

Dear El Paso Comic Con Vendor,

We are so excited that you will be joining us at El Paso Comic Con (EPCON) 2024! This year's show promises to bring the best of pop culture to El Paso for a truly epic weekend. We want to make sure that you have a great experience at the show, so please use this letter for the essential details that you need to know as a vendor at EPCON.

Load-in for the event begins on Thursday from 10 AM until 4 PM and Friday from 10 AM until 4 PM. The Fire Marshal will do a walk through at 4 PM on Friday, so please be ready at that time. All boxes and packing material must be out of the aiseways when the Fire Marshal does the inspection.

Each booth comes with two wristbands. You may purchase up to two additional wristbands during load-in for \$50. We understand some booths have floaters and require special circumstances. We are more than willing to work with you. Please let us know in advance what your special requirements are so we can do our best to accommodate your needs.

Wristbands will be enforced at all points of entry for your safety and ours. Wristbands are required to be worn on your wrist to gain access to the venue during event hours. The badge is a keepsake/decoration and will not gain you entry to the venue. If there is a medical reason preventing you from physically wearing the wristband let us know so other arrangements can be made. Lost or stolen wristbands are not the responsibility of the event. Lost or stolen wristbands will need to be replaced at vendor's cost to gain entry to the venue. Repeated loss throughout the day by the same booth will be grounds for immediate removal from the event.

Your vendor pass does grant you some cool little perks. We know you don't have a lot of time to get a photo-op or autograph since you are manning your booth. Therefore, we allow Vendor Pass holders to use the VIP line. This will allow you to go to the front of the line so you can get back to your booth quickly and continue selling your wares.

Saturday evening will have the costume contest. El Paso Comic Con cosplayers are very passionate about their craft and create some amazing cosplays. If you enjoy watching some great costumes on the stage, this event is for you. There is also an after hours rave from 9pm until 2am if that is more your thing. If you have an El Paso Comic Con wristband you will be allowed into the rave for free. The rave is held off-site and is listed on the website schedule and in the Fatman Events App.

On Sunday the doors open at 9AM for a special group of people. The Sensory Friendly Opening happens allows those eligible to enjoy the con for an hour without the loud noises and big crowds. Mike Dee's Big Adventure vets all the individuals to ensure they are eligible. This group of disabled attendees and their caretakers will be allowed in starting at 9AM (an hour before general public). The past few years this group has grown in number. In 2023 there were well over 600 in this group and it gets bigger each

year. If these individuals choose to stay after that first hour they are welcome to do so. Many have found the slow immersion to the convention makes it easier for them to adjust and end up staying all day.

Also, during load-out please ensure you do not leave excess garbage in the Exhibit Hall during tear down. The venue charges a hefty fee for excess garbage removal. There are dumpsters out by the loading docks. Please take your excess garbage out to the dumpsters. We will be monitoring the tear down and move out process.

Booth sales for next year's El Paso Comic Con will go on sale online the week after this year's event ends. We will be alerting this year's vendors first when they go on sale so you have first shot at renewing your booth for next year. The booths sell out pretty quick so don't hesitate if you plan on getting a booth for next year. Don't forget, we have a payment plan so you can secure your booth with a down payment and spread your payments out so you don't pay all at once. All booth sales will occur online.

A little info on the El Paso area for those coming from out of town. El Paso is located at the intersection of three states (Texas, New Mexico, and Chihuahua) and two countries (the U.S. and Mexico). The sun shines 302 days per year on average in El Paso. For this reason, the city is nicknamed "The Sun City". There is a strong military presence in the area with 3 major military installations within an hour's drive (Fort Bliss, Holloman AFB, and White Sands Missile Range).

A fiberglass sculpture by Luis Jiménez honoring the city's colorful past, when real alligators graced San Jacinto Plaza sits in the center of downtown. This historic park is in the heart of downtown El Paso on the corner of Oregon and Mills St. Recently redesigned, the park is now home to paths and bridges, gaming areas for ping-pong, chess, and washoes and a café that features a variety of local snack time favorites. This urban open space celebrates the history and culture of El Paso and is ideal for gatherings small or large.

Southwest University Park is home to both the El Paso Chihuahuas of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League and the El Paso Locomotive FC of the USL Championship League. The El Paso Locomotive FC has a home game on Saturday April 13th at 7:00pm against the Oakland Roots SC. Southwest University Park is located next to the El Paso Convention Center. The soccer games are always lots of fun as the home crowd really supports the team, Go Locos!

Often regarded as the birthplace of Margarita, the world-famous Kentucky Bar & Grill is where celebrities like Liz Taylor and Marilyn Monroe hung out. Opened back in 1912, the Kentucky Club wears its 96 years like a piece of cherished antique furniture. Experience the charm of yesteryear at this historic club featuring the best of margaritas and scrumptious delights and decorated with baseball and bullfight pictures from the

past. The Kentucky Club is a short trip (less than 2 miles) over the Mexican border. If you plan to visit Juarez, Mexico remember to bring your passport!

If you want to do a bit of gambling while here, Sunland Park is a quick 10-minute drive away. Enjoy over 700 state-of-the-art slot machines, year-round simulcast wagering from tracks all over the world, incredible restaurants, and live entertainment.

University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) formerly known as Texas Western is the university made famous by National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins. He is best known for starting five African American players in the 1966 NCAA Championship game against Kentucky. This was the basis for the movie Glory Road.

If you have questions or need any assistance, email troy@fatmanevents.com or text (575) 405-0461. Can't wait to see you in Sun City.