



Welcome to JordanCon! Ostensibly, you're here because you're a fan of Robert Jordan's best-selling series, *The Wheel of Time*. However, whether that is true or you're here as a fan of Brandon Sanderson, in preparation for the upcoming Amazon TV series, or even just here to support a friend, we want to make sure you enjoy your experience. There's an awful lot to take in, and we only get 3 days, so we've built several guides over the years. In this welcome packet, we've included information from each of those guides to ease your worries, and help you plan your time wisely.

For many of our new members, this may not just be their first JordanCon, but their first Con in general. In that light, we'll start out by talking about some terms you may hear or see:

Tracks – A track is the name given to a specific room or rooms generally being used for similarly themed panels.

Panels – A panel is a staff or guest led discussion about a particular topic.

CosPlay – A portmanteau of the words Costume and Play. It is a mix of dressing up as a character and role-playing as that character to some degree.

Art Show – We have a track dedicated entirely to our wonderful artists! From here you can admire the work of our many talented artists (including voting on your favorite in a variety of categories), purchase a variety of different styles of art, or even participate in some panels regarding the making and selling of artwork. Did I mention you can vote on your favorite works in the Art Show? Vote.



Workshops – Learn a variety of trades and crafts from masters! Most of these workshops will include separate registration as class size is limited, make sure to check with registration first thing and see what is still available! Fees may apply, be sure to inquire at registration!

GoH – Short-hand for Guest of Honor. We have an Author and Artist Guest of Honor each year.

ConSuite – A room reserved by the Con Staff for members to stop by for refreshments, or just to take a break between panels.

Ribbons – For a variety of reasons, you may be gifted a ribbon that can be adhered to your badge. These are little trophies that can be collected as you wander around the Con, and you should always keep an eye out for new ways to earn ribbons!

Charity Auction – Every year we auction off items, all donated by members or guests, and the proceeds are donated to charity. This year’s charity will be the Hospice of Mercy, in memory of Steve Godecke. Located in room Maplewood B. Our auction will run from 9 AM until 7 PM on Saturday



Steve Godecke – Bear with us if you hear this name and we get a little emotional... Steve was the Director of Videography for JordanCon, having earned himself that spot when he showed up to the very first JordanCon with his equipment and just asked where to set up. His passion for Wheel of Time, his kind hearted nature, and his immensely positive attitude in the face of adversity were all unparalleled. Steve’s passing earlier this month has left our world just a little less bright. In his memory, we donate to the Hospice of Mercy all of our charity proceeds this year. “May you shelter in the palm of the Creator’s hand, and may the last embrace of the mother welcome you home.”

Team Jordan – The term used to describe the group of people who made this all possible: Harriet McDougal, Maria Simons, and Alan Romanczuk.



Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in Charleston from the age of three. Returning to Charleston in 1977, she founded her own publishing imprint, Popham Press, and later became the original Editorial Director of Tor Books, an imprint of Tom Doherty Associates. In the course of her work she met James Rigney, a Charleston-born writer, and married him in 1981. Under the pen name Robert Jordan, he wrote the bulk of his fantasy series The Wheel of Time, the best known of his many works. (Harriet was editor of all but one of his books.) He died before the series was completed. Harriet engaged Brandon Sanderson to finish the series, which he did under her editing. She is one of the authors of The Wheel of Time Companion, and has also published her poetry in several small magazines.



Maria Simons won her dream job in 1996: working for Robert Jordan, the author of The Wheel of Time, her favorite series of books. She started out working twelve hours a week, answering fan mail and filing, but the job quickly evolved, and she added other tasks such as cataloging RJ’s extensive library and researching topics such as sheep-shearing. Eventually, she convinced RJ that she didn’t mind being spoiled for WoT, and beginning with volume eight, The Path of Daggers, she became continuity editor for the series. After Robert Jordan’s untimely death in 2007, Maria continued working for his editor and widow, Harriet McDougal. Along with Harriet and Alan Romanczuk, she worked with Brandon Sanderson to complete the final three books of the series. Harriet, Alan and Maria (aka Team Jordan) then wrote The Wheel of Time Companion. Maria continues to work for Harriet, and intends to continue for as long as she’s wanted.



Alan worked with RJ and Bandersnatch for 16 years before retiring at the end of 2017. While there he assisted with research and continuity on the Wheel of Time series, paid bills, cleaned gutters, built and maintained company computers and networks. After RJ’s death he was privileged to work with the rest of Team Jordan and Brandon Sanderson in completing the last three books in the WoT series and was co-author of The Wheel of Time Companion.

Noteworthy Events and Locations

Download the official JordanCon App for all this information and more!

