



Q: What exactly is Acen in your words?

A: Acen is short for Anime Central. It's the biggest anime convention in the Midwest. It is basically a 3 day heaven away from reality with chances to meet famous voice actors and singers from America and Japan. There's a place to dance everywhere! Acen is a home for all anime lovers, Japanese enthusiast and weirdos to join in enjoying life away from the real world.

Q: Where will it be held and will you be attending the whole event?

*A: The event is held every year in May *leap year is sometimes April* at the Donald E Stephenson Convention Center, Hyatt Hotel, and other hotels in Rosemont IL. I will be there. I work in Customer Service and Lost and found.*

Q: What is cosplay?

A: Cosplay is costumes of your favorite character in the animated media (video games and such). To me its just a verb for wearing a costume..

Q: What will you be dressing up as?

A: This year I might go as Arale Chan from Dr. Slump or just be me. Next year I plan on doing visual kei and seifu Lolita (sailor).

Q: What all do they sell at Acen?

A: You can buy almost anything your heart can think of when it comes to anything virtually Japanese and Otaku related: weapons, cosplay, wigs, plushies, figurines, statues, purses and bags, stationary, buttons, hats, cds, dvds, Japanese video games, clothes. I could go on forever. Also they have military recruiters college recruiters other cons in the Midwest selling tickets and so on.

Q: Will there be dancing?

A: There's always dancing. 2 raves a concert and random outbreaks all over the con.

Q: What is manga?

A: Manga is the Japanese term for comic book. The books are read from right to left.



Q: What are the panels?

A: There are amazing panels. I don't know what panels will be this year but I encourage everyone to go to the arcade. They have para para machines.

Q: What other cons have you been to?

A: I've been to Soycon. It was a free con in Schaumburg. Pretty nice.

Q: Will you be attending next year?

A: I attend every year ready to work and meet new people and see my friends bother me at my booth. I recommend everyone to go. It's a great culturally wrong weekend filled with fun, colors, and mobile suit gundams.



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About

Anime Central (ACen) is Chicago's and the Midwest's largest anime, manga and Japanese popular culture convention. The convention is currently held in Rosemont, IL, less than 30 minutes from downtown Chicago. As part of its mission, ACen brings fans together with guests from the Japanese and US sectors of the anime and manga industry, as well as gaming, cinema, and Asian culture personalities. The event includes a huge exhibit hall, a massive video game room, concerts, dances, educational panels and workshops, premiere screenings, autograph sessions, 24-hour video rooms, tabletop gaming and much, much more! Attendees can attend a dance with 5,000 of their favorite friends and cheer while amazing DJs spin, enjoy an incredible concert, or visit the largest artist's alley found in any US anime convention.

Location

ACen is held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare and the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Hyatt Regency O'Hare is connected by skywalk to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, and offers convenient access to Allstate Arena and Rosemont Theatre. With over \$11 million in renovations, high-speed Internet across 112,000 square feet of meeting space, and Wi-Fi high-speed Internet access in all 1,099 guestrooms, this O'Hare airport hotel is a standout among Hyatt hotels in Chicago.

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center offers 840,000 square feet of configurable exhibition space. With six halls, limitless floor plan options, and great contract services, it provides a stable, full-featured home for Anime Central that attendees, industry, and exhibitors enjoy year after year.

Chicago

No talk of ACen is complete without mentioning nearby Chicago! Chicago is currently the third largest city by population in the United States, with a population of nearly 9.7 million in the metropolitan area. 44.2 million tourists visit the city annually. It has many sister cities around the world, one of which is Osaka, Japan. Chicago is host to extremely vibrant theatre, music, sports, and food scenes. It is home to the Second City and I.O. comedy troupes; numerous symphonies, jazz ensembles, indie bands, hip-hop groups, and clubs; an array of major league sports teams; and restaurants serving fine cuisine from just about every culture on Earth.

