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If you have any questions not answered within this guidebook, please
ask your event organizer or the registration desk.



2025 NOVA Open Scavenger Hunt!

Win cool prizes by find the things listed below and taking a picture (be sure to ask permission before photographing anyone!) Come bring your photo to the NOVA Open Merch Store to check items off as you go.

Complete all 10 and win a prize!

(First come first served, while supplies last)

- ☐ Take a photo of your favorite Lord of the Rings Table
- ☐ Take selfie with the 40k Grand Narrative Reliquary Wall
- ☐ Find the RPG 3 sign (Hint: its on the secret first floor)
- ☐ Take a selfie with a game you checked from the Board Game Library
- ☐ Take a selfie with someone in cosplay
- ☐ Vote for a fan favorite Capital Palette model and take a photo of it
- ☐ Take a selfie with a member of the Hobby Haven HQ team
- ☐ Take a photo of your favorite Infinity table
- ☐ Take a photo with at least 3 vendors in the exhibit hall
- ☐ Take a selfie while trying a demo in the in the Demo Hall





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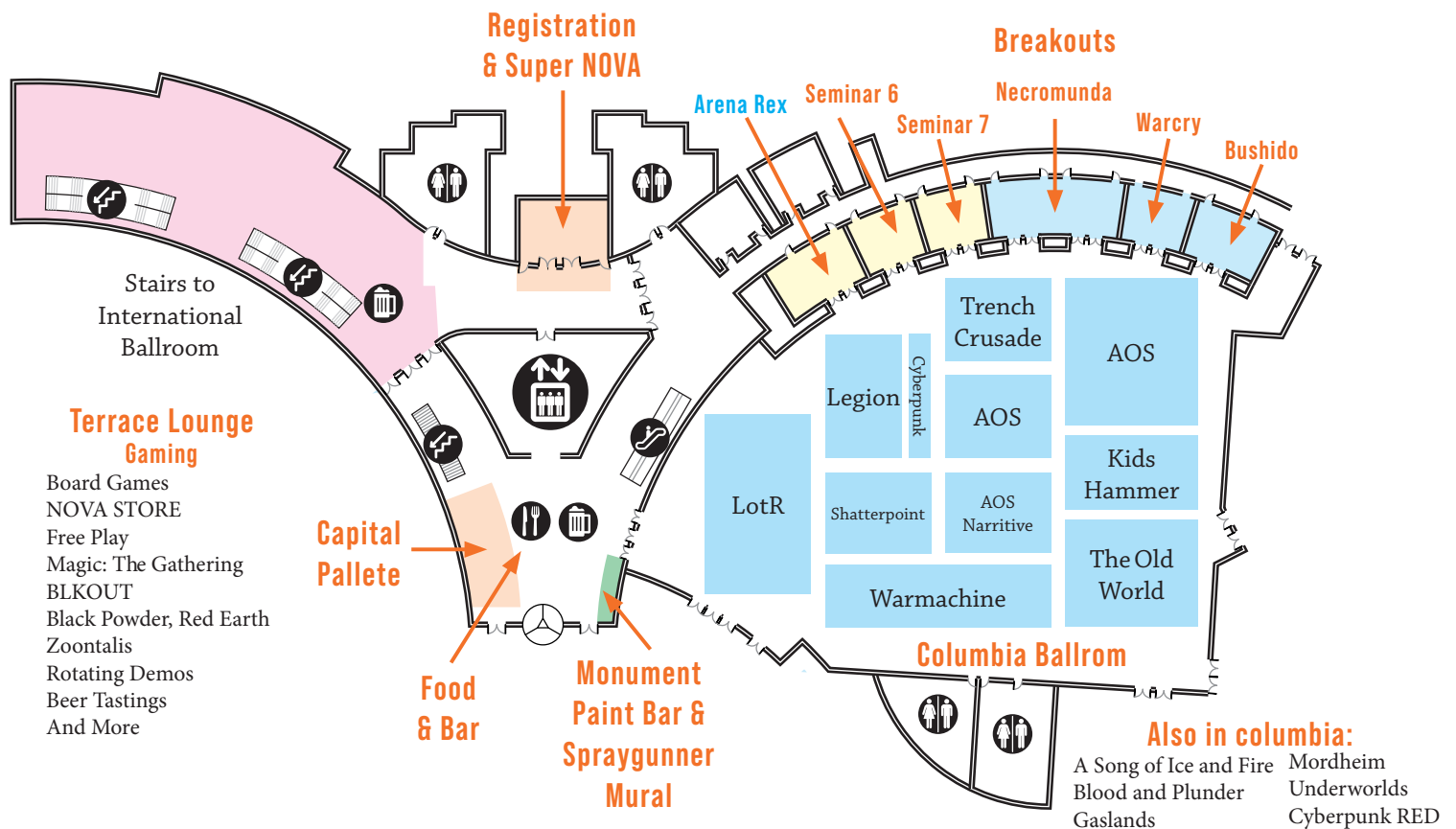
#novaopen2025 and #capitalpalette2025 to be a part of the action!



