

# Midwest FurFest 2008 Programming – Panel Descriptions

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| 2 the Ranting Gryphon      | Ever seen Nerf kittens and dead babies fly out of someone's pants? Well, you won't see it at the Ranting Gryphon's show either -- but he'll certainly talk about it! Come and spend some time with 2, as he brings out the funny side of things we probably shouldn't be laughing at. This is an all-ages show.  | 2 the Ranting Gryphon, Jibba Foxcoon      | Friday   | 7:30pm - 9:00pm  | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Advanced Pawpets           | There are more than just simple hand puppets out there in the world and our trio of panelists will introduce you to all the different types of puppets. From marionettes, to full-body puppets, to animatronic puppets, to full puppet costumes. They will show you how they work and how they are performed in the various types of ways of performing. | Santa Fox, Steve Plunkett, Treads Lightly | Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | Elm             |
| African Animals Roundtable | This is an open roundtable discussion about those wonderful critters that inhabit the African continent. Whether you are interested in zebras, meerkats, lions, antelope or any other critters from Africa, this is the place to discuss those creatures, their habitats, or any other related topics.   | Antimon                                   | Saturday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm  | Willow A        |
| Art Auction                | Don't let those people who slightly upped your written bid walk away with that fabulous art! Show them who's got what it takes and knows what it's really worth! Besides, the auctioneers are always a hoot!   | Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway                     | Sunday   | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Basic fursuit construction | Are you new to the fur? or do you just want to learn a few new techniques, or help with a fur-ticular problem? Basic fursuit construction is geared to get anyone started sewing in the right direction! This panel will cover basic sewing, pattern making, fabric selection, tools, care and light maintenance.  | Ocicat                                    | Saturday | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Maple           |
| Basic head construction    | Fursuits are a wonderful thing, and it takes a lot to finish one off! Let Stitchwolf and Ocicat help you top off your latest furry creation! This panel will discuss various types of fursuit heads, construction techniques, finishing, materials, and basic care and maintenance.  | Stitchwolf, Ocicat                        | Friday   | 4:00pm - 5:00pm  | Maple           |
| Beginners Writing Panel    | So you're new to writing? Scared? Don't be! Come hear how another new writer got started, then learned to post, receive, and survive the needed criticism every new writer needs!  | Felix                                     | Friday   | 2:00pm - 3:00pm  | Elm             |

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| Behavior and History of Canines                                       | Curious about why your dog does what he does? Ever wonder if there are wolves in your state? Want to know just what the differences are between wolves and man's best friend? Hear different speakers from wildlife parks explain some of the commonly held myths about dogs and their wild cousins. Come loaded with questions; this panel is designed to be an open session for discussion and sharing of ideas. | Wolphy, Vish, GrayWolf | Friday     | 6:00pm - 7:00pm  | Willow B        |
| Bend Backwards! Advanced Digitigrade Leg Construction and Performance | Get a leg up, or back in this case, on your next fursuiting project! Digitigrade leg construction in fursuits doesn't have to be difficult, and ScrapeGoat can prove it! Join Scrape as he shows how create the perfect look for your next costume without breaking the bank. Topics will include basic materials, construction, and finishing.  | ScrapeGoat             | Friday     | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | Willow B        |
| Cats Rule   | A social panel for all the furs in the fandom who represent the various felines to meet up and get to know one another.  | Landis                 | Sunday     | 9:00am - 10:00am | Maple           |
| Charity Auction   | Wonderful donated artwork and other mysterious donated items! Outbid your buddies, and grab the best stuff! -- And know that your greed and good taste are also helping our Charity for 2008, Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Every great item that you covet and win here is a donation that will help these hard-working folks continue their work. What could be a better deal?                                | Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway  | Saturday   | 3:00pm - 5:00pm  | Botanic A, B    |
| Closing Ceremonies  | Where did the weekend go? At the Closing Ceremonies for Midwest FurFest 2008, we'll let you in on anything you may have missed. We'll also be recognizing all of the talented winners of various contests held throughout the convention. And, at the end, we'll have a feedback/Q&A session to help improve Midwest FurFest for next year.  |                        | Sunday     | 5:00pm - 6:00pm  | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Code Name: Hunter   | An introduction to the comic, its characters and the world that's grown up around it.  | Darcy and Matt Sowers  | Sunday     | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | Elm             |
| Conservation 101  | With the prevalence of art throughout the fandom, it's important to recognize the importance of preservation and conservation of your treasures! Join us for tips, techniques, and concerns to ensure that your valuables last a lifetime!   | November               | Sunday     | 2:00pm - 3:00pm  | Maple           |

