



Beauty and the Beast

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Welcome!

Hey, BATB friends!

Welcome to Minnesota! Welcome to the Twin Cities!
Welcome to our 2014 Beauty and the Beast con, The
Creature There Has Never Been.

I'm so glad you're here! You make this event possible. :-)

Thank you to everyone who's lent a helping hand. It's so
very appreciated.

Let's get this party started!

J'écris :-)

Breakfast

If you are a guest of the hotel, there is free breakfast
every day of your stay, served 6 - 10am in the breakfast
area. It includes "bagels, toast, oatmeal, yogurt, hot
items (i.e. biscuits etc.), fresh waffles, fruit, coffee, juice
and much more". FYI, there is also an IHOP about 2
blocks from the hotel. And all the guest rooms have a
refrigerator and microwave. Sunday morning, we'll
supplement the hotel breakfast buffet with eggs, bacon
and sausage.

Charity

Our con charity is Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless. They're a small charity founded by some State of Minnesota employees who, I am guessing, were well acquainted with the idea of support services. They help out food shelves and homeless shelters by providing grants to purchase new refrigerators or flooring or roofs, for example, so these agencies can continue to spend their own funds on directly serving their clients.

Someone from their organization will be stopping by Friday at lunchtime to give a brief presentation about what they do. You'll also find a bit more information about them at the front of our conzine.



Conzine

Thanks to everyone who contributed, and especially, a big thanks to Carole for her beautiful work as editor! For those of you who selected the green option on your registration form, see je about a .pdf version of the conzine. (It should go without saying, but please don't share it.)

Tote bags

If you selected the green option for your tote bag, you may choose to completely skip the bag and all its contents, or if you want to cherry-pick and just take the items you want, that's perfectly fine too.

Recycle box for Unwanted Items

If you love your tote bag goodies, but there are just a few items you don't want or need, we'll have a "recycle" box available so you can return any unwanted items. Je will find good homes for them. Waste not, want not, as Grandma used to say. :-)

Con shirts

The style name of our con shirts is tie dye window and they have the "window" also on the back. What do you think if we all sign the backs of the shirts? We have fabric markers in case you like the idea.

Auctions

Items in our charity auction are starting out in silent auction mode this year. Check out the items, take time to fall in love with something, bid high. ;-) All proceeds from the charity auction will go to our chosen charity, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless.

Most of our centerpiece items and many of the books from the B&B versions panel will be on silent auction also, and unless bidding on an item becomes so contentious that you fill up the whole sheet, those items will NOT go to live auction. Make your final bids before afternoon tea on Sunday.

The art auction will have the usual rules. Two bids in silent mode send an item to the live auction. Make your last bids before we break for the banquet on Saturday. Here is the procedure we will follow at our auctions:

1. Win your item(s).
2. Wait for auction to end. (Please don't skip this step.)
3. Come to the auction table and receive the bid sheet for each of your items.
4. Take your bid sheets to the dealer room and pay.
5. Come back to the auction table with your bid sheets and receipt and receive your item(s).
6. (Optional) Grin madly as you show your items to your roomies and anyone else nearby.

Banquet notes

Remember to bring your place card to the banquet Saturday night. The color indicates your meal choice and will help the waiters serve you.
(pink = beef, yellow = chicken, green = vegetarian, blue = fish)

We will not be numbering tables for the banquet. If it's important to you to sit with certain people, I suggest someone in your group collect all the place cards for your group of 8 and distribute them around a table at 5:30 on Saturday.

The band is Wild Rhubarb. Please join in the simple and easy folk dances after dinner. If you can walk, you can almost certainly do them. (Don't worry about partners. For some dances you'll be changing frequently anyway.)

Photo "Booth"

Photo booths have become a popular trend these days and we thought we would create our own version. We all like to take pictures and our photo booth is an opportunity for you and your friends to get creative and have fun. There will be a selection of costumes and props to choose from that will help you create the perfect picture. Thanks to Rosemarie for managing this.

Webcam

The folks watching us via webcam are not first priority here at the con. That being said, at some point we may all someday face the choice of “attending” the con via webcam or not at all, so please be kind to our remote participants. Among this year’s webcam viewers, there are likely to be people who sent a submission to the conzine, who sent items for the tote bags, who are on the con committee, who sent art to our art show, who supported the con by buying a shirt or zine or tote bag, or by sending a donation. They’d be here if they could.

Don’t know what to say? Say hello, and if you’re comfortable doing so, introduce yourself. There will be a chat window on the screen so you can see who’s watching. You don’t need to type. Just talk. The camera image will be what the webcam viewers see, so if your head is cut off, you can just tilt the screen to fix that. If you are asked to babysit the webcam for a while, please consider saying yes.

