanese alphabet and the more advanced “Kanji.”

Cosplay: A History

Come with us on a journey into the origins of cosplay in the US and explore how it has evolved to what it is today. From the first sci-fi con to today’s SDCC. In addition to its US roots, we will examine how Japan adapted cosplay for itself and compare how cultural differences manifest themselves in the amazing hobby known as cosplay.

Japanese Mythology: Folktales & Urban Legends

Have you seen “Yokai Watch” or played “Okami” and wondered what was going on? Or perhaps were curious about the deeper meanings of just about everything going on in “Spirited Away.” Well in this panel we peel back some of the mysteries of Japanese mythology and how they relate and appear in the anime we love. After all Japanese mythology is a collection of proper mythos, regional folktales, and even modern urban-myth based legends. Don’t miss out on this ones fans, it’s a legendary experience!

Traditional Japanese Clothing

You have seen kimono countless times in anime and other media. But did you know that there are many different types of kimono, and all with their own unique purposes and history? Not only will we teach you the differences between a kimono and a yukata, but we will take closer looks at other traditional Japanese clothing and how they are used today in every day life. And as a special treat, we will also teach you about the mechanics of wearing a kimono...it isn’t easy!

Japanese Holidays: A Year in Japan

So why does it seem like there is always an outdoor festival going on in anime? What exactly is this “Golden Week?” Join Nerds Know as we go month by month and visit all of Japan’s major holidays and explain all the stuff you were wondering about in just about every school girl anime and beyond.

Modeling 101: The Do’s & Don’ts of Posing

It’s the big day after months of prep and construction of your amazing costume! It’s time to get some amazing

photos taken! But gasp! You've never really worked with a photographer before and don't know how to pose! So join us as we give some of the best kept secrets for posing! (And all of the things you really shouldn't do.)

LGBTQ+ in Japan: The Yuri on Ice Problem

At a glance, it seems like Japan has made a lot of progress in LGBTQ+ areas. After all, with the popularity of shows like "Yuri on Ice" how can things not be better? The truth is that series like Yuri illustrates some of the many problems in LGBTQ+ culture in Japan. We are going to take an extensive look at current affairs in Japan and compare them to what's going on Stateside.



The Journey of the Tarot

There are lots of anime out there with more complex subtext than you might realize such as Tokyo Ghoul, the Peronona series, CLAMP's X/1999 and more. The Major Arcana, is the name given by occultists to the picture cards of a 78-card tarot deck. In this panel we will explore how that relates to any of the many media forms it is found in, and we will also take a look at how actual tarot readings are done as well.

Tales from Yggdrasil

With the popularity of Thor and various Marvel comics, you might think you have a good grasp on Norse mythology and its pantheon of gods. Well we are here to burst your bubble and dispel the many inaccuracies those properties have been spreading over the years. Because Hella is NOT Odin's daughter. No... her parentage is a lot more hilarious!

Don't Forget the Lyrics: Disney Edition

So you know the lyrics to every Disney song ever made? Well then it's time to prove it! Join Nerds Know as we rock out to the best Disney has to offer while testing your Disney cred! Those who successfully manage to sing along will win fantastic prizes!

Harry Potter Practice O.W.L.s

It's that time of year again everyone! The Ordinary Wizarding Levels or more commonly known as O.W.L.s. are on their way! Nerds Know is here to help our wizards and witches in training ace their exams. While the muggles in attendance might think it's a simple game of trivia, we magically inclined know better! Special rewards will be given to those who correctly proceed through our practice O.W.L.s! But since there will be muggles in attendance, we ask that all in attendance refrain from underage use of magic per ministry guidelines. This includes all wands, potions, magical notebooks, cell phones, and otherwise.

The Feels: Cartoons & Anime

Everyone needs a good cry now and again...so Nerds Know is going to make you cry enough for the next year! In this panel, we are going to relive some of the saddest moments in Cartoons and Anime history. Nothing will be off limits! So be sure to have a handkerchief or your friend's shoulder handy, as you will need something to cry into when we are done with you!

Oh Japan, What Have You Done Now!?!?

Join Nerds Know as we explore the coolest, strangest, and most perverted things to ever hit Japanese Television! Be warned, if you plan on having a beverage with you...it will be coming out of your nose. No seriously! Put the soda down for the next hour....it burns.

Dubs vs Subs

Rice balls or donuts? Usagi or Serena? The Eiffel or Tokyo Tower? Dubbed Anime or Subbed Anime!? Let's end this debate once and for all with Nerds Know!

Racism & Sexism in Disney

These days the Disney pantheon is pretty ethnically diverse. But Disney has a dark past with some less than PC properties. So get ready for Nerds Know to blow your mind with some of Disney's non dancing skeletons.