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| Dances/Fursuit Dance      | Friday night showcases some of the fandom's most talented artists as Butterscotch, Banshee, Protocolle and Tek-Fox take the stage. Get warmed up and shake your tail as Butterscotch plays her own special blend of music crafted to please both fursuiters and non-fursuiters alike. Then prepare yourself for the first time in con history as Protocolle and Tek-Fox join forces on the decks to bring you a breakbeat extravaganza! Following that Banshee will rock you until the night ends. The fun doesn't end on Friday, as the dance starts up again Saturday night, with talent that rivals any club DJ; featuring the funky house grooves of Draconum, masterful electro mash-ups engineered by Audiodile, a signature breaks set by Dragonboy and a heart pounding hard house mix brought to you by Pistol pup. This years' lineup of talent is one not to be missed! | Butterscotch, Croc, Draconum, Protocolle, Val (Dragonboy), Pardus, Banshee, Pistolpup, Tek-Fox | Friday   | 10:00pm - 2:00am  | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Deaddog Party             | Just don't want the con to end? Here's your opportunity to dance, hang out with friends new and old and enjoy the last waning moments of the con before we all have to return to the "real world".   | Butterscotch Vixen (Susan Foxx)  | Sunday   | 8:00pm - 11:00pm  | Botanic A, B    |
| Dog Owner's Roundtable    | Gather 'round and join other furrries to talk about our dogs! We'll discuss training techniques, ownership secrets, and share stories about our canine companions!   | Rayven Wolffe, Razz Husky  | Sunday   | 12:00pm - 1:00pm  | Maple           |
| Drum Jam                  | Did you miss the Drum Jams at Faire? Want to attend a Drum Jam between seasons? Wanted to perform at a Drum Jam, but never got the chance? Then bring your drums or other tribal instruments to the Drum Jam and meet others interested in self-expression. Even if you don't play an instrument, but want to participate, dancing is encouraged.  | Korin Chupacabra, Mocha Mephooki, and Samii Tiger  | Saturday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm   | Botanic A, B    |
| Education in Conservation | Most people agree that conservation is very important in today's world. But how do you convince the personally involved? Education! This discussion panel will go over how to use education to further and how you can get involved in this exciting field! Also learn how fursuiting can be a useful tool education! This is an audience directed panel, so feel free to bring any questions you might have!  | Kess, Fuzzyfin   | Saturday | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Maple           |
| Fox Game Show             | Are you tired of the same ol' boring fox SIG? You're in luck! Come join us for a Jeopardy-like game and test your knowledge of all things Foxy! If you're smart enough, you may just win a neat foxy prize!  | Cmdr Kitsune, Rayven Wolffe, Nihaler   | Friday   | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Elm             |

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| Furry and the Media | Furry is becoming more popular and widespread. And with that popularity, the media is focusing more attention on us. Join Uncle Kage as he goes over some helpful tips for dealing with the media and portraying a positive image to the public.  | Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway   | Saturday   | 1:00pm - 2:00pm  | Maple           |
| Furry Futures       | How will advanced technology affect furry fandom? From improved VR, to advanced materials for fursuits, or to non-genetic body modification, if it's geeky and furry, this is the place.  | Kyle "Hartree" Webb, Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway  | Friday     | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | Botanic A       |
| Furry Genetics      | We dream about creating these fantastical creatures that combine the best traits of humans and animals. What are the realistic prospects for making real-life furies? What are the ethical and social considerations? Will we be able to realize that dream in our lifetimes? And if so, should we?   | Kyle "Hartree" Webb, Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway  | Sunday     | 2:00pm - 3:00pm  | Elm             |
| Furry Variety Show  | The not-to-be-missed Furry Variety Show -- now on Saturday Evening! A touch of masquerade, a touch of vaudeville, maybe some flying ferrets... and history is made. Prepared acts are encouraged, but if you just have a suit and want to join, come to an FVS rehearsal and we'll provide an act! (Note: Last rehearsal is Sat 10am. You must attend one of the FVS rehearsals to be in the show.) | Michael "Aeto" Sawyer (MC), Robert King (Dir.), Wildfox (Asst. Dir.), Butterscotch (Asst. Dir.) | Saturday   | 7:00pm - 8:30pm  | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Furry voices        | Join Max Goof as he helps you add a little voice to any character, whether it be fursuit or puppet! See how easy it is to bring your next furry creation to life!   | Max Goof  | Saturday   | 4:00pm - 5:00pm  | Maple           |
| Furs in the Pews    | Are you "one of them"? Being furry and Christian can be difficult, but there are those who make their way through both worlds. Come and share with us as we discuss the pluses of being both.   | Dave "Cheesecake" Perez, Cmdr Kitsune, Rayven Wolffe  | Friday     | 1:00pm - 2:00pm  | Willow A        |
| Fursuit Charades    | Bring out your wilder side! You've played charades before- but never like this! Join our wacky panel of fursuiters for some absolute hilarity that's sure to warm the arctic chill from your coat! Stop on by and join the fun, you maybe our next star! Fursuits more than welcome!  | Lucky the Evil Dog, Benjimutt   | Saturday   | 4:00pm - 5:00pm  | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Fursuit Dancing!    | Bust a furry move! Learn to dance in fursuit in style! Join Madius as he works your feet, and tail, and shows you how to put a little swing in your step, just in time for your next dance!   | Madius H. Rat   | Saturday   | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Ravinia D, E, F |

