

The Anime Banzai Convention Staff want every attendee to have a good time. We strive to keep our pre-con events family-friendly so fans of all ages can enjoy themselves. Following the rules will help keep everyone involved safe and happy, and will help you make the most of your pre-con event experience.

Be aware that anyone found violating any of these rules may be expelled from the event without a refund, future temporary or permanent suspension from all Anime Banzai Conventions and related events, and subject to further actions up to and including legal recourse.

GENERAL

Service Animals

The LDS church we are using prohibits all animals on its premises. This includes therapy and anxiety pets. Only service animals as defined by the ADA (federal Americans with Disabilities Act) and trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability, through a specific action, are welcome at this Anime Banzai pre-con event. The handler is responsible for the care and supervision of his or her service animal. If the animal is found to be disruptive or behaving in an unacceptable way, without action from its handler, the Anime Banzai Convention Staff reserves the right to ask that the animal be removed. Under the guidelines of the ADA, we require that all service animals be harnessed, leashed, or tethered at all times unless this affects the animal's ability to perform their required task. If you encounter an individual with a service animal, **do not** pet the animal. Petting a service animal may distract it from its duties. Whether or not to dress a service animal in costume/cosplay is at the discretion of the handler.

Don't Do Anything Stupid

No running, climbing, or other horseplay that could potentially result in harm to yourself, others, or property. The Anime Banzai Convention Staff do not want to have to call for an ambulance. So be careful and don't do anything that might cause you or another pre-con event attendee to get hurt. We don't want anyone ending up in the hospital.

Wheeled Transportation

No roller skates, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, Segways, Hover Boards, wheeled shoes such as Heelys, etc. are allowed inside the LDS church. You may carry these items as a prop, but you may not ride them at any time in the church.

No Outside Food and Drinks

Not outside food or beverages of any kind can be brought into the LDS church by anyone. The food we are providing cannot be taken off the LDS church property.

Alcohol and Drugs

Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention will not tolerate intoxication or the serving of alcohol to minors. You may not drink on site or show up drunk.

Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention has an absolutely **ZERO** tolerance policy on the use or abuse of illegal substances in or around the event/church space.

Violation of our alcohol and drug policies will result in expulsion from the event and the reporting of the incident to the proper law enforcement agency.

Harassment and Assault

“No” means “no”, “stop” means “stop”, and “go away” means “go away”. Harassment is any behavior that seriously annoys or alarms another person. This includes, but is not limited to, unwanted physical contact, following someone in a public area, verbal assaults, or threatening physical violence. An offender may be expelled from the event and have the matter reported to the proper law enforcement agency.

Remember that harassment is defined by the victim. Actions or comments that you may not consider offensive could be taken differently by others.

If someone is harassing you and does not respect these simple rules, contact a member of the Anime Banzai Convention Staff immediately. Anime Banzai Convention Staff have the right to eject a person from the pre-con event.

RESPECT

Anime Banzai Convention Staff

List to and respect the staff of the Anime Banzai Convention. Without the Staff and Volunteers, the Anime Banzai Convention wouldn't exist. If a Staff Member asks you to do (or not do) something, please comply. If an attendee of the pre-con event is found to be blatantly disrespecting or disregarding the requests of the Staff or Volunteers, they may be expelled from the pre-con event with no refund.

If you have a complaint regarding a member of the Anime Banzai Convention Staff or a Volunteer, please request to speak to a Department or Convention Head. We will address your concerns in a timely manner.

LDS Church Property

The LDS church is courteous enough to allow us to hold this pre-con event at their meeting house. We are their guests, so remember to act as such.

Keep clear of any areas you have been told to keep clear of. Use regular doors for entrances and exits.

Damage to any church property may result in Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention having to pay for it. Improper behavior may jeopardize any future opportunities with

the LDS church. If complaints are received about the behavior of an attendee, that person (or persons) may be expelled from the pre-con event (or any future events) without a refund.

Other Guests (a.k.a. don't scare the "norms")

In the unlikely event that we are not the only people to be using the LDS church, please keep in mind that those people are not involved with the Anime Banzai Convention pre-con event.

Offending these other guests is inappropriate. What you may consider acceptable behavior may not be the same for others. Be considerate and well-behaved. Impress them with how much enthusiasm we have for our fandoms. Consideration of others is a trait of a mature individual. We may not be able to control how others treat us, but we can control how we treat them.

Other Anime Banzai Convention Pre-Con Event Attendees

You're here to have a good time to make the most of your pre-con event experience. Remember that other attendees want to do the same. These are a few simple rules you can follow to help insure that everyone has a great time.

Ask Before Committing Glomping – A glomp lies somewhere in the gray area between a caring embrace and a flying leap to tackle someone. There have been cosplayers that have been freaked out and/or injured by random fans glomping them. Remember that not only is it an invasion of personal space, but it might damage the costume, or worse, injure the cosplayer and/or fan. So ask first!