We have a few primary webcam wranglers who will take care of keeping the laptop powered, signing in to the ustream web site and turning on the broadcast. If you are asked to “babysit,” don’t hesitate to ask questions if you have them.

Thank you! :-)

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Con setup begins at 8 am in the ballroom.

The Mall of America opens at 10 am.

Como Park also opens at 10 am. Meet in the lobby at 9:30 to form car pools and head out.

To visit downtown Minneapolis, take the light rail blue line from the MOA transit station.

To get to downtown St Paul, either take a #54 bus from the MOA transit station (faster), or the blue line to downtown Minneapolis, and then change to the green line.

However you spend the day, come on back in time for our Thursday night festivities.

5 pm

check-in & newbie orientation

dealer room, art room, charity auction open

6 - 9 pm

episode watching

BATB games

a couple of crafts

and maybe a surprise or two

Friday, July 11, 2014

8:00 - 8:15	Opening ceremonies
8:15 - 9:00	Icebreaker activity Rosemarie
9:00 - 9:30	BATB Pyramid Pat L
9:30 - 11:30	Fanfic writing panel Teri, JoAnn, Carole
11:30 - 12:00	Tunnel Family Feud je, Winter
12:00 - 12:30	Next year's con!
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch - sandwich bar
1:00 - 1:15	Charity presentation
1:30 - 2:00	BATB Wheel of Fortune Pat L
2:00 - 2:30	BATB photo coaster Karen
2:30 - 3:00	Dirty Minds game Brenda
3:00 - 4:00	Comparing B&B versions Rosemarie, Pat
4:00 - 5:00	Beast Bingo Judy, Karen
5:00 - 6:00	Variety show rehearsal
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner - Northern buffet
7:00 - 8:00	Variety show
8:00 - 10:00	French B&B movie or games

Dealer room open 9am - noon, 2 - 5pm

Saturday, July 12, 2014

9:00 - 9:30	Icebreaker activity Rosemarie
9:30 - 10:30	Drawing Vincent Winter
10:30 - 11:00	BATB Jeopardy Laura
11:00 - 12:00	George RR Martin archive panel JoAnn
12:00 - 12:30	BATB Christmas ornament Laura
12:30 - 1:00	BATB Password Pat L
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch - Mexican buffet
2:00 - 3:00	Beast Bingo Judy, Karen
3:00 - 4:00	David Greenlee Q&A
4:00 - 5:30	Break for banquet prep
5:30 - 6:00	Mingling/photos
6:00 - 7:00	Summerfest banquet
7:00 - 8:00	Dancing
8:00 - 9:00	Charity auction

Dealer room open 9am - noon, 2 - 4pm

Art & charity auction - final silent bids by 4pm.

Sunday, July 13, 2014

8:30 - 10:30	eggs, bacon, sausage
9:00 - 10:00	35 panel Linda S
10:00 - 10:30	Creature trivia Rosemarie
10:30 - 11:00	BATB trivia Pat L
11:00 - 12:00	Art auction
12:00 - 12:30	Dirty Minds game Brenda
12:30 - 1:30	Afternoon tea (meal)
1:30 - 2:30	Beast Bingo Judy, Karen
2:30 - 3:30	What attracts people to BATB?
3:30 - 4:00	Closing ceremonies
4:00	Breakdown & packing Volunteers needed and appreciated
5:45	Meet in the lobby for
7:00	My Fair Lady at the Guthrie Theater

Dealer room open 9am - noon

Silent auction - final bids before afternoon tea.

Monday, July 14, 2014

Bus tour/boat ride

Lunch is on your own. You may bring food on the bus. We'll provide a snack and a water bottle.

12:30	Gather in lobby
12:45	Board bus
1pm	Bus leaves
1:30 - 5	Gangster Tour
5pm	Board riverboat
6pm	Margarita Cruise
	Taco bar included; 2 for 1 Margaritas
7:30	Dock
8pm	Back at hotel

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Cave day

A box lunch and a water bottle are included. There's a picnic area at Crystal Cave, or you can eat on the bus.

8am	Gather in lobby
8:15	Board bus
8:30	Bus leaves
9:30	Crystal Cave, Spring Valley, Wisconsin
9:45	Cave tour
11:30	Lunch
12:30	Board bus
12:45	Bus leaves
1:45	Wabasha Street Caves
2:00	Cave tour
3:15	Board bus
4 pm	Back at hotel

dinner together?

Game Rules

Jeopardy

Need: 2 teams of contestants (4-6 per team), a scorekeeper, a timekeeper

Teams answer trivia questions and must phrase their answer in the form of a question. If they fail to do so, they are penalized during the Daily Double and Final Jeopardy, but only reminded otherwise.