Racism and Sexism in Animation

Have you noticed that a lot of Americans depicted in Anime are from Texas? Or just how many damsels in distress there are? Well we always notice these kinds of things, so please don't send the SJW's after us, but we really have to point out some of the really messed up stuff in anime and other cartoons.

A Grimm Twist on Disney: Princess Power Hour

Not everything is sunshine and rainbows in the land of fairytales. Join Nerds Know as we help you reinact your favorite fairytales from Disney...but in their original "Grimm" state. Let's just say that things didn't really end to well for Ariel.



Spotting Bootlegs

Dealer rooms are the place to be at most conventions. They are the one of the best places to buy rare items. So the last thing you want to do is get stuck with an expensive knockoff. Nerds Know is here to give you the info needed to spot the fakes and take home the real stuff!

Disney Sing-A-Long

It's time to "Let it Go," "Be Our Guest," and "Go the Distance" with Nerds Know as we take turns jamming out to the best Disney songs ever! So don't be shy and pick up the mic and sing along with us!

Japanese Commercials: The Best, The Worst, & Weirdest

Why is Britney Spears speaking Japanese? Arnold Schwarzenegger looks really weird. OMG WHAT IS TOMMY LEE JONES DOING??? Japan, what the heck are you even trying to sell!?!? These questions and more...will not be answered at this panel. But join us for the best and worst Japanese commercials have to offer!

Old School Anime That New School Kids Would Like

Just about every other new anime these days seems to be some variant of a school girl anime. Don't get us wrong, a lot of them are great. But Nerds Know remembers the old school shows that the new school kids would love! Escaflowne, Cowboy Bebop, Trigun, and Magic Knight Rayearth are just a few of the amazing classics we will introduce to the next generation of Otaku! .

Fandom Vs: Death Battle

Ever wonder who would win if Batman got into a fight with Iron Man? Well Nerds Know has been wondering this about characters from just about every fandom in existence. So we are going to set up the matchups and you're going to decide the winners!

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Remember back in the day when the only thing needed to wake up were some good cartoons? Well Nerds Know does! Come join us for an hour of nostalgia as we watch some of the greatest shows in 90s cartoon history. Oh and don't worry, we didn't forget the commercials!

Con Survival 101

So it's your first con and you have no idea how to survive? Well then this is the panel for you! Convention newbies (and veterans) will be exposed to all the best tips and strategies for surviving the convention! But if all you take away from this panel is one thing...shower daily. No seriously, SHOWER daily...WITH soap!

The Greatest Greatest Anime Dubs Ever! (NOT!!!)

Who doesn't like a good dubbed anime? You can work on a school paper or multitask on some other task while still enjoying an awesome series. This is where Nerds Know is going to share some amazing secrets with you! We have a big list of dubbed anime that is actually so amazing that it sounds horrible to the masses! In fact some of our clips have been known to cause spontaneous bleeding of the ear! So bring your cotton swabs and join us as we watch some of the best dubbed anime in history!

It was the 90s & TV was Awesome

Remember back in the day when TV was cool? Well Nerds Know does. Join us for a freakin' fantastic trip down nostalgia lane as we reminisce of what made TV so AWESOME!

The Saturday Morning Jukebox

We used to have a reason to get up on Saturday morning...all of the cartoons! Join us for an hour and jam out to the best intros and songs from just about every Saturday morning cartoon you can think of!

Your Show Got Canceled Because of What!?

There are tons of amazing (and the opposite of amazing) shows out there. Yet, some of the best have been canceled for some of the weirdest reasons.

Young Justice got canned for years because too many girls liked it. Seriously...that's why it was canned! Join us as we take a look at other amazing shows that were canceled well before their time. There will be rage...there will be a lot of butt hurt...so so much butt hurt!



Retro Revival

What's old is new and new is old! That's right fans! This panel is dedicated to the wave of iconic series that are getting revivals and reboots. –snicker– Yes we will tackle that Netflix train wreck as well! Now who here likes Thundercats?

The Knothole Archives

Blue streak speeds by, too fast for the naked eye, he's the fastest thing alive, he's Sonic the Hedgehog. Before finally being canceled due to licensing issues, the series developed an expansive lore and expanded universe for the Sonic series and is considered by most to be the definitive Sonic cannon. It was also the longest running comic series based on a video game in history running for over 20 years and 275 issues. So kick back as we take a trip through Sonic's comic book glory!

Back in Our Day: The Struggles of an Older Otaku

Kids these days...they think they have it bad when a DVD box set only comes with 13 episodes. Well Nerds Know remembers when an anime was released on individual disks with just three episodes at a time at \$29.99 per disk. (Unless it was volume one special edition with a whopping four included.) Join us as we relive the hay days of being an otaku in the States. We have the horror stories and battle scars to share with the next generation.