Speedfriending – If you're new to JordanCon, you may not know too many people. If you'd like to change that, this is the place for you! Don't be fooled, this isn't just for new members! Many of our Con veterans, including volunteers and other staff, attend this event every year so we can meet each and every one of our members!

The ConSuite – Please visit our volunteer driven ConSuite! This is a great place to rest and recharge. Grab a drink, grab some food (including gluten-free and vegetarian options!), and chat with some new friends! Located in Room 301, open Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday 8am-8pm, and Sunday 8am-1pm.

Accessibility Quiet Room – There's going to be a lot going on, and that can be overwhelming for some people. We've set aside some space for people who need to unwind, and just need to recharge their social batteries. The Accessibility Quiet Room will be located in the Dekalb room Friday 4pm-5pm, and Saturday 1pm-3:30pm.

The Art Show – Come see the work of our talented artists on display! Some of the work on display will even be up for auction, and some may even be available as prints! Also, as I may have mentioned already, vote on your favorite works!

Dealers' Hall – Here is where you'll find a variety of exciting merchandise. In the past we've had leatherworkers, costume companies, collectables, and more!

JordanCon Charity Auction – The items here are rare or unique items, donated by our members and guests. This is a great way to grab something special for your collection, while also helping a good cause! This year's cause is very close to us, proceeds will be donated to Hospice of Mercy in honor of our beloved Steve Godecke. Located in Maplewood B. First door on the left as you go down the Track Room Hallway. Our auction will run from 9 AM until 7 PM on Saturday.

Workshops – The workshops will take place in the Gardenia room. When you check in at registration, make sure to check out all the workshops we're offering this year, and sign up early! Fees may apply, be sure to inquire at registration!

Seanchan Hold'em Poker Tournament – Ok... maybe we just rebranded Texas Hold'em, but it doesn't matter because it's still a blast! This even runs on Friday night, and proceeds go to charity! \$20 buy-in.

Costume Contest – There is never a shortage of Cosplayers and Costumers at JordanCon. Some just enjoy dressing up and portraying their favorite characters, but some actually enter into a competition for us all to enjoy! Stop by and check out our incredibly talented group show off their hard work and dedication!

Shadow and Light – Our Darkest Timeline Themed Saturday night dance! Everyone is welcome. Attendees may dress up, not dress up, dress to match the theme, or even come in cosplay! Located in Dunwoody A, B, and C. Saturday Night from 8:30pm-11:30pm.

Nine Horse Hitch – A full bar, operated by some of our wonderful members! It's entirely donation driven, and proceeds go to charity. Stop by and grab a drink... for a good cause!

Couch Con – The Con after the Con. So many of us come from so far away just to spend time with each other, and you! This means when the con ends at 4PM on Sunday, some of us just don't have the energy left to leave... so we don't! We stay one more night, relax and enjoy an extended bittersweet parting with our friends. A great way to end a wonderful weekend!

Dining and Shopping Information

No time to go out? The hotel has three options for food:

Bistro 55 (6:30am-10:30am, 11am-2pm, 2pm-11pm)
The Mix Lounge (2pm-12am)
Sylvia's Café (6am-11am)

AND there are delivery options:

UberEats (<https://www.ubereats.com/atlanta/>)
Prime Now (<https://primenow.amazon.com/>)
Grub Hub (<https://www.grubhub.com/>)
PostMates (<https://postmates.com/>)

When ordering delivery, the address of the hotel is: 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road Northeast, Atlanta, GA, USA

Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road. Just across the street!

Cheesecake Factory - Fri & Sat 10 AM - 9PM, Sun 12 PM - 7PM (770-394-4270)
Cowfish Sushi Burger Bar - Fri & Sat 11 AM - 11 PM, sun 11 AM - 10 PM (770-225-0009)
Maggiano's Little Italy - Fri & Sat 11 AM - 11 PM, Sun 11 AM - 10 PM (770-804-3313)
The Capital Grille - Fri 11:30 - 11 PM, Sat 5:00 PM - 11 PM, Sun 4 PM - 9 PM (770-730-8447)
Seasons 52 - Fri & Sat 11 AM - 12 AM, Sun 10 AM - 10 PM (770-671-0052)

Perimeter Place, 4500 Olde Perimeter Way - Where Perimeter Center Pkwy ends into Perimeter Ctr. West