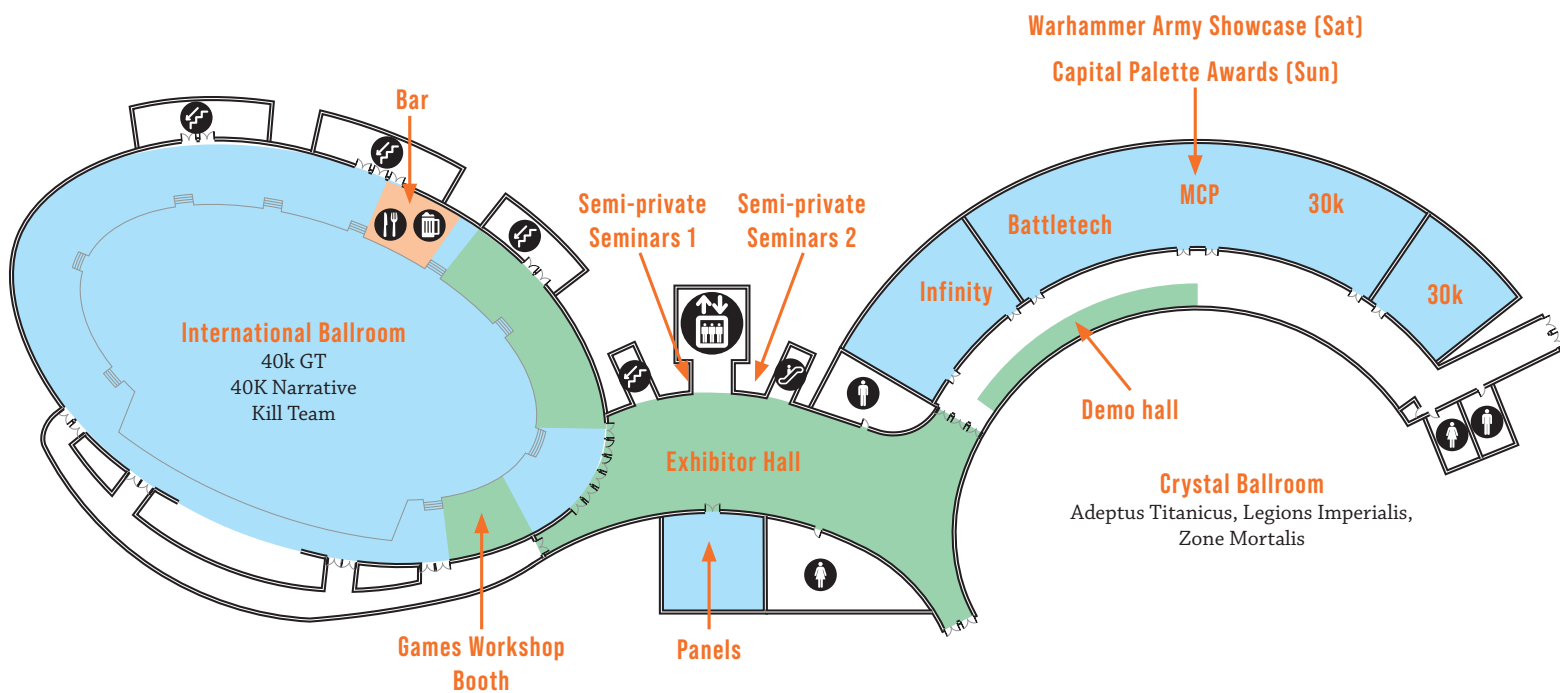
Maps

NOVA Open Registration Hours
 Wed - 12pm - 8 pm
 Th/Fr/Sat - 7am - 8pm
 Sun - 7am - 11AM

