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Local team to launch grassroots gaming convention in October

A new gaming convention is on the horizon for Oklahoma. Video gamers and tabletop players will come together for the Name Your Game Expo, a two-day convention Oct. 5-6 at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The convention, powered by Oklahoma-grown team members, will showcase a diverse lineup of both video games and tabletop games that span a variety of genres. The convention also will host local artists, authors, cosplayers, exhibitors, vendors and charitable causes to round out the convention experience commonly found in other states.

“I was born and raised in Broken Arrow and have been serving the gaming community for more than 10 years, but in my years of experience, gaming rarely got the spotlight at other conventions in the state,” said Saif Khan, founder and CEO of OKgamers and co-chair of operations for the convention.

“So, we decided to pull together experienced Oklahoma organizers, coordinators and event managers to put on a new convention to do just that.”

The convention, better known as NYGExpo, is fully staffed by volunteers from various Oklahoma gaming communities. Each member of the gaming team is responsible for curating casual gaming, tournaments and unique programming for their area of expertise or subgenre. The team plans to make the convention the most diverse gaming convention in Oklahoma. Individuals from around the state will have the opportunity to connect with others, compete for prizes and learn about the culture of gaming.

“We heard the cry of gamers in the state; they want to game locally, and they want gaming to be the main focus of the convention,” said Landon Carroll, co-chair of gaming for NYGExpo.

“This is a multifaceted opportunity for not only gamers, but for the state of Oklahoma. It’s an opportunity to bring video and tabletop gaming into the mainstream spotlight and an opportunity for Oklahoma businesses to dip their toes into one of the fastest growing industries in the world. It’s a global culture that’s been tucked away for many years.”

By positioning the convention at the center of tabletop and video gaming, with competitive and free-play gaming, NYGExpo aims to provide a family-friendly experience for gamers and non-gamers alike.

“We wanted to make this a value to the state of Oklahoma, to take our passion and materialize it into something everyone can enjoy,” Khan added.

“We’re excited to use this convention as a platform to bring together the local gaming community.”

Weekend admission for adults is \$15 online or \$20 at the door. Children ages 3-8 are \$5, and children two and under get in free.

To purchase passes, visit nygexpo.com/attend.

Artist, vendor and exhibitor information can be found at nygexpo.com/shop.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit nygexpo.com/sponsorship.

For those interested in staying at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center during the convention, a special event rate is available for \$99 a night with the group code 130648.

Name Your Game Expo is a two-day convention hosted by volunteers and members of OKgamers, an organization that has connected local gamers and events since 2006. OKgamers provides gaming resources for all ages, organizes events and promotes community and camaraderie by fostering gaming in Oklahoma. OKgamers.com is a top resource for finding tabletop and video gaming around the state.

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