Jeopardy and Double Jeopardy rounds

The board begins with 6 categories of 5 questions each, with increasing value and difficulty. First question called will be host's choice. (In Double Jeopardy, the trailing team gets to choose the first question.) First team to buzz in gets 5 seconds to answer. If they answer incorrectly, they lose points, and the other team gets to guess. A correct answer wins points and the next choice of question.

Both rounds have a hidden Daily Double spot on the board. The team who gets it wagers points, from 5 up to all their points. If they guess correctly, they get the number of points they wagered. If they guess incorrectly, they lose that number of points.

Final Jeopardy

Both teams wager, like in the Daily Double.

Password

Game Rules

Need: 2 pairs of contestants. a timekeeper. a scorekeeper

One member of each team is given a word to have their partner guess. Clues must be one word and no part of the actual word may be used.

Time limit: 5 seconds per clue to guess the word

If the word isn't guessed, play passes to the other team. The right answer is worth fewer point with each guess. (See table.) A maximum of 6 tries per word is allowed.

1 st try 10 points	4 th try 7 points
2 nd try 9 points	5 th try 6 points
3 rd try 8 points	6 th try 5 points

First team to 25 points plays the Lightning Round.

Lightning Round:

There are 5 words to guess in 60 seconds. Points are awarded for each correct word guessed. Players may pass on a word, and if time remains, return to skipped words.

Pyramid

Game Rules

Need: 2 pairs of contestants, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper

Rounds 1 & 2

- One partner gives clues; the other guesses
- 6 categories to choose from
- The clue giver has 7 words to get their partner to say without using any form of the word in the clues given. The clues may be phrases.

Time limit: 30 seconds to get all 7 words

The team with the highest score goes on to the Winner's Circle.

Winner's Circle

Guess the category from the clues given (only one word), starting at the bottom, work your way to the top.

60 second time limit

Trivia

Game Rules

Need: 3 tables of contestants, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper

Tables name a spokesperson. They select a category and are given a question to answer in 30 seconds. If correct, they continue. If incorrect, turn goes to the next table.

Winner: first table to answer the required number of questions in each category (number of questions may change depending on time allotted for game)

Tunnel Family Feud

Game Rules

Need: 2 teams (4-5 each) of contestants, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper

Questions were asked at Winterfest Online. Answers on the board were given by 2 more people.

The first team to ring (or squeak) in guesses first. If they don't get the top answer, the second team gets to guess. The team who wins control can guess, or pass to other team.

When it's your turn to guess, the time limit is 15 seconds.

If the guessing team gets 3 wrong answers, the opposing team can confer for 30 seconds before they give an answer. If their answer is anywhere on the board, they win the round. If not, the other team wins.

Wheel of Fortune

Game Rules

Object: guess the hangman-type word or phrase from a category

Need: 3 contestants, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper

Contestant spins the wheel to determine how much their letters will be worth. If a contestant guesses a correct letter (consonant), they can choose to try to solve the puzzle or spin again. If the contestant chooses to solve, s/he has 10 seconds to give the correct word or phrase. If the contestant guesses wrong (letters or the answer), play passes to the next player. Points will be given for each successful guess of a word or phrase. Contestant with the highest total at the end of the rounds played will continue to the final bonus round. Contestants may also buy a vowel for a flat rate of 250 points.

There are some special spaces on the wheel: Lose a Turn, Free Play (can counteract Lose a Turn or be an extra turn), Bankrupt, and Prize. The Prize space means they win that prize if they win the round.

Bonus round

5 letters are provided to the contestant and revealed in the puzzle. The contestant chooses another 5 letters, one being a vowel. After letters guessed are revealed, the contestant has 15 seconds to guess the word or phrase.

Mall of America Hours

Monday - Friday 10am - 9:30pm

Saturday 9:30am - 9:30pm

Sunday 11am - 7pm

Retail Hours

Monday - Saturday 10 am - 9:30 pm

Sunday 11 am - 7 pm

Nickelodeon Universe Hours

Monday - Saturday 10am - 10pm

Sunday 11am - 7pm

Sea Life Aquarium Hours

Monday - Saturday 9:30am - 8pm

Sunday 9:30am - 7pm

movie theaters and 4th floor

daily 11am - 1am

*The Mall of America is right across the street from our hotel. You can either walk there or take the hotel shuttle. The shuttle runs every half hour, but only when there are passengers. Call when you're ready to be picked up. Sign up at the front desk for departing shuttles.
(Airport runs take precedence over mall runs.)*