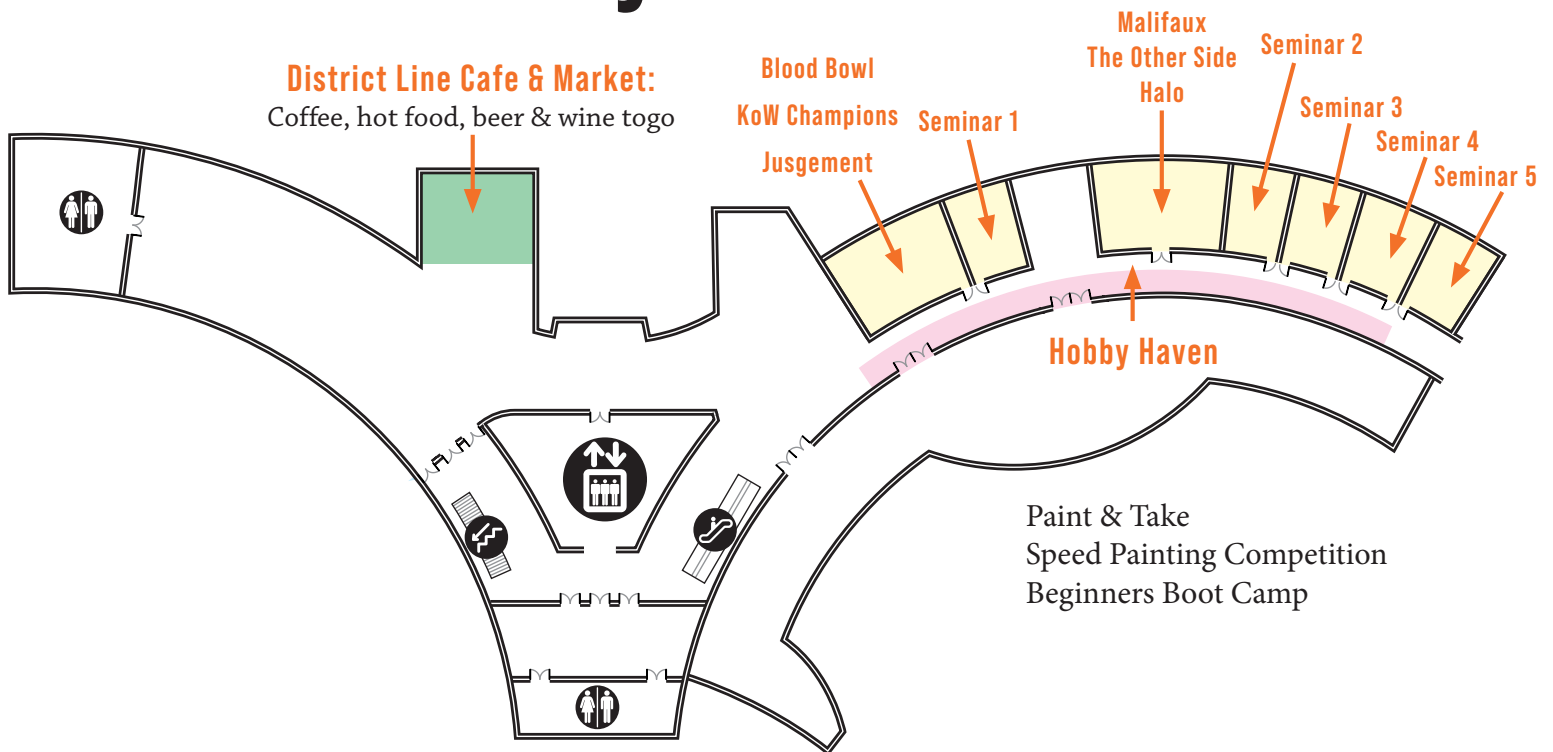
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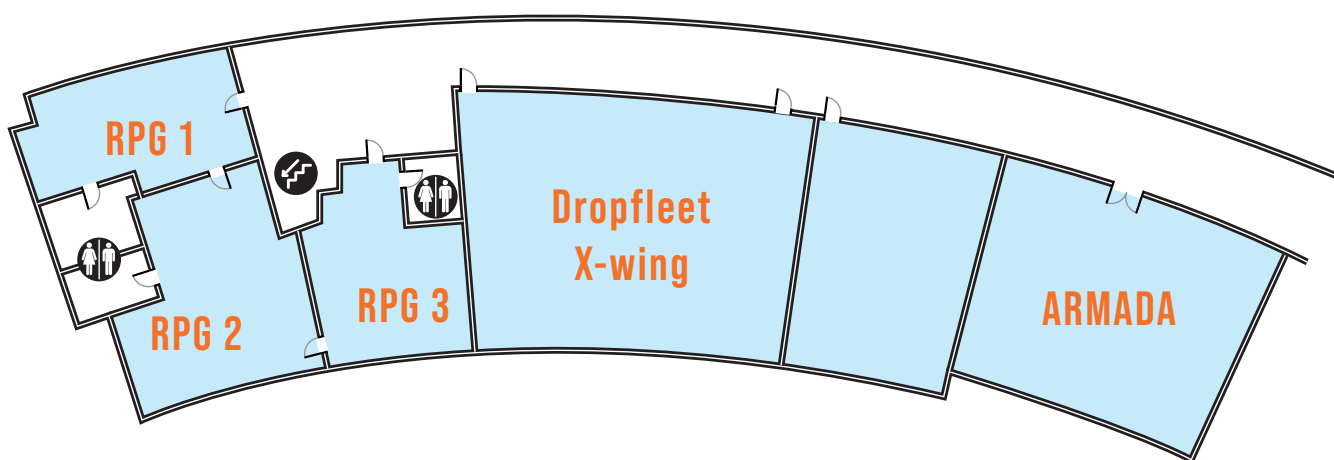
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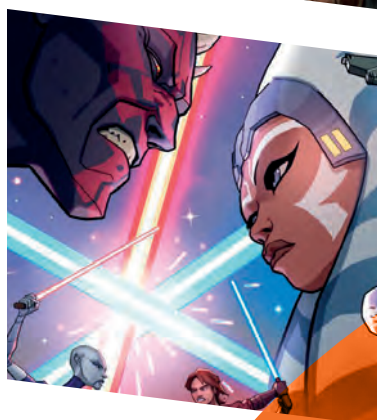
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Convention Schedule