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| Fursuit Games           | They're wild, they're crazy, and always unpredictable! That could only mean...MFF fursuit games! Come in from the North woods cold this year and warm your paws by the fire and join the fun, or just stand by and watch the fur fly! Two teams of fursuiters will compete (and beat) against each other in five completely manic contests that will surely test brute strength, agility, and ---oh yes-- fursuit durability!  | Exile Huscoon                      | Sunday     | 1:00pm - 2:30pm   | Botanic A, B    |
| Fursuit Handlers        | A handler is a fursuiter's best friend, guide, escort and sometime voice. Learn what it takes to be a successful a guide, and keep your furry friend safe and healthy! Panel topics may include theme park and sports park rules, to fursuiting around pets, children, non-furs, and basic fursuit safety.   | Lucky the Evil Dog, Fuzzy Fin      | Sunday     | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Maple           |
| Fursuit meet and greet  | Kick your great trek into the greatnorth first by stopping by the fursuit lodge! Stop on by and get to know your fellow fursuiters, swap stories, and make a few new friends! Fursuits highly encouraged!  | Ocicat                             | Friday     | 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Fursuit Parade          | Calling all critters! Get warm and shrug off some of that north woods snow by joining us for the annual Midwest FurFest fursuit parade! Led this year by our esteemed guest of honor, Lucky the Evil Dog, here's your chance to show off your furry best to your family, friends, and of course the paparazzi! The main events ballroom will be the starting point for the parade. Stay in line, because after the parade meanders through the hotel, we'll meet outside, weather permitting, for group pictures!! | Ocicat, Kodi                       | Saturday   | 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Fursuit Performance 101 | Part of owning a fursuit is bringing it to life, and giving it fursonality. Join Lucky and Quasi as they show you how easy it is to develop a character, interact with the public, use props, and develop a simple pantomime routine! Fursuits are highly encouraged!  | Lucky the Evil Dog and Quasi Skunk | Friday     | 3:00pm - 4:00pm   | Elm             |
| Fursuit Performance 102 | Continue your journey into the wonderful world of fursuiting! This continuation of Fursuit 101, will deal with the performance aspects of fursuiting. Topics will include moving in suit, walking, character development, use of props, and posing at conventions, public venues, and for the fursuit parade. Let our own guest of honor, Luck the Evil Dog, help you brush up your skills to present a better you!  | Lucky the Evil Dog, Benjimutt      | Sunday     | 10:00am - 11:00am | Botanic A       |
| Fursuit Photographs     | Be sure to pounce on the opportunity to strike a pose in your best furry digs - get a few professional pictures taken free with our professional photographers DexCat and Jet. Photos will be free to download a week after the convention at <a href="http://fursuitphotos.dexcat.net">http://fursuitphotos.dexcat.net</a> .  | DexCat, Jet                        | Friday     | 5:30pm - 7:00pm   | Elm             |

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| Fursuit wardrobe and fashion   | Clothing makes the man, or in this case, the fursuit! Join Stitchwolf as he helps you accessorize that new fursuit of yours in style! Learn how clothing, props, and simple little wardrobe additions can make fursuit stand out, and truly come to life!  | Stitchwolf                    | Sunday     | 10:00am - 11:00am | Maple       |
| Fursuiter figure drawing panel | Fursuits are fun and entertaining-especially when they are asked to hold a pose for long periods of time in front of a bunch of eager artists. Join Chillymouse for this fun drawing event. Please bring your own drawing materials  | Chillymouse                   | Friday     | 2:00pm - 4:00pm   | Maple       |
| Fursuiting 101                 | Are you new to fursuiting? Do you have some burning questions about choosing a suit, what to do with it once you have it, or what the heck to do with it when you travel? Rest assured, all your questions will be answered (and maybe a few more)! Wildfox, Quasi and our own Guest of Honor Lucky the Evil Dog will help you start your furry journey! | Wildfox, Quasi                | Friday     | 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | Maple       |
| Fursuiting in Public           | There's more to just fursuiting than putting on a suit! Join our own guest of honor, Lucky the Evil Dog as he helps you get started down the right sidewalk to public fursuiting! This panel will cover some basic rules, safety procedures, and helpful tips every fur needs to know before taking their suit out in the open!                          | Lucky the Evil Dog, Benjimutt | Friday     | 5:00pm - 6:00pm   | Willow B    |
| Have Fun at a Con              | Ever been to a convention where you just didn't end up having as much fun as you had hoped? This panel may be for you then. This is a discussion being lead by people who have attended conventions throughout the various fandoms and will cover topics on how to make the most of your convention experience.  | Furp                          | Saturday   | 6:00pm - 7:00pm   | Elm         |

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| Holiday Puppet Show                  | Valarie returns and will be once again taking the controls of our yearly puppet show at Midwest FurFest. Even though she will once again claim that it's all her show, she will be followed by our zany cast of puppets that make their yearly visit to our convention to help entertain you. The first hour of the show is our regularly scheduled puppet show, but when the second hour starts... it will be our holiday show as we try to send you out in a festive spirit as you get ready to make your holiday shopping. So come and check out this very zany show as you don't know how many bad jokes they will crack or how many times they'll try to step on each other. Who knows... maybe Vixie will surprise Valaire this year by showing up? | Wildfox, Lincoln "JBadger" Kliman      | Sunday   | 3:00pm - 5:00pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Hoofers                              | Are you a fan of hooped animals? Come and join a roundtable discussion of the various kinds of hoofers and why people think they are awesome.   | Nevermint                              | Saturday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm   | Elm             |
| Human (adult) figure drawing         | It's just like human clothed figure drawing...only without the clothes. Join Daroneasa as she shares with you tips and tricks on drawing the nude human form with accuracy. Adults only please, please bring your own materials.  | Daroneasa                              | Friday   | 9:00pm - 10:00pm  | Elm             |
| Human (clothed) figure drawing panel | It's just like fursuit figure drawing...only without the fursuit. Please bring your own drawing materials.  | Chillymouse                            | ???      |                   |                 |
| Husky Social                         | Join your hosts Kodi and Rappy in a fun and open social meet for all those who have husky characters or think huskies are just really great dogs! Husky fursuits will be welcomed at this social gathering!   | Kodi, RappyRaptor                      | Sunday   | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Botanic B       |
| Iron Artist                          | Are you an artist made of Aluminum? Helium? Marshmallow Peeps? No! You're an IRON ARTIST! Come and fight your way to the title and this art contest gone insane! Artists of all skill levels welcome and encouraged! You may bring your own materials if desired, but be prepared for... well who knows!?   | Fritzy Wolf and Grant "The GM" Raccoon | Sunday   | 3:30pm - 5:00pm   | Botanic A, B    |
| Kage Story Hour                      | Uncle Kage's back! Kage leads a rather...interesting life and he's back to tell us more hilarious stories from his unique perspective. With a dry wit, and a squinting view of the oddities of 'real' life through the eyes of an intelligent cynic, Kage's Story Hour has become legend.   | Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway                  | Friday   | 6:00pm - 7:30pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |

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| Late Night Improv          | Are you ready to laugh into the night? What happens when you get comedians 2 the Ranting Gryphon, Uncle Kage and Jibba in the same stage without a script? Come to this hilarious, late night event and find out! WARNING: This event may cause uncontrollable laughter! (ADULTS ONLY)   | 2 the Ranting Gryphon, Jibba Foxcoon, Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway | Friday     | 11:00pm - 12:00am | Botanic A, B |
| Latex Casting Made Easy    | Latex casting for fursuit construction was never easier! Find out how quick and easy it can be to cast your own noses, jaws, claws, paw pads and other details with just a few simple materials!   | Stitchwolf  | Sunday     | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Elm          |
| Learning Adobe Illustrator | This panel is a one-hour long overview Adobe Illustrator CS3. The discussion will include such topics as color, DPI (dots-per-inch), Illustrator vs. Photoshop, the software's tools and panels, and the resources needed to take your learning beyond the panel. Photoshop users who want to find a new way to draw illustrations, cartoons, diagrams, charts and logos that are able to be scaled or printed at any size without losing quality - this is the panel for you. | Midwestcougar   | Saturday   | 3:00pm - 4:00pm   | Maple        |
| Let's Build Pawpets!       | You see all kinds of puppets from Folkmanis floating around, but what if you have an idea on how you want your character to look? Treads Lightly and Zorro will show you guys how to build your own puppets from scratch. They will go over coming up with the pattern, finding the materials to putting everything together, finding stuff to dress your puppet up with, and the tips and tricks to making everything work together to make that excellent looking puppet.    | Treads Lightly, Zorro                                       | Friday     | 8:00pm - 9:00pm   | Maple        |
| Life as an artist          | Are you considering art as a profession? Are you curious about the nitty gritty of an art career? Come learn about being self employed, how to market and sell your work, taxes, resources available to small business owners, and much, much more!  | Foxfeather Zenkova  | Saturday   | 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | Elm          |
| Mascotting for Hire        | Have you ever wanted to mascot for money? Join Lucky the Evil Dog as he talks about what it takes to get stared, how to build contacts, work up a professional resume, deal with venues, and maybe...just maybe...create a business of your own!   | Lucky the Evil Dog, Benjimutt, Fuzzy Fin                    | Friday     | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Willow B     |
| Meet the Charity           | Come and meet Midwest FurFest's 2008 charity! Hear about the wonderful service work that is done by Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy and meet some of the people (and therapy animals!) that make it happen. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and learn more about trained therapy animals and how they can help those in need.  | Roho, Graywolf, Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy             | Friday     | 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | Botanic B    |

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| Meet the GOH                             | Come on by to find out all the interesting details of their work and their interests. This will be a Question and Answer session, so please fire up your curiosity and bring on those intriguing questions we know you have.  | Darcy Sowers, Matt Sowers, Lucky the Evil Dog, Foxfeather Zenkova, Tom "Duncan da Husky" Brady | Friday     | 1:00pm - 2:00pm  | Botanic A, B  |
| Midnight Howl                            | "At the sound of the tone, the time will be midnight." Help those without watches know when it's midnight by joining us in the back parking lot.  | Innerwolf  | Saturday   | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |   |
| Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. Board Meeting | Board Meeting of the corporate parent of Midwest FurFest. We will review Midwest FurFest 2008 to-date, hold an election of board members, and discuss plans for Midwest FurFest 2009. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.   |  | Sunday     | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | Maple   |
| MilFurs                                  | In the military? Joining the military? Just curious about the military? Then this is the panel for you. This is a panel of current and past service furs, with discussion topics of attending cons while active duty, how furry intermingles with life in the military, and will cover any questions posed to the panelists.  | Furp   | Friday     | 7:00pm - 8:00pm  | Maple   |
| MilFurs Breakfast                        | Reveille Reveille Reveille. Morning chow in the hotel lobby for those furs that have been, are and might be in the service. Wear convention appropriate attire (not the uniform of the day.)  | Furp, Cmdr Kitsune   | Saturday   | 8:00am - 10:00am | Osteria di Tramonto (Restaurant off the Westin lobby) |
| Motorcycle Furs                          | For any fur into motorcycles (both street and MX), ATVs and off-roading.  | FoggyDane, Harley  | Saturday   | 7:00pm - 8:00pm  | Elm   |
| Music Jam                                | Midwest FurFest has started to see furry musicians bringing their instruments to the con in recent years, but up until now we've had no place to play aside from the official lobby piano. This year, we're looking to wrangle together a musicians' circle and make an official jam session! Please keep this to acoustic instruments, to keep noise issues to a minimum. If you happen to have an extra instrument handy that you might be willing to share, please bring it along too! You never know who's in the audience that might not have realized this opportunity. | Zel  | Saturday   | 8:00pm - 9:30pm  | Maple   |
| Myth, Magic, and Mystery                 | Is religion just formalized spirituality? Is spirituality just free-form religion? Does the myth, magic, and mystery separate or bond the two together? No debating here, but listen to our panelists share their views on the differences between them and how they affect each.   | Dave "Cheesecake" Perez, Cmdr Kitsune, Stalkingcat, Innerwolf, Travis Clemmons                 | Saturday   | 7:00pm - 8:00pm  | Maple   |