Your Childhood Ruined: Dirty Cartoon Moments

Do you remember that one scene in your favorite cartoon as a child that had your big brother or sister cracking up but had you scratching your head? Well we remember all of those moments and plan to ruin your childhood! That's right, we are going to relive all of those precious moments with you and shatter all your warm fuzzy memories of what you thought was an innocent cartoon!

Anime Name That Tune

In this twist on the classic game, we want our contestants to "Name that Tune" in just three seconds or less! We will have medleys from just about every anime title you can think of! Be warned, those who can't name the tune might be mocked endlessly! And a piece of candy to our musically inclined victors!

Anime Trash: Sports Edition

Do you have what it takes to join the team? Which team!? ALL THE TEAMS!!! Join Nerds Know as we showcase the best sports anime titles out there!

Con'in on the Budget

Nerds Know has been to more conventions than we care to admit and none of us are trust fund babies. How do we do it you ask? Well join us for this panel and we will tell you! We are going to share all of our penny pinching secrets with you and by the end you will be able to attend any convention you want on even the slimmest of budgets!

CLAMP:aholic

With the release of Cardcaptor Sakura: Clear Card, many of the younger otaku are scratching their heads asking “Who is this CLAMP? And where have they been all my life?” Well Nerds Know is here to share the addiction known as CLAMP and all of its glory! We will be show casing some of their most well known titles and diving into this studios rich history in the anime world.



My Show is Better than Yours

Ever notice how some shows feel like they are really similar? (Each with their own huge fandom claiming superiority.) Well it's time to roll up your sleeves and help us settle the debates once and for all on which show is better!

A Panel on Panels

Now that you have had a blast with Nerds Know at all of our amazing panels, would you like to host your own one day but don't have a clue where to start? Well in this hour we will give you some of our sage advice and tips on how to host your own panel!

The Worst Character Q&A

We have great news Nerds Know fans! We have contracted an acting troupe to perform a live character Q&A for your enjoyment! They will be dressed as characters from just about every genre and fandom you can think of! However, we were on a budget...a tight budget...so we might have had to turn away some of the more fancy acting troupes, like the ones who know what they are doing. But it will still be an hour of laughs with this bunch of “talented” thespians!

Destiny Islands Game Show

We need your help Nerds Know fans!!! Sora's memories have been erased again! So we need your help to fill in all the gaps in his mind. But we don't want to let Organizwillation XIII in on what we are up to, so we will be helping Sora out through a mock game show! There will even be prizes to throw off those Nobodies!

History of Animation Part 1: The Beginning to the 1970's

The world has been blessed with over a century of animation. In Part 1 of our History of Animation, we will take a look at where animation got its start back in the days of Gertie the Dinosaur and Steamboat Willie while continuing our way to the 1970's. We will focus on the unique relationship between American Animation and what would eventually become known as Anime.

History of Animation Part 2: The 1980's to Now

We have had lots of cartoons and animation over the years, and it used to be easy to distinguish where it all came from. In our second installment of The History of Animation we are going to jump into the 1980's and explore how Anime and American Cartoons have influenced and inspired each other from then until now.

The Evolution of a Hero: Batman

The Dark Knight, better known as “The Batman,” stands apart from the many superheroes out there. We will explore his evolution through comics, animation, and other mediums since his inception.

A Voltron Retrospective

The Voltron Force has been guarding the universe a lot longer than the Netflix series would have you believe. In this panel we will take a look back at where this series started and revisit some of its most iconic moments...and spinoff series you might not have known existed!

Anime Name Game

It's time to test your anime knowledge Nerds Know fans! Teams will compete with our “celebrity” panelists to correctly identify various anime titles or characters! Like that guy in blue obsessed with his daughter! –cough Maes Hughes– So join us for this twist on the classic game show!

History of Super Sentai in the USA

It has been over 25 years since Mighty Morphin Power Rangers hit the airwaves in the USA and the pop culture hit has been around even longer in Japan. We will be highlighting key points of the last quarter century in how the series has developed in the States versus its original source material in Japan. So hang onto your seats, as this action packed hour will leave you stunned at some of the things the USA left out.

Mini Game Mayhem

Join Nerds Know as we break out some of our classic video game consoles for an hour of mini games and speed run through of our favorite classics including Pokémon Snap, Super Mario Bros, Sonic the Hedgehog and more!



Japan: Fact or Fiction

Have you ever noticed some of the bizarre things that tend to take place in anime? Kids with rainbow colored hair, lunch in really weird locations, or a 14-year-old living on their own. Well in this panel were taking a closer look at all the best anime tropes to determine if they fact or pure fiction!