Ask Before Touching – Some people might see something shiny, fluffy, or well-made and feel the urge to touch it. Some props and costumes can be very fragile and/or expensive and some cosplayers don't want others handling it besides themselves. Asking is the polite thing to do.

Mind Your Props – It can be very annoying to be walking behind someone and their sword is hitting you in the leg. Or when someone turns around suddenly and you're hit in the face by their wings. So be mindful of the placement of your props. Being careless could result in damage to your prop or even another attendee. There are strict rules set by Security regarding costumes so be sure to follow them. The rules are different at this pre-con event than at most others and the Anime Banzai Convention – because we are in an LDS church. If we get prop complaints or a member of Staff deems your prop unsafe, you will be asked to remove it.

Step Aside! – Even though there is a large space available for this pre-con event, what space there is, is needed. If you need to take a picture of someone or discuss something, move aside or outside.

COSTUMES, CLOTHING, & PROPS

This is a family-friendly pre-con event and as such there are certain dress codes and procedures regarding dress code. **THESE APPLY TO REGULAR CLOTHING AS WELL AS COSTUMES.**

These rules may be different than what you're used to, because we are in an LDS church for this pre-con event.

Clothing, exposed body art or tattoos, etc. may not display profanity or nudity.

The Anime Banzai Convention Staff reserve the right to determine whether or not your costume or clothing is appropriate. If your costume or clothing is deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to change or leave. Failure to comply will result in being expelled from the pre-con event.

No shoes, no shirt, no service. This one is the LDS church's rule. All attendees must wear shoes at all times. This is a health and safety concern. No exceptions. Consider flip-flops or sandals if your character doesn't wear shoes. Also consider your toes. Some people can't see your feet.

Costumes or clothing that may be confused with local law enforcement or other emergency response personnel uniforms are not permitted.

Unsealed makeup is a risk not only to your costume or clothing but also to everybody around you and the LDS church. If we notice that your makeup isn't properly sealed and is rubbing off onto other pre-con event attendees or LDS church property, you will be asked to remove it.

All attendees must follow the rule that your costume or clothing cannot be falling apart around you. That includes that you shouldn't be popping out of it. Costumes and clothing should be tailored to fit your body without indecent exposure.

Public exposure of genitalia, buttocks, or (female) breasts is not permitted. Please keep in mind the constraints of local laws and customs concerning public decency. All attendees should be wearing at least the covering of a one-piece swimsuit (70% coverage of (female) breasts and buttocks). No "strategically placed" duct tape, liquid latex, body paint, etc. will be allowed. Sturdy and properly-fitting costumes and clothing are required. You should not be falling out of your costume or clothing and it should not be falling apart around you.

Anything that protrudes from the costume (wings, armor, etc.) must be no more than 24" (twenty-four inches) out from the body, and preferably easily removeable. Anything large that this will cause obstructions, possibly cause damage/injury, and simply won't fit through doors. The Anime Banzai Convention Staff reserve the right to request that any costumes, clothing, or props that may cause obstructions, damage, or injury be altered or removed.

Any spikes or edges must NOT be sharp. We don't want to accidentally stab or cut anyone. Metal parts are allowed, but not preferred. If you absolutely must use metal, make sure that there are no sharp edges or points anywhere on it.

Prop weapons may be carried during the pre-con event provided you follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Anime Banzai Convention. "Prop Weapons" are homemade or commercially rendered costume props that support the overall look of a costume or character. All weapons and/or props must be checked for safety.

Any weapons/props that are found to be unsafe will not be allowed at the pre-con event. You can either take them to your vehicle, to your home, or we will hold them for you for the remainder of the pre-con event. Metal weapons are allowed, however, they must not have any sharp edges or points. If you cannot easily lift and carry it with one hand, then it is simply too big.

NO GUNS, of any kind. Period. LDS church rules do not allow model guns, play guns, toy guns, Nerf guns, water guns, bubble guns, airsoft guns, bb guns, demilled guns, real guns, etc. Not even if they are marked with an orange barrel. This is an LDS church rule and we will follow it.

Bows are allowed but they must be loosely strung and unable to fire a projectile.

All Props/Weapons must conform to state and federal laws.

Any weapon or prop may be disallowed at any time at the discretion of the Anime Banzai Convention Staff.

Due to the potential damage to property, filled water guns, bubble guns, silly string, and the like are prohibited in the LDS church.