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| Mythology In Today's Society | As long as imagination exists, so will myths and legends. We love telling stories, and we love listening to animals tell them. Sometimes they tell us stories better than humans can. What modern myths have influenced you and has anthropomorphosis played a part?   | Dave "Cheesecake" Perez, Stalkingcat, Travis Clemmons | Saturday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm  | Maple           |
| Once Upon A Time             | Come together and make up a story with this enchanting card game. It's a lot of fun.   | Santa Fox   | Saturday | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Elm             |
| Opening Ceremonies           | Join us for the official start to Midwest FurFest 2008, with last minute announcements and other interesting tidbits. Let's start the convention off with a bang!  |   | Friday   | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Other Rainbow AAT Services   | Come hear about other programs offered by our charity in the field of animal assisted therapy! Presentation includes information and demonstrations on Rainbow's Dog Apprehension program, to help people overcome fears and phobias of dogs in a safe and controlled environment; a Dog Safety program to train children and dogs in safely interacting to lessen the chance of injuries; and a Library Reading program where children can read to the dogs to encourage development of reading skills. | Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy                       | Sunday   | 1:00pm - 2:00pm  | Maple           |
| Out of the Ordinary Pets     | Have you ever wanted an exotic pet? Whether it's a chinchilla or a tiger that has caught your eye, come find out about what keeping exotics is really like. Laws, care concerns, ethics, feeding, traveling, species information and more covering a variety of species from fish to birds to wild cats.   | Foxfeather Zenkova                                    | Friday   | 2:00pm - 3:00pm  | Willow B        |
| Pawpet 101                   | This is where it all starts if you want to get into puppeteering. Butterscotch, Silaria, and Max will show you how to obtain your first puppet, learning the basics to performing with your puppet, right to picking out the right music to perform with. They will also be covering the different type of puppets, picking out the right puppet for the right act, basic things to know about your puppet, and picking out the right music for the right crowd.   | Butterscotch Vixen (Susan Foxx), Silaria, Max Goof    | Friday   | 1:00pm - 2:00pm  | Willow B        |

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| Pawpet Idol                | The Pawpet Idol show returns for the third time! This show is meant for those who are interested in getting involved in puppeteering by giving them a chance to perform in front of our judges and giving it a shot. This show isn't just for anybody who is new to puppeteering as our veteran puppeteers will be showing up and taking a shot of taking the top spot in this show as well. But don't fret if you don't have any experience as everybody will be divided by experience and those who are just getting started will be separated from our veterans of puppetry. Our defending champions from last year, Silaria (Master) and Atheus (Novice), could be coming back to give everybody a show and to see who the better between the two is. If you're not signed up for this show, we invite you to come down and check out the puppetry. This will definitely be an entertaining show! | Wildfox, Lincoln "JBadger" Kliman, Babs Bunny, Max Goof, Santa Fox, Steve Plunkett | Friday   | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Pawpet Idol Sign Ups       | The sign-up hour for the Pawpet Idol III show. During this hour, if you are interested in participating in Pawpet Idol, you can come in and sign up. Puppets and music will be available to pick from so if you don't have anything, don't worry about it. This hour can also be spent getting acquainted with the puppet stage and/or your puppet that you will be using.  | Wildfox, Lincoln "JBadger" Kliman  | Friday   | 3:00pm - 4:00pm   | Ravinia D, E, F |
| Pawpet Skit Workshop       | Many of us start with lip-sync puppeteering to a song that we hear on the radio, but what does it take to come up with a really good, well-worked, puppet act? Our trio of panelists will show you how to put together more than just a lip-sync puppet act. They'll show you how to make any act more entertaining for the audience with the use of props or different acts.   | Santa Fox, Steve Plunkett, Max Goof  | Sunday   | 10:00am - 11:00am | Elm             |
| Physically Challenged Furs | Join Rukario in an entertaining and informative "round-table" discussion about being physically challenged in the furry community, and some personal experiences on how the Furry Community has impacted his life.  | Rukario  | Saturday | 9:00am - 10:00am  | Elm             |
| Planetarium                | Interested in astronomy? Want to learn what stars and planets are up and where to find them? Do you just want to find animals in the sky? Then come join us for a planetarium show! Either before or after viewing objects through a telescope with the AstroFurs, the planetarium show will help you to get your bearings. We'll go over the current night sky as well as some of the mythology that goes along with the constellations of stars with which we're all familiar.  | Dr. PerVECT  | Saturday | 8:00pm - 10:00pm  | Botanic A, B    |

