

Blazer Con Policy & Convention Rules

Code of Conduct

All attendees, speakers, sponsors, and volunteers at our event are required to agree with the following code of conduct. We expect cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe environment for everybody.

Lewis and Clark Community College is dedicated to making Blazer Con a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion. We do not tolerate harassment of guests or participants in any form. Members and event participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the event at the discretion of the Blazer Con event organizers and/or L&C Campus Safety.

If you need to submit a complaint or need help regarding the code of conduct, please find the nearest staff member or contact Campus Safety at (618) 468-2300 (dial 0 from any campus phone).

Costume Policy

All attendees must observe county, city, state, and federal laws at all times. Blazer Con is a family-friendly event, so we ask that costumes be appropriate for all ages. Nudity, underwear, and clothing with inappropriate language are not allowed. Offensive or questionable costumes are prohibited.

Walking in bare feet on the show floor is also not allowed due to potential hazards like stepping on sharp objects, but you can pose in bare feet in designated photo spaces (check your photo area before you do). We also ask security to examine any costume that poses a risk to others (protruding wires, spikes, loose swinging chains, etc.) for risk assessment. If the costume is deemed a risk, we ask that you respect the decision and either change clothes or alter the costume.

Weapons and Props

Realistic firearm props are not allowed at Blazer Con. These include and are not limited to Airsoft guns, BB guns, and self-made props that look like real-life firearms. Having an orange tip is not sufficient. If it looks like a real, working gun from afar and up close, it is not allowed at our venue. Fantasy and fictional props are permitted, but Campus Safety and event volunteers may request to inspect them to check for safety.

Blazer Con does NOT allow live steel or any real weapons of any kind (dull metal swords included). Prop weapons may be made of foam, cloth, cardboard, or other soft materials. Prohibited materials include metal, wood, blades, and hard plastic. No projectiles, sharp edges, rigid, explosive, or fireworks-style items are permitted. Props and models cannot be used to fire projectiles, cannot be loaded, and cannot have any ammunition. Volunteers and Campus Safety may ask your assistance to

prove whether the prop has any mechanisms for any reason, even if it has already been tagged. Please cooperate with these requests.

Explosives and chemicals are strictly prohibited (this includes fireworks, sparklers, etc.), as are hoverboards and wheeled footwear. Prop skateboards are allowed but may only be carried and not ridden. Noise props or any prop that makes loud noises are prohibited.

Attendees may not engage in mock fighting in the venue. It is also prohibited to use a prop weapon to threaten, endanger, or harm another person. If your prop violates Illinois State or federal laws outside the venue, it also violates them inside. Please ask a staff member if you are ever unsure about your prop.

We currently do not have a size limitation for props and costumes, but we ask that your creations be mindful of a large crowd. Anything that becomes a fire hazard or constant traffic blocker may need to be removed.

For more details, visit <https://www.lc.edu/college-information/consumer-information/weapons-on-campus-policy.html>.

Drug and Alcohol Use/Possession

Blazer Con is a family-friendly event and, as such, is alcohol and substance-free, regardless of age.

Refer to Campus Policies on Drugs and Alcohol [here](#).

Smoking/Vaping/E-cigs

In accordance with the [Illinois Smoke-Free Campus Act \(Public Act 098-0985\)](#), the college's campuses are smoke-free.

Smoking is prohibited indoors and outdoors, as well as in college-owned vehicles and private vehicles that are on campus property. This includes tobacco, e-cigarettes, and any other type of smoke.

Badge Policy

Attendees will need to obtain and wear a Blazer Con attendee badge to participate in everything the event offers. Badges must be visible at all times, worn on the front of the body and above the knees. Please do not hang them off purse straps or other accessories.

Vendors

Lewis and Clark Community College requires all vendors to provide a valid Certificate of Insurance (COI).

If you have a business insurance provider, they should be able to provide you with a certificate. If not, our one-time event insurance cost for the day is \$100 (this is offered through our insurance provider.)

\$30 nonrefundable vendor fee.

Food Handler

Food handlers are required to have a Certificate of Insurance (COI) and a food handling license to sell food and drinks.

18+ Policy

18+ products, panels, props, etc., are prohibited.

To view the college's Protection of Minors Policy, please visit

<https://www.lc.edu/college-information/consumer-information/protection-of-minors-policy.html>.

Minors

A parent or guardian must be present for all minors. Please view the above Protection of Minors Policy.

Lost and Found

Blazer Con is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property during the convention. At the end of the convention, unclaimed possessions will be turned over to the Campus Safety office.

Sign Props Policy

Signs with inappropriate language or solicitations are not allowed. This does include "free hug" style signs. Signs that promote a business or selling of products and/or behavior without the knowledge and consent of Blazer Con are also forbidden.

Advertising Policy

Please do not post signs/flyers/stickers/etc. on the walls/floors/etc. of the venue. Flyers may only be handed out if you have a booth at the event. Soliciting and unapproved distribution of flyers can cause you to lose your badge and be requested to leave. Unapproved flyers left around the convention can be thrown away by convention staff without warning.

Common Courtesy

Please turn your mobile devices to silent or vibrate when you're in programming and event rooms. If you must take or make a call, please step outside.

By attending Blazer Con, attendees understand that they may be photographed or filmed. As a courtesy, attendees should ask permission before filming or photographing others. The same goes for hugging and glomping. Cosplay is not consent.

Please be respectful of our venue's property.

Pictures and filming

Areas where photography and filming are not allowed will be announced during the event. Otherwise, photos and filming are generally allowed throughout the venue. Please respect people who do not want to be on camera and ask someone's permission before taking their photo. Cosplay is not consent.

Solicitation

Solicitation of employees and students by individuals or profit-making organizations with products or services for personal use is prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the College President or his/her designee. Solicitation by individuals or non-profit organizations is not prohibited provided that it does not interfere with College business, programs, and activities, is approved by the Dean of Student Support Services, and is affiliated with a College organization, club, or office.

Service Animals

The handler will be in control of the service animal at all times. No other animals, except ADA accepted service animals, are allowed on campus for the event.

The service animal must be on a leash at all times unless the animal's user is unable to use a leash, using the leash would harm the handler, or if the animal must perform a task without the use of a leash.

Dogs must wear a vaccination tag.

The college may ask whether the animal is a service animal and inquire as to what work or task the service animal has been trained to perform.

The college reserves the right to ask that the animal be removed if it becomes disruptive or displays threatening behavior toward others. Each situation will be considered individually.

The college may prohibit the use of service animals in specific locations if they pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others or where service animals may be in danger. Such locations may include but are not limited to, metal/machine shops, welding rooms, and medical clinical sites. Exceptions to restricted areas may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

The college is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal. The service animal must be housebroken.

Under the ADA, a miniature horse may qualify as a service animal if it has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.

Specific assessment factors will be considered in determining whether reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures can be made to allow a miniature horse into a specific facility.

The consideration of others must be considered when providing maintenance and hygiene for service animals.

Report a Concern

<https://www.lc.edu/student-services/campus-safety/report.html>

Lewis and Clark Community College cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, team members, and community and maintains its safety through positive, proactive, and practical risk assessment and intervention. Please read the information below to learn more about when and how to report a concern.

If you are reporting an emergency or require immediate attention, please contact (618) 468-2300.

Miscellaneous items

Announced events and programs are subject to change and/or cancellation.

Lewis and Clark Community College Consumer Information

<https://www.lc.edu/college-information/consumer-information/index.html>