**Want to See the Full
NOVA Open
2025 Schedule?**



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- 2 rounds a day • Paint with Friends • Camp Activities
- Hawaii's First Major • Practice
- Meet more Hobbyists



Don't miss

NOVA Open is chock full of amazing experiences you can't get outside of a convention. As you plan your visit, be sure to check out all of these can't miss experiences! How many of these can you check off during your time at the convention?

Terrace Lounge

At the nexus of the Terrace level is the Board Game Library, open play, and socialization zone. Grab a drink, catch up with your friends, Check out demos of unpublished games and join in the nightly programming.

Giant Scale Events

Swing by the International Ballroom every night for epic battles fought on a 20x20 foot "table" on the Ballroom Stage!

Scavenger Hunt

Let the NOVA Open 2025 scavenger hunt be your guide to the convention and maybe even win some prizes. See page 5 for more details.

RPGS

Journey to the 1st floor RPG suites. Sample a wide range of RPG offerings from the gritty fantasy of Mork Borg, to the pristine Sci-fi of Star Trek, to the latest in the Fallout Wasteland!

Capital Palette - Vote for fan favorite

Find Capital Palette on the Terrace Level and take in the beautiful miniatures on display in NOVA Open's famous art show. Vote for your choice in the fan favorite competition.

Take a seminars

There are classes for everyone from never painted to master level. Be sure to jump into the more than one hundred available hobby seminars. There are classes for all levels: from never painted before, all the way up to master level. As well as a variety of panels and lectures

Check out awesome terrain

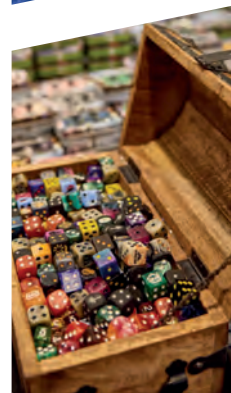
Amazing terrain abounds! Check out Lord of the Rings and Star Wars Legion in Columbia, Horus Heresy in Jefferson on the Concourse level, and 40k Narrative in the International Ballroom.

Learn a new game!

Be it one of the many Be it one of the many games in our Board Game Library or joining a demo in the Demo Hall on the Concourse Level, NOVA Open is a great time to try something new.

Play to Win

Want to win a free board game? Check out any of the Play to Win games in the Terrace Lounge and be entered into a chance to take the game home!



Artis Opus



FREE DRYBRUSH
DEMO!



Seminars



Whether you are brand new to painting or are trying to hone your master-level skills, we have a class for you. Learn new techniques from professional artists from all over the world. Many of the classes include a miniature or bust that you can take home with you.

Want to See the Full NOVA Open 2025 Art Class and Seminar schedule Schedule?



Scan above!

Come join everyone in the Terrace Lounge!

The Terrace Lounge is your hub for food, drink, socializing, free play, board games, and socializing!

Grab a Vasen beer bucket and enjoy board games and socializing with all of your friends! There are dozens of free events happening throughout the convention including game demos, play to win board games, and more!

Nightly activities:

Every night! Magic Meetups, Late-night board game events, AND free play

WED:

- Open Gaming!

THU:

- 10am - Terraforming Mars Tournament
- Noon - Dice Throne 2v2

FRI:

- 10am - Wingspan Tournament
- Noon - Dice Throne Lockout
- Double Exposure Championships
- 9pm - Sagestones Tournament

SAT:

- Double Exposure Championships
- Noon - Dice Throne - Bring 3 Ban 1
- 9pm Ted's Salty Rocks Tournament

Open Late
for
Food, Drinks,
& Gaming

demos of unpublished games every
day and evening!