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| Plotting                          | What is story without plot? This panel will discuss how to plot stories, including how to set up an inciting event, how to end plots, and how to make plots for longer works interesting and varied. Badly overdone plots will be briefly mentioned. Writing the opening line will also be discussed, along with anything else that might come up from questions. The panelist has had fiction published in Renard's Menagerie and Anthrozone, amongst others.  | Michael Bard  | Sunday            | 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | Elm      |
| Programming Director's Roundtable | Have you ever wondered what goes into programming for a furry convention? Maybe you're going to be working programming for another event and want to hear what others do. Join the programming directors of several furry cons to hear their methods and what really goes into making furry programming work.   | Perro, K.P., Nevermint                                    | Sunday            | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Maple    |
| Protecting Yourself from STDs     | Many old myths about HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases still permeate the general public who have let their guard down recently. New medications for treating HIV and other STDs may have given the false impression that protection from these diseases is not needed. Alarmingly, rates for these infections have been increasing over the last several years. It is time to clear the air. What are these diseases and how can you protect yourself from them? Hosted by Michael "MikeyBear" Goertz (AIDS Research Center for Wisconsin), Invincible (MD) and Jim "Syncism" Lai (Attorney).                                  | Michael "MikeyBear" Goertz, Invincible, Jim "Syncism: Lai | Saturday          | 9:00pm - 10:00pm  | Elm      |
| Radiofurs - Fox Hunt              | Join the Furry Hams for an amateur radio direction finding "foxhunt!" Listen in on 146.565 MHz (FM) for the Morse code ID "KC9ECL/FOX" and hunt down the "fox" transmitter. Anyone with a radio receiver is welcome to participate, no amateur radio license is required to just listen and search for the fox. On Saturday the fox will be stationary, and for an added challenge on Sunday, the fox will be "mobile" (moving around the hotel)! Talk-In chat for the foxhunt and other Furry Hams events will be on the KF4RRY Repeater (Primary: 441.500MHz, + Offset, 100.0Hz CTCSS; Alternate: 147.555MHz, Simplex, 100.1Hz CTCSS)." | Graywolf  | Saturday & Sunday | 12:00pm - 1:00pm  |          |
| Rails & Tails                     | An amazing amount of furs are railfans, or have model railroading as a hobby. This is the place to discuss.   | Quick Casey   | Sunday            | 9:00am - 11:00am  | Willow B |

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| Rainbow's Crisis Response Unit            | Rainbow's Crisis Response Team is composed of registered therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers who have received extensive training in order to respond to an emergency or disaster event. The Team's goal is to aid rescue workers and volunteers as well as to help calm and support victims during a crisis situation. Come meet and interact with the team and their handlers, and hear their stories; including how they responded to support the students and faculty of nearby Northern Illinois University following the February 2008 shooting.. | Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy                                   | Saturday | 10:00am - 11:00am | Maple     |
| Raptors and Falconry                      | Interested in avians? Ever wondered what it takes to work with birds of prey? Come learn about these magnificent animals and how you can get involved with falconry and rehabilitation. Anyone interested in raptors is welcome and questions are always encouraged!  | Kess  | Saturday | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Elm       |
| Rodent Owner's Roundtable                 | Tired of people judging your pets just because they are 'rodents'? Come join us to share stories with like-minded pet owners! All pocket pet fanciers welcome!  | Rayven Wolffe   | Sunday   | 9:00am - 10:00am  | Botanic B |
| Roommate Wanted                           | No, we don't mean the friends who show up at your house and then never leave. Or maybe we do. Join an open discussion about the non-physical roommates you have at your house.  | Dave "Cheesecake" Perez, Cmdr Kitsune                             | Friday   | 6:00pm - 7:00pm   | Maple     |
| Shamanism                                 | It isn't what's in the movies and it's not what you read in a manga, but it is the stuff of legends. Listen to a modern day shaman talk about how the "old ways" aren't outdated.   | Stalkingcat, Innerwolf  | Friday   | 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | Elm       |
| Simulated Animal Assisted Therapy Session | Come meet our charity and their animals! See exactly how assisted animal therapy works in this simulated therapy session. Rainbow AAT will show how they train their dogs with therapy skills, other tricks, and obedience. The audience will participate with the dogs in a simulated group therapy session.   | Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy                                   | Friday   | 3:00pm - 4:00pm   | Botanic B |
| So This Is Your First Con, Eh?            | Is this your first con? Well then come and join three fun and entertaining members of the fandom as they give you some great tips and advice to help you enjoy and experience your first furry convention!  | Dr. Sam "Kage" Conway, 2 Gryphon, KP, Tom "Duncan da Husky" Brady | Friday   | 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | Botanic A |
| Sofawolf Reading                          | Kyll Gold's upcoming novel, "Out of Position," to be released in late January 2009. Ursula Vernon's much-anticipated "Black Dogs: Volume 2," to be released in 2009. We will also be unveiling artwork from one or both of the books, and there may be exciting details of upcoming Sofawolf projects also available. This is the first time these books and artwork will be previewed in public, so don't miss it!   | Tim Susman  | Saturday | 2:00pm - 3:00pm   | Elm       |