Don't Forget the Lyrics: Anime Edition

You've had a blast during our Don't Forget the Lyrics: Disney edition, so please join us for our brand new Anime version! That's right everyone! It's time to test your knowledge of the best anime theme songs out there! If you manage to remember the lyrics correctly, fabulous prizes (or candy) await you! Get it wrong and face thunderous applause from the audience!

Physics in Pop Culture: That's Not How that Works

Ever watch something truly amazing happen, on a TV show and wonder, "Wow I wonder when they will really be able to do that?" Well we all have and chances are...it will never happen! That's right fans! We are going to be debunking some of the craziest things to take place across the pop culture spectrum. Why? Because physics just don't work like that!

Disney Villains on Trial

Calling all Disney fans! We are putting some of the worst Disney villains on trial and we need your help for the proceedings. Our audience will act, as the jury with other audience members will be drafted to be our defense attorneys or prosecutors. But don't worry, an impartial Nerds Know judge will be on duty to keep order in the Disney Court.

The Best, Worst, and Weirdest Conspiracy Theories

You know all those crazy things you read on the internet about your favorite shows and characters? Well we read them too and it's time to take a closer look! We have gathered some of the best conspiracy theories out there and want to share them with you and take a closer look. Are they legitimate theories or just the ramblings of internet trolls? Let us find out together!

History of Sports Anime

Sports Anime is all the rage these days. But did you know there are way more Sports Anime titles out there than you realized? We are going to take a trip down memory lane and take a closer look at how the genre has evolved and improved over the years.

Evolution of the Magical Girls

When you think "magical girl," do you think the cute and adorable Sakura Kinomoto or the fierce and somewhat oversexualized Madoka? Regardless of which comes to mind first, both of them are indeed a magical girl and we are going to take a fun look at all the other magical girls as well and take a close look at how this genre has changed so drastically over the years.



Premium Panels require additional fees for material, prize, and transportation costs. If you would like a Premium Panel hosted at your event, please ask for an estimate.



Cos Box (Premium Panel)

Who hasn't been in the dreaded costume crunch? Just a week until the con and you have to finish your latest costume! Well this competition takes con crunch to the next level! You will be given just 45 minutes to construct a costume for our panel of judges during your best runway walk. The catch? You can only use the random materials provided in our Cos Box! That's right! You can only use the random scraps of fabric, wrapping paper, and other random things in the box! However, since we are feeling nice, scissors, tape, and staplers will be provided. That is all you're getting from us! Contestants can work in groups or alone, but the more the merrier! Fantastic prize packages valued at over \$50-\$100 each will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place. So bring your creativity and create the best con crunch costumes ever!

Weird Trivia for Weird Prizes (Premium Panel)

Are you looking for a clever trivia panel on your "single" favorite show with some really amazing prizes? If you are...this is not the panel for you! No no! This trivia contest is full of the weirdest and worst trivia from just about every topic you can think of from anime to books to arithmetic! The prizes? Some of the weirdest stuff we've ever come across! So join us for an hour of laughs, weird trivia, and even weirder prizes!

ADULTS 18+ ONLY

Getting into Yaoi: A Beginners Guide to BL (18+)

Are you interested in delving into the world of "Boy's Love," but don't know where to start? Well join Nerds Know as we delve into this amazing genre. Learn about the sub-genres that keep things interesting, popular artists, trends, and online resources for exploring and reading. Many have wondered about this genre...and once you enter you won't be able to escape! ***ID Checks at Door***

WTF Japan!!!(18+)

So we have another panel that showcases some of the perverted stuff to come out of Japan...video of a girl being thrown into the crotch of a full grown man dressed in BDSM leather, sexually charged commercials, and footage of used panties you can get in vending machines. Well this panel makes "all of that" look like a Care Bears special on the Disney Channel!! We are going to show you everything Japan has to offer in this panel...but don't say we didn't warn you. You're literally going to be shouting "WTF Japan" more than once. PS: If you see people storming out, that's a good sign to enter for the good stuff! ***ID Checks at Door***

Insults and Cursing in Japanese 18+

The number one rule of learning a language is learning all of the naughty, dirty, and outright rude words you can possible throw out, so why not allow Nerds Know to lead your journey! Go beyond "Baka" and throw some shade at your enemies in the weebiest cultural way. ***ID Checks at Door***

How to Survive a Horror Movie 18+

Face it, every horror movie ever has that moment we all scream "NO DON'T GO IN THERE!" We at Nerds Know have seen far too many teenagers die needlessly. As a public service, we will now be providing critical instruction on how to survive should you ever find yourself trapped in a horror movie. Be warned, this panel is not for the light of heart as there WILL be some on screen gore! So please, leave the kids at home, they make friends with monsters and murders anyways and will only tell them our survival secrets, which will result in your death.

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