EXHIBITORS

Exhibitor Hall

Located in the Concourse

Exhibitor Hall Hours

Wednesday 5-8pm Limited Early Opening

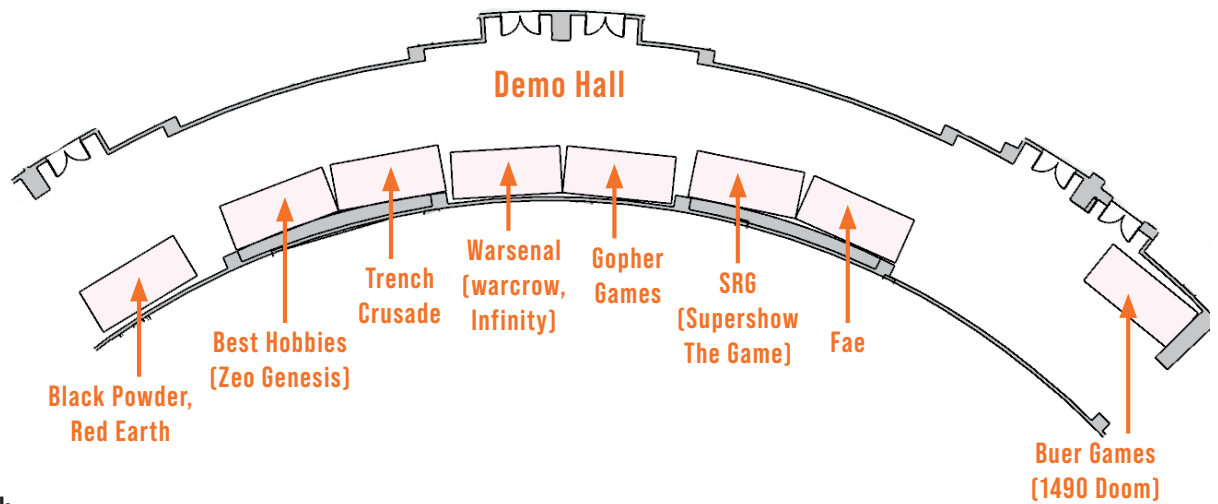
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

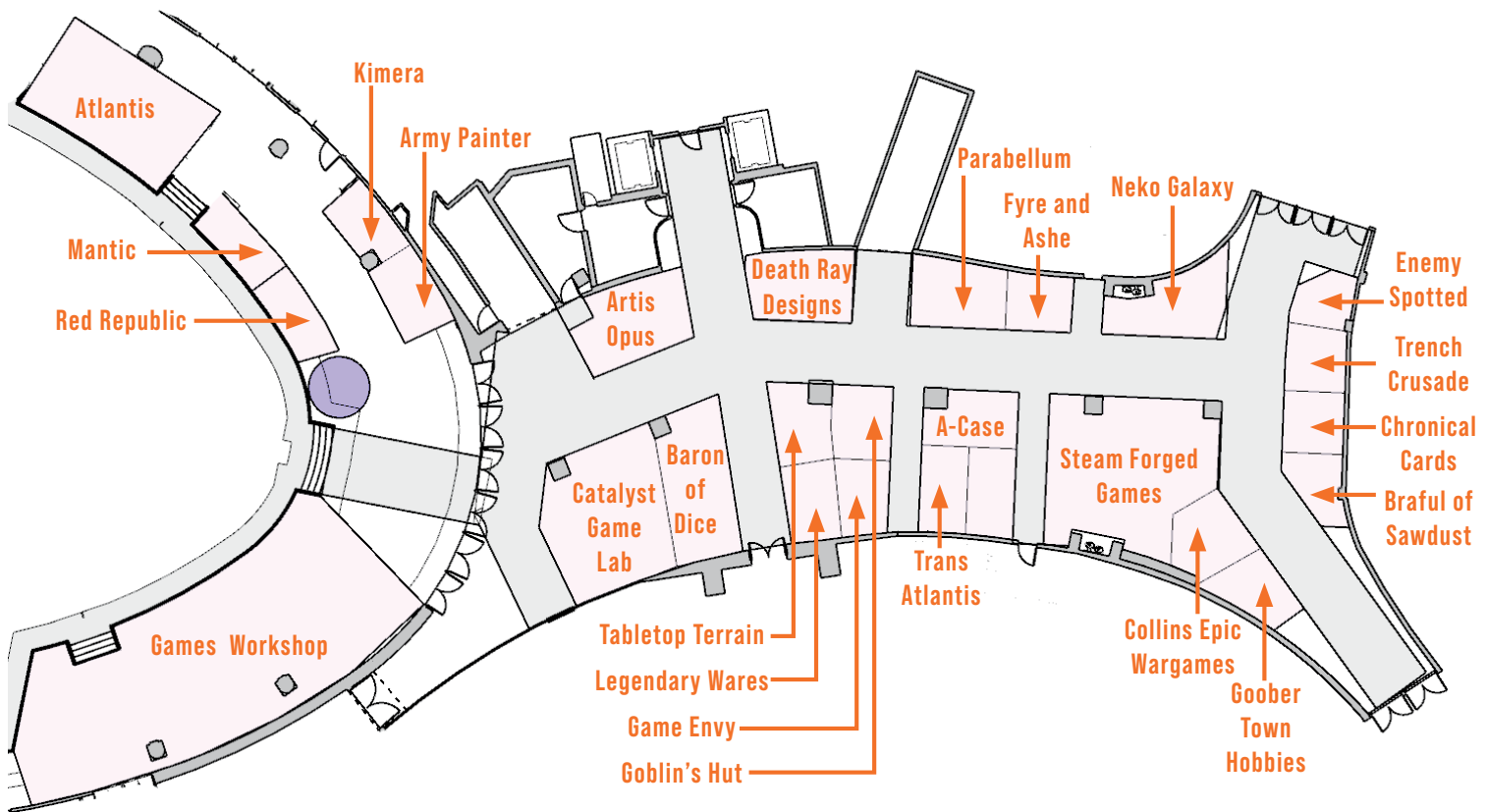
Atlantis	Catalyst	Goblin's Hut	SRG (Supershow the Game) *
A-Case	Chronical Cards	Goober Town Hobbies	Steam Forged Games
Army Painter	Collins Epic Wargames	Gopher Games (TTCombat Games) *	Tabletop Terrain
Artis Opus	Death Ray Designs	Kimera	TNT Laserworks ‡
Baron of Dice	Enemy Spotted	Legendary Wares	Trans Atlantis
Best Hobbies (Zeo Genesis) *	Fae (Eden Park Tales LLC) *	Mantic	Trench Crusade
Black Powder, Red Earth *	Fyre and Ashe	Neko Galaxy	Warsenal (Warcrow) *
Braful of Sawdust	Game Envy	Parabellum	
Buer Games (1490 Doom) *	Games & Gears ‡	Red Republic	