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| Sponsors Brunch                                  | YEP, this is where they serve that incredible buffet that you heard so much about last year! Fancy food, with fancy tablecloths, fancy napkins and *gasp* fancy silverware. Better yet, you get to hobnob with the Guests Of Honor, and other special guests. It's just one of the ways that Midwest FurFest likes to pamper all the wonderful people who've become Midwest FurFest Sponsor Members. [Ask at Registration, if you want in on this deal (and other really nifty stuff).] |                       | Saturday   | 11:00am - 1:00pm  | Botanic A, B |
| Story Hour                                       | They say that truth is stranger than fiction. Malin and Rikoshi, published fiction authors, put that to the test with an hour of true tales told live, by them and special surprise guests. Come and see what happens when writers get into real-life stories.  | Tim Susman            | Friday     | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Botanic A    |
| Storytelling through Characters Part 1 - Heros   | Heroes and Archetypes, breaking the archetypes, and using ordinary people in traditional protagonist roles.   | Darcy and Matt Sowers | Friday     | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Botanic B    |
| Storytelling through Characters Part 2 - Villans | How to write a villain we love to hate. Identification, stereotypes and why a villain is more than a straw man.   | Darcy and Matt Sowers | Saturday   | 10:00am - 11:00am | Elm          |
| Storytelling through Characters Part 3 - Extras  | Fleshing out the setting through the use of background characters. Why the extras make things believable.   | Darcy and Matt Sowers | Sunday     | 12:00pm - 1:00pm  | Elm          |
| Strong At Heart: Bears                           | What is it about bears that are so fascinating? Join us in a round table discussion on the bear's role in history ranging from the proud and respected animal totem in Native American lore to the cuddly ursine mascots we enjoy today and the characteristics that lead us to choose the bear as our personal totem. Bring your own honey and come on in!   | Baar Bear             | Friday     | 1:00pm - 2:00pm   | Botanic B    |
| The Nature Of The Dragon                         | Look at any culture in the world and you'll find some form of dragon. Crafty. Wise. Evil. Heroic. Dragons seem to represent that which we most strive for and that which we most fear. Some people admire the awesome majestic beauty of the creature. Others feel a spiritual kinship. Come join in on the discussion of the many levels of the nature of the dragon.  | Travis Clemmons       | Saturday   | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Elm          |

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| Therianthropy: Care and feeding of your inner animal. | Have you ever experienced a tail or a pair of wings as a “phantom limb” feeling? Does transforming mentally or spiritually into your animal form help you connect to the Divine? What does transformation mean? What is the experience of therianthropy like? How is this experience reconciled into living a spiritual path? Come join us for a discussion of the spiritual aspects of animal transformation.   | Stalkingcat, Innerwolf   | Sunday     | 9:00am - 10:00am  | Elm          |
| Transfurs   | In the fandom, there are some whose outward appearance may not jive with their inner feelings of who they are when it comes to gender. For some, it is just a general preference, for some it is a life-changing commitment, and there are a myriad of others in between, both Male and Female. Join us for an open and honest discussion on what this means to us. All are welcome, come to learn and to share.   | Spectra Vixen,<br>Fyremane<br>Stonebender,<br>Butterscotch Vixen,<br>SabrinaGeek | Sunday     | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Botanic A    |
| Walk About Pawpetry                                   | This panel is meant to show you how to interact with your audience with a puppet while walking around. It can be more complicated than you think it would be and Steve and Santa Fox will show you how to properly carry your puppet out in an open area away from the puppet stage and show you how to interact with your crowd while doing so.   | Santa Fox, Steve Plunkett  | Sunday     | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Elm          |
| Whose Lion is it Anyways?                             | Come join us for an entire panel of your favorite improvisational games! Watch hilarity ensue as participants perform scenes spontaneously, without a script! Just like the TV show, we will play several popular improv games like "Questions Only" and "Party Quirks". You are more than welcome to just come to watch - but everyone is encouraged to participate!  | Sema Sopoci, Alkali  | Friday     | 9:00pm - 11:00pm  | Botanic A, B |
| Wind and Wings  | An open discussion for those whose personas are included amongst our feathery kin, or those who just want to talk about birds. Topics include bird stories, why people choose avian personas, and what we can learn about ourselves from our choices.  | Arrow Quivershaft  | Sunday     | 12:00pm - 1:00pm  | Willow B     |
| Wolf Park - Wolves at Chicago's Door                  | As with tradition from our first convention, come hear some of the stories of animals and events from volunteers and staff at one of the most unique wildlife parks in the country, located only a couple hours from the Chicago area! Have the opportunity to pick the brains from people who have worked with wolves hands on, and deal first hand with the challenges facing conservation of wolves and the education of the people they must share the world with. | GrayWolf, Wolphy,<br>Perro, Darkmuzzle   | Sunday     | 10:00am - 11:00am | Botanic B    |

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| Writers Meet and Greet        | Come out to relax, and meet both known and unknown furry fiction writers. Chat with others with similar interests about your own, or bask in the glow of your idols.  | Michael Bard, Phil Geusz               | Friday     | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Maple       |
| Writing Furry Science Fiction | Have you ever wanted to write Science Fiction? With a furry bent? This panel will discuss different types of SF, things to look for in terms of getting the science right, badly overdone ideas to be avoided, common physical impossibilities by beginners, and anything else that might come up from questions. The panelist has had hard SF published in Renard's Menagerie and Anthrozone, and was a Physics Major in university. | Michael Bard                           | Saturday   | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Maple       |
| You CAN Draw                  | Did your 3rd grade art teacher tell you your fox doodle was pathetic and you'd never be a real artist? Well tell her she can suck on it and come on over to You CAN Draw! Every artist has humble beginnings, and with technique and practice, anyone can make it to the top! Plus, come see what some of your favorite artists work looked like when they weren't so well known!   | Fritzy Wolf and Grant "The GM" Raccoon | Saturday   | 4:00pm - 5:00pm | Maple       |