PERSONS WHO CARRY OR OTHERWISE BRING PROP WEAPONS, FUTURISTIC REPLICAS, OR SIMILAR ITEMS DO SO AT THEIR OWN, SOLE, AND ABSOLUTE RISK, AND ASSUME ALL RISKS OF LIABILITY, HARM, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY INJURED OR OTHERWISE HARMED, INTENTIONALLY OR ACCIDENTALLY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY SUCH ITEMS OR THE PERSON CARRYING THEM. UTAH ANIME PROMOTIONS IS AND SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, HARM, DAMAGE, OR OTHER RISK OR LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH ANY PERSON'S USE OF ANY WEAPON, REPLICA, OR PROP, WHETHER PERMITTED OR BANNED HEREUNDER, AT ANIME BANZAI. IN NO EVENT SHALL ANIME BANZAI, UTAH ANIME PROMOTIONS AND ITS AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES, OR THE LDS church SPACE HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES HEREUNDER, EVEN IF INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SAME.

MISCELLANEOUS

Buying, Selling, and Solicitation

No buying, selling, or solicitation of any kind is allowed on LDS church property. Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention take its obligations in this area very seriously. Any solicitation, whether verbally or using signage, for monetary payment or exchange of services at the pre-con event may result in the offender being required to return all payments and may be expelled from the pre-con event.

Some examples of solicitation or sale that are prohibited are musicians requesting tips, setting up artwork for sale, and passing out signs or cards to people soliciting their business. Attempts to circumvent any of these rules such as throwing money and/or merchandise on the ground and other such tactics are also prohibited.

Prohibition Against the Use of Signs

All signs are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, “hentai”, “yaoi”, and “yuri” paddles; picket signs; and banners, unless approved for specific use by the Anime Banzai Convention Staff. This is to protect the Anime Banzai Convention’s policy against solicitation and to help maintain a safe pre-con event. Signs offering favors for sale such as kisses, hugs, dates, gropes, spankings, etc. are strictly prohibited as they may be viewed as forms or prostitution. We understand that signs may be part of certain costumes, but cosplay is not an exception from the prohibition. If your costume does include a sign as a prop, bring a picture of the character with the sign to a member of the Anime Banzai Convention Staff and they will determine if the sign is allowed. Unapproved signs will be confiscated and/or destroyed. Repeat offenses may lead to your being expelled from the pre-con event.

General Noise Policy

There are going to be a lot of people in an enclosed space, as such there is going to be a lot of noise. The Anime Banzai Convention Staff want to limit unnecessary noise as much as possible, but still want to have a fun atmosphere. While the Anime Banzai Convention Staff aren’t going to make everyone walk single-file with their arms crossed, they are going to limit the noise as much as possible. Items such as air-horns, megaphones, vuvuzelas, etc. are not allowed.

Photography and Videography

The Anime Banzai Convention Staff want you to have great memories from your pre-con event experience. Photographs and video footage by attendees is allowed in the areas we will be using – the cultural hall and the hallways. Elsewhere, photography and videography are strictly prohibited.

When photographing or videotaping individuals or costumes, use common courtesy and ask BEFORE photographing and/or videotaping them. We ask any attendee of the pre-con event to be courteous to those they wish to take pictures or video of, especially if you wish to place those pictures or video clips onto a person webpage or similar Internet archive. In this case, please ask your subject(s) for their explicit permission to post their image or video. Please respect their

rights if they do not wish to be photographed or recorded, DO NOT PHOTOGRAPH OR RECORD THEM. Please also identify all imaged, sound bites, and clips of the Anime Banzai Convention events as Anime Banzai Convention events.

Photography or videography of the Anime Banzai Convention events, Staff, or attendees for the purpose of sale or publication to the press is expressly forbidden unless written permission has been obtained from Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention.

Attendees should also be aware that footage of the pre-con event and attendees is gathered by Staff members and may be used in a highly tape, marketing endeavor, or other use. By attending the pre-con event you are consenting to be photographed and/or filmed by the Anime Banzai Convention Staff or approved media or industry during the pre-con event without compensation to you. Your attendance to this pre-con event constitutes a grant of rights to Utah Anime Promotions and the Anime Banzai Convention to reproduce, display, distribute, perform, create derivative works from, and otherwise use any footage or parts of the footage that it affixes in any media and in any manner throughout the world in perpetuity, including the Internet, broadcast, satellite, and other transmissions.

These rules apply to all attendees. All members of the press are required to get pre-approval from the Anime Banzai Convention Staff before photographing, videotaping, recording, or interviewing Staff, Guests, or attendees.

LIABILITY POLICY

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ANIME BANZAI, I HEREBY WAIVE AND RE-LEASE, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge Utah Anime Promotions and Anime Banzai (collectively, "ANIME BANZAI"), AND the LDS church and their agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, successors, volunteers, contractors, managers, sponsors, funders, venues, attendees, and assigns ("RELEASED PARTIES") OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, attorneys' fees, costs of prosecution or defense, damages and liabilities of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I ever had or may have, INCLUDING INJURY TO MY PERSON OR PROPERTY and acts or omissions by third parties, ARISING FROM or in any way related to MY PARTICIPATION IN any of the events or activities conducted by or on the premises of ANIME BANZAI. This waiver of liability does not apply to any acts of gross negligence, or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct on the part of any released party.