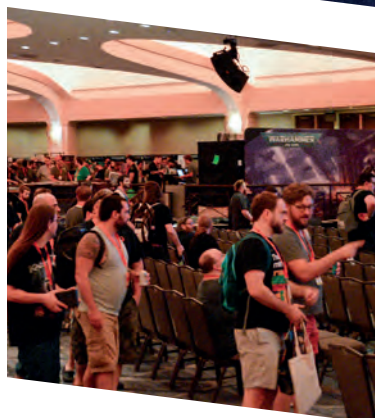
EXHIBITOR MAP



Located on the Terrace Level:
 Games & Gears, Monument Hobbies,
 Spraygunner, TNT Laser Works



CHARITY PARTNERS



The NOVA Open started as a charity fundraiser in 2009. As the convention has grown, it has always maintained a core commitment to supporting charities. The 2023 NOVA Open is proud to support several great partners. We hope that you will patronize their offerings and help support their missions through purchases or direct donations.

Tablewar Charities

Tablewar Charities is a charitable organization whose primary focus is on improving the lives of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). They fund advocacy services for families that would otherwise not be able to afford support. The organization has a specific goal to fund and/or provide educational advocacy with ASD. You can find Tablewar in the Terrace Lounge.

Mental Health Charity Programs

Founded by veterans, Mental Health Charity Programs (MHCP) strives to promote mental health and improved quality of life through appreciation and participation in miniature painting and related hobbies. Through this lens MHCP both helps promote positive hobby experiences and funds mental health services for veterans. Check them out in the Hobby Haven on the lobby level and take a painting class or speed painting session. Proceeds support MHCP.

So What Else

So What Else's mission is to improve the lives of children and families living in the underserved communities in the Baltimore-Washington Metro Area by providing food security, access to basic necessities, and high quality out-of-school time programs in literacy, athletics, and visual and performing arts while inspiring young people to give back to the community by creating volunteer opportunities for citizens of all ages. Check them out at <https://www.sowhatelse.org/> or talk with any So What Else volunteers at the convention.

Fae

Play as the monster! A unique RPG experience where you get to inhabit the life of a fae creature living in the real world. This year for the first time Fae will be introducing its miniatures game too!

Warsenal

Warsenal/Corvus Belli: Producing the highest quality MDF and acrylic terrain and gaming accessories and providing Infinity and Warcrow for sale at conventions.

TT Combat

Check out TT Combat's range of tabletop miniature games including Rumbleslam, DropFleet Commander, Carnevale and more! TT Combat features some of the most creative game design and characterful miniatures many of which are useable across multiple rulesets

Best Hobbies (Zeo Genesis)

Best Hobbies is running demos of its new game Zeo Genesis. Zeo Genesis is a fast play skirmish game featuring big armor suits, designed by Andy Chambers and narrative design by Gav Thorpe.

Black Powder Red Earth

Black Powder Red Earth 28mm is a game of infantry close combat in a failed state at war. Ruthless private military contractors, hired guns for rival dictatorships, fight to stabilize the war-torn region just enough to harvest its valuable natural resources.