Carrabba's - 1210 Ashford Crossing, Fri & Sat 11 AM - 11 PM, Sun 11 AM - 10 PM (770-804-0467)
Chipotle - 123 Perimeter Center West, Fri - Sun 11 AM - 10 PM (770-677-5542)
Flemings Steakhouse & Wine Bar - 4501 Olde Perimeter Way, Fri & Sat 5-11PM, Sun 5-9PM (770-698-8112)
Mimi's Café - 1221 Ashford Crossing, Fri & Sat 7 AM - 10 PM, Sun 7 AM - 9 PM (770-351-8444)
Outback Steakhouse - 1220 Ashford Crossing, Fri & Sat 11AM-11PM, Sun 11AM-10PM (770-481-0491)
Panera Bread - 4531 Old Perimeter Way, Fri & Sat 6AM-10PM, Sun 7AM-10PM (770-352-9323)
Shane's Rib Shack - 123 Perimeter Center W #400, Fri -Sun 11AM-9PM (770-399-9010)
Taco Mac Sports Grill - 1211 Ashford Crossing, Fri - Sun 11 AM - 2 AM (678-336-1381)
Tin Drum Asia Café - 4530 Olde Perimeter Way #200, Fri 11AM -9:30PM, Sat/Sun 12PM-9PM (770-393-3006)
Your Pie - 123 Perimeter Center West Suite 200, Fri - Sun 11 AM - 10 PM (470-336-7574)

Additional Nearby Dining & Retail Options

California Pizza Kitchen - 4600 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Fri/Sat 11-10PM, Sun 11AM-9PM (770-393-0390)
Chuy's - 118 Perimeter Center W, Fri & Sat 11 AM - 11 PM, Sun 11 AM - 10 PM (770-351-7777)
Newk's - 1181 Hammond Dr Ste 1000 - Fri - Sun 10:30 AM - 9 PM (770-351-6811)
PF Chang's China Bistro - 500 Ashwood Pkwy, Fri/ Sat 11AM-11PM, Sun 11AM-10PM (770-352-0500)
Sage Woodfire Tavern - 4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., Fri 11:30-2AM, Sat 5PM-2AM, Sun 4-10PM (770-804- 8880)
Taki Japanese Steakhouse - 4711 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE #12, Fri 11:30-2:30/5-11, Sat 12PM - 11PM, Sun 12PM-10PM (770-522-8888)
Target - 100 Perimeter Center Pl, Fri & Sat 8 AM - 12 AM, Sun 8 AM - 11 PM (678-259-0888)
Total Wine & More - 124 Perimeter Center W, Fri & Sat 8AM-11PM, Sun 12:30-10PM (770-395-1678)
Wal-Mart - 4725 Ashford Dunwoody Rd - Fri - Sun 6 AM - 12 AM (770-395-0199)

Shuttle Services are available from the Ravinia. Don't forget to tip your driver! :)

Helpful Hints, Guidelines, and Words of Wisdom

- The 3, 2, 1 Rule – For every 24 hours, try to get a minimum of 3 hours of sleep, 2 meals, and 1 shower.



- Drink plenty of water.
- Keep an eye out for room parties. Our fellow conventions promote themselves at JordanCon, and if they sound interesting to you this is the best way to meet new people with similar interests!
- Wash your hands. Please. You don't want to get Con Crud, which is our fun little name for the plague that befalls those unlucky souls who don't follow this tip. People come from all over to go to the Con, and they bring with them their own special regional illnesses. You don't want to leave JordanCon and then get sick, your boss will be very mad and blame all of us and that's just not fair.
- VOLUNTEER – I can't stress this enough, you should volunteer. This is absolutely the best way to get to know other people at the con and get to know your way around. Once you start, you won't be able to stop, it's so much fun being a part of the process!



- Dress Comfortably – it sure is fun to dress up! Just remember that you're going to be walking around and on your feet for the entire day. So, wear comfortable shoes whenever you're able. Keep in mind, you're going to be inside most of the day, and the weather may be warm outside... but inside? That's another story. Easy to remove outer layers are a good call here, so you can transition easily if you get too cold or too hot!
- Remembering details in all the hustle and bustle can be difficult. Write things down! Start a note on your phone or use this handy folder we've provided and store notes! You don't want to forget your friends room number, or where the ConSuite is!
- Are you a hugger? That's awesome! Some of us aren't... so just make sure you ask before you go around grappling everyone! It's not that we don't love you, but some people just aren't as comfortable with this even with people they do know well.
- Planning to have a few drinks throughout the Con? That's totally fine, many of our members like to relax and have a few. Keep in mind: The hotel will frown upon open carrying clearly marked bottles of alcohol. Please make sure to respect their wishes and transfer your beverages to another container. Additionally, know your limits. We all want to have a good time, but we also want everyone to be safe and healthy. Plus, you don't want to miss a panel because you're passed out in the lobby, do you?!

The New Member Services Team

Feel free to come find any of us if you have any further questions or need any assistance!



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