## Midwest FurFest 2008 Gaming Programming

| Event                                     | Description   | Hosts                |
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| Super Smash Brothers Tournament           | The MFF tradition returns! We move to the new and hot Super Smash Bros. Brawl with lots of new furry characters, or you can just be boring and pick Luigi. Our tournament is formatted so anyone has a chance at winning, regardless of skill level. It also draws quite a crowd just to watch! Prizes will be awarded so play to win! (4 at a time, tournament style Duration: 4 hours)  | Timoran J. Synkral   |
| Charity Poker                             | It's dogs playing poker, but for a good cause. A \$10+ donation to the charity grants you a chance at bragging rights for the best Texas hold'em furry at the convention*. Spectator seats will also be available for those that want to follow the action. *Each player at the final table will be awarded a prize too.  | Stevie, Sycicism     |
| Dragon Storm Demo                         | Come learn the basic mechanics of Dragon Storm. See the exciting world of Grandilar. Players will learn how to build a starting character, what the different skills are and the basics of combat. Then, to introduce the players to game play, a short introductory session will be run. (Players: 4-8 Duration: 1 hour)   | Tonya Foust          |
| Dragon Storm Open Game                    | Open game for Dragon Storm. Players of all levels welcome, but this session will be geared towards the higher levels (75+ CP). (Players: 6-8. Duration: 3 hours.)   | Tonya Foust          |
| Lupus in Tabula (Werewolves at the Table) | Lupus in Tabula (Werewolves at the Table) is a new version of the classic Mafia/Werewolf game, produces by daVinci Games and Mayfair. It is a great game for 8 to 60 people and will usually pull 30-40 people at our con. An hour of mind games and intrigue as the humans try to ferret out the Werewolves with the help of their unique allies and their individual wit. People pretending to be something they are not and lots of arguing with one another. (Players: 10+ Duration: 2-4 hours) | Brian Harris, Alkali |
| Are You a Werewolf?                       | A simplified version of "Werewolves of Millers Hollow", Are You a Werewolf? is a great casual Role-playing party game for 5 to 20 people. Talk your way out of becoming accused as a werewolf or get burned at the stake! (Players: 5-20 Duration 2-4 hours.)   | Swift Fox, Alkali    |
| Ironclaw                                  | Avalanche! On the way to visit the family of Gaston and Duella in the Chervnaise lands, the party gets caught in a snowstorm in a mountain pass. To make things worse, they see a group in front of them get caught in an avalanche. Can the other travelers be rescued in time for them to survive? No experience necessary. Characters Provided. (Players: 3-8. Duration: 4 hours)  | Tarant               |
| Jadeclaw                                  | Mountain Ghosts. Travelers through a mountain pass have been harassed and attacked by 'ghosts'. A reward has been posted to solve this problem. Is it Bandits, or try something truly supernatural? No experience Necessary. Characters Provided. (Players: 3-8. Duration: 4 hours)   | Tarant               |
| Toon                                      | Stupor Bowl: Smash, bash, crush, and boggle the opposing team as you try to win the zaniest game of football ever! No previous knowledge of football necessary; sense of humor mandatory! Characters Provided (Players: 4-12. Duration: 4 hours)  | Tarant               |
| Simcity: The Card Game                    | Big City Build: Yes! It's actually a card game! Join in to build the city up from colonial to ultra-modern! No previous knowledge necessary. Deck provided. (Players: 2-6. Duration: 2 hours)   | Tarant               |

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| Looney Labs: Games and Demos          | Have a lull in your day? Come play with us! Stop by and join the Looney Lab rabbits and demo the many card and pyramid games published by Looney Labs. Let us show you the brand new and zany Monty Python Fluxx. Or perhaps you think you're lucky enough to survive a game or two of Zombie Fluxx? Plus we have one of the many versions of Fluxx or Chrononauts you can play; or we can break out a pyramid game like TreeHouse, Volcano or Martian Chess. Just look for the bright tie-dye and the friendly folks in lab coats. Typical games take from 10-30 minutes. (Players: 4-8 per table. Duration: 2 hours)  | Swift Fox |
| Miniature Painting Night (Miniatures) | Want to take a break from the hecticness of the con? Want to find a way to express your artistic talent without carrying around a sketchbook? Are those Space Marines still screaming "PAINT ME" in the back of your mind? Then come to the gaming room Friday Night to sit down, take a load off and paint some miniatures while talking about your epic battle against some nasty orks. Paint and free miniatures (while supplies of the miniatures last) will be provided, but people are encouraged to bring their own miniatures to paint or display to others. People are welcome to stop by any time during the event to paint a miniature. (Participants: 1-6 at a time {more are welcome with their own paints/brushes/ miniatures} Duration: 3 hours) | Yarrick   |
| Apples to Apples                      | Apples to Apples is the award winning and fun and mindless word matching game. Play the words that best fit the green apple card in play, or play to the judges! No two turns and games of this simple and comical game are ever the same. (Players: 3+. Duration: 3-4 hours)   | Yarrick   |
| Wargods of Aegyptus (Miniatures)      | The tradition is back! A tactical wargame with hand painted miniatures, set in an alternate Egyptian fantasy universe where the children of the gods still walked the earth. Use your deadly archers, swift chariots, and stalwart foot troops to crush your opponent and become the chosen of an ancient god. (Players: 2-4 Duration: 2-3 hours)   | Yarrick   |

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