Trench Crusade

Come learn all about the hottest new skirmish game in town. Trench Crusade is gritty squad-based action in an alternate WWI setting. Stick around Sunday 3pm for the exclusive reveal presentation with the creators of Trench Crusade

Supershow The Game

Supershow the Card Game by SRG is the coolest collectible wrestling card game in town! Players select a competitor and race to hit a finishing move before their opponent. But if their opponent kicks out of the pin, the crowd gets on their feet and the challengers battle it out again!

Buer Games (1490 Doom)

An apocalyptic medieval skirmish game that's perfect for fans of games like Mordheim, Kill Team, Necromunda, Warcry, and Trench Crusade. Easy to start, but difficult to master. Check out this exciting new skirmish game!

NOVA Open Art Show

The NOVA Open Art Show celebrates the creativity of our community across the many games and models featured at the convention. Art and gaming are entwined from the most titanic model to the evocative art on a box of a board game. The Art Show has grown to include the following fun events and contests:

Hobby Haven

Located on the Lobby Level, the Hobby Haven is a spacious, well-lit place to hang out and paint miniatures with friends. Sponsored by The Army Painter, the Hobby Haven has tools, paints, and supplies on hand for your hobby needs. Try out the technique you just learned in a seminar or speed paint the last miniature for your event. All are welcome at the Hobby Haven.

Capital Palette

The NOVA Open Capital Palette is an open-forum juried Art Show and Competition organized to celebrate the art and hobby of tabletop miniatures. We invite all artists to share their work with others and build support for our hobby community. The Capital Palette is divided into divisions to accommodate all skill levels. For those that are more experienced and competitive, Capital Palette offers rewards for those painting and hobbying hours. If you're just starting or just enjoy the art of painting, stop by and share stories with other artists.

Mental Health Charity programs Speed Painting Event

Join the contest! Paint with models and materials provided to win a prize. Models judged by and proceeds benefit Mental Health Charity Painters.

Come choose a model to paint and raise money for the Mental Health Charity Programs mission to support veterans. The entry includes all materials, including a choice of model. Sessions start every hour on the hour. Join as space available.

PAINT & TAKE

This year Mental Health Charity Partners is partnering with the Nova Open to host the paint and take and speed paint challenge in this year's Hobby Haven. All supplies will be supplied by Nova Open and Army Painter. Mental Health Charity Partners currently has 500 models for the paint and take with \$10 of every ticket going to support MHCP. You can buy tickets for both events on Tabletop Events.

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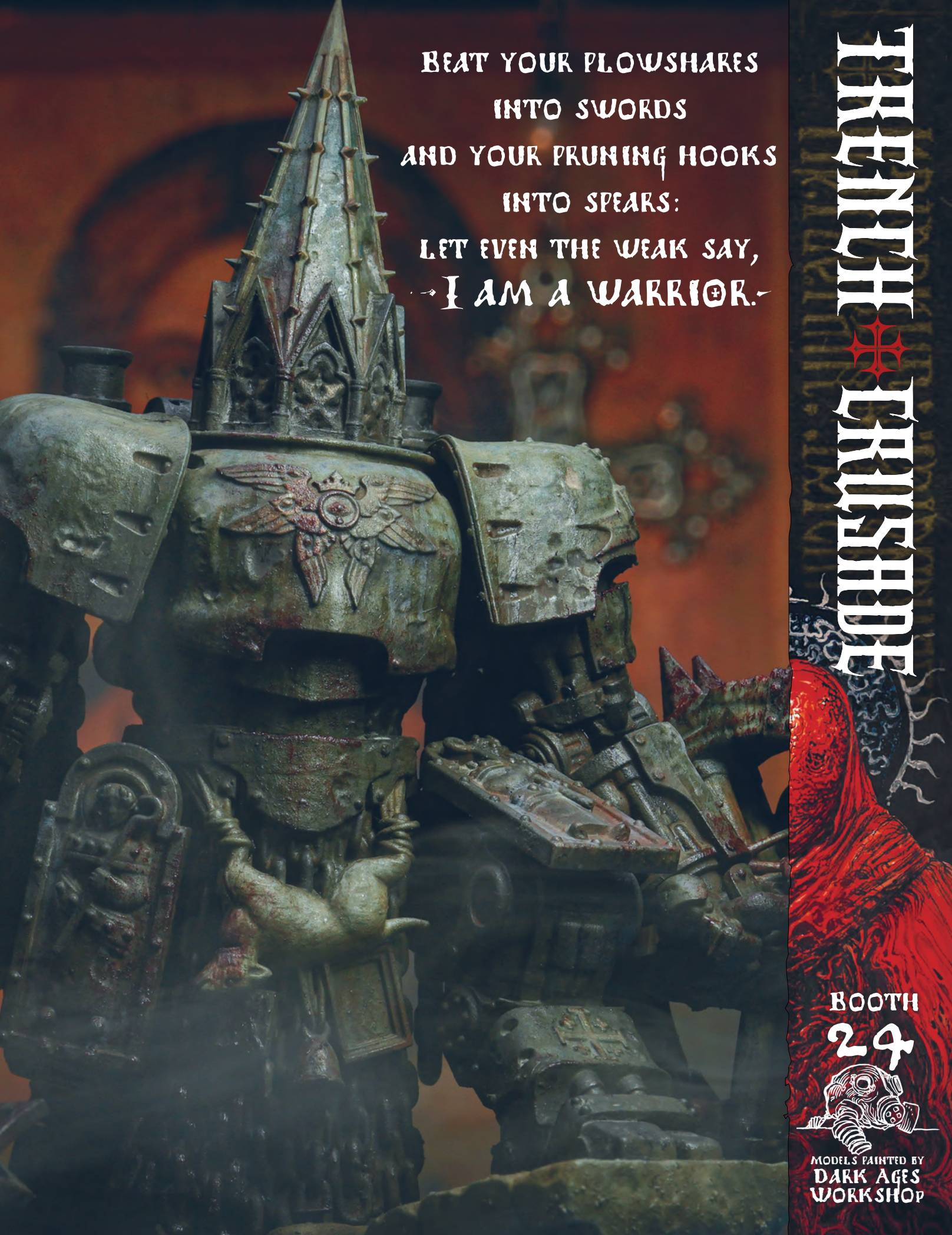


CHECK THE NOVA OPEN EVENT SCHEDULE FOR EVENT LOCATIONS

MTG EDGE OF ETERNITY SEALED
EVENT SATURDAY AT 7PM

BLOOD ON THE CLOCK TOWER
THURSDAY - SATURDAY AT 9PM

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FREE THE TRUISHDIE

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Sign up for an RPG!

Looking to finally get a session of that RPG you always wanted to play? Check out a 2 hour taster session or a 4 hour stand-alone adventure! No experience or materials required!

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Systems include:

Call of Cthulhu

Daggerheart

D&D 5E

Dreams & Machines

EDH: Pacific Rim - First Flight

EDH: You Still Must Be
This Tall 2 Slay

Fae

Fallout RPG

Fear & Panic

Hyperborea

In the Land of the Blind

Library Cats

Metro: Otherscape

NOVA by Gila RPGs

Paranoia XP

Pirate Borg

Rick Renegade and the
Raptor Rangers

Shadowrun 6E

Star Trek Adventures

Star Wars RPG

Warhammer 40K

Zombicide - Chronicles

Board games

The Board Game Room returns for another exciting year with a full schedule! With a free board game library of over 500 titles, many scheduled events, and the opportunity to win exclusive prizes, the Board Game Room has something for everyone! Plus, almost everything we offer is free!

Come hang out with us in the Terrace Lounge where you can...

- Win a ticket to Gencon 2026 in the Doomlings Championship!
- Learn to play hundreds of new games!
- Grab a game from our Play-to-Win library of over 75 titles where playing the game enters you into a chance to take games home at the end of the convention!
- Play in our DC Tournament Series where you can win free games and tickets to Dexlite 2026, in partnership with Double Exposure!
- Participate in many other scheduled events including tournaments for Terraforming Mars, Wingspan, Sage Stones, and more!

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up for events!



LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday - Saturday
9am - Midnight

Sunday
9am - 5pm

SAVE THE DATE

NOVA Open will return from September 2nd - 6th, 2026



**The Washington Hilton
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Visit NOVAopen.com over the coming months for more details.

General Policies

The primary mission of the NOVA Open is for attendees to have fun. To ensure that this happens, the NOVA Open has enacted a set of policies that govern conduct at the NOVA Open and interactions with the NOVA Open, its staff, sponsors, affiliates, and all attendees of the NOVA Open. Our policies are designed to ensure smooth and fair operation of the convention, making it the best possible experience for all attendees. While all are welcome, the NOVA Open reserves the right to deny or revoke attendance of any individual, at any time, for any reason without refund. The NOVA Open reserves the right to amend these policies at any time without prior or posted notice.

Anyone who accepts a NOVA Open access pass agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NOVA Open and the NOVA Open LLC, from any claim for personal injuries or other damages or equity arising out of any individual's activities at the NOVA Open. Further, NOVA Open reserves the right to alter, change, or modify these policies without publication or notice.

For all the latest please visit <https://www.NOVAopen.com/policies>

Sporting Spirit

The NOVA Open prides itself on an inclusive, comfortable atmosphere for attendees of all ages and lifestyles; as such, NOVA Open attendees are expected to act accordingly. Attendees are expected to treat other attendees and staff with respect and courtesy and to respect the property of others. If an attendee feels unsafe or has issues or concerns, they should reach out to any NOVA Open staff member who will be happy to assist.

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