

Midwest Furfest 2012 Schedule

 **Thursday, November 15, 2012**

 **4:30pm - 5:00pm**

Pre-Registration for Sponsors

 United A-B

 **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

All Pre-Registration Open

 United A-B

 **6:00pm - 11:00pm**

General Registration Open

 United A-B

 **7:00pm - 11:59pm**

Table Top Gaming

 Heathrow AB

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **7:00pm - 12:00am**

Thursday Dance (Mixer - House; Electro)

 Conference Center

Dance, dance, dance your first night away! Fully catered! Cash bar and tasty bar food for sale! Music by Dakk (House), Madius and P-Dawg (Techno/Electro)

 **7:00pm - 1:00am**

Fursuit Green Room

 DFW AB

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 **10:00pm - 11:00pm**

MFF Staff Meeting

 Malpensa

 **Friday, November 16, 2012**

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MFF Staff Meeting

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Secondary session for those unable to attend the Thursday evening session

 **10:00am - 8:00pm**

Registration

 United A-B

 **10:00am - 1:00am**

Operations

 Grand Boardroom

 **11:00am - 12:00am**

Artist Alley - Initial Signup

 Davinci A, Davinci B

NOTE: You must be registered and have picked up your Midwest FurFest badge in order to sign up for Artists Alley; a badge number will be required!

 **12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Opening Ceremonies

 Grand EFGH

Join us for the official start to Midwest FurFest 2012, with last minute announcements and other interesting tidbits. Let's start the convention off with a bang!

 **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Your First Furry Convention

 Grand EFGH

What to expect at a furry convention, how to behave, pitfalls to avoid, and just what the heck are all those black sketchbooks about, anyway?

 **1:00pm - 6:00pm**

Art Show

 Rosemont C-D

 **1:00pm - 7:00pm**

Artist Alley

 Florence - London - Paris - Vienna

 **1:00pm - 7:00pm**

Dealers Den

 International Ballroom A - F

 **1:00pm - 2:00am**

Secondary Gaming

 Gatwick

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **1:00pm - 2:00am**

Table Top Gaming

 Heathrow AB

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 **1:00pm - 2:00am**

Video Gaming

 Narita AB

See separate Video Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

3Ds Furs

 Charles De Gaulle

A place for furs wondering about the 3DS or already have one and want to put faces, beaks, or muzzles to the Miis you tagged while StreetPassing at the convention, maybe even have a game battle or 2, or even want to exchange Friend Codes. We will be doing that here. Bring your 3DS if you got one here! You can even ask questions here and I am sure we can find answers for you about the 3DS

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Meet the Guests of Honor

 Grand EFGH

Come on by to find out all the interesting details of their work and their interests. This will be a question and answer session, so please fire up your curiosity and bring on those intriguing questions we know you have.

 **2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Fursuit Photoshoot

 LAX AB

Work that tail! Stop on by and mug for our camera, and get some wonderful fursuit pictures to remember the con by!

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Inflatable Costumes

 Tegel

Come check out the wonderful and wacky world of inflatable fursuits. Here we will be showing different examples and styles of inflatable suits. From fur to latex. Discussing building methods, pros and cons as well as ways you can produce your own. So crank out the helium, we'll have you waddling along in no time.

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Dog Owner's Roundtable

 Mirabel

Come join fellow dog owners for a roundtable discussion of issues regarding your canine companion. Led by experienced canine caretakers, come discuss proper feeding, grooming, care, and other topics of interest about our 4-legged doggy friends.

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Adaptation of furry fiction to Audio

 Malpensa

Learn how to successfully translate works between mediums, and enthrall an audience.

 **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Staying Healthy During Your Con

 Barajas

First time away from home? First con? Ever worry about catching 'con crud'? Just feeling run-down by Sunday at other Cons? Come sit in on this brief panel hosted by one of the Medical staff for Midwest FurFest, Teej, as he explains ways to stay healthy during your weekend and get the most out of your con going experience.

 **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Last-Fur-One Dance Workshop

 Rosemont B

Ever wanted to learn how to pop and lock like a pro? Stuck dancing with two left feet? Join Last-Fur-One, the fandom's first-ever furry dance crew, as they bring you through a fun and interactive workshop dedicated to all furs. Whether you're a beginner interested in starting or a veteran looking for tips, this workshop has something to offer for everyone. Come and experience the dancing vibe! Fursuit friendly.

 **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Poker for Beginners

 Capital

Come get a crash course in No-Limit Texas Hold'em before playing in the Charity Poker Tournament! We will cover the basics of gameplay and terminology. All levels of poker experience are welcome!

 **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Meet the Charity!

 Rosemont A

Come meet this year's charity, Chicago's Felines and Canines rescue! Felines & Canines was originally founded in 1977 as Felines Inc. a licensed, cage-less, no-kill cat shelter located on the north side of Chicago in the Edgewater neighborhood. Up until January 2012, Felines Inc. operated as a cat-only shelter caring for approximately 130 cats and kittens in a two-story house. This year they made the decision to renovate and expand their facility in order to care for up to 200 cats and kittens and add a wing to house approximately 20 dogs and puppies – officially becoming Felines and Canines. Come talk with their representatives about their mission, fundraising, animal care and adoption, or anything else you may want to know about them.

 **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Fursuit Roundtable

 Rosemont A

Come on by and get to know all your fellow fuzzies for the weekend! This is a great time to swap stories, see some fursuits, and get the lowdown on all the furry programming for the weekend!

 **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Shiny Sponsor Reception

 Ventana's

Midwest FurFest is pleased to welcome our Super Shiny Sponsors to a special reception in the breathtaking former restaurant at the very top of the Hyatt! Meet this year's Guests of Honor, enjoy a drink and a light snack, and mingle with your fellow Shiny Sponsors. Held at Ventanas, atop the Hyatt hotel.

 **5:00pm - 12:00am**

Con Suite

 Grand D

 **6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Science, Pseudoscience and Outright Crap

 Grand ABC

Homeopathic remedies? Magnets? Aromatherapy? Let's examine these a little more closely, and let you decide for yourself what is sound science and what is outright crap.

 **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

FVS Rehearsal #1

 Grand EFGH

 **6:00pm - 9:30pm**

Charity Poker - Friday

 Davinci A

The charity poker tournament returns this year with a new director and a new format. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this tournament will be an exciting and fun way to support our charity. The tournament this year will follow the standard casino style and will include rebuy's and add-on's. As in past years, a \$10 donation will grant you a seat at one of the three satellite tournaments with the top 3 players of each satellite moving on to the final 9 player tournament on Sunday. There will be prizes for everyone in the final tournament along with prizes for being on the 'bubble' of each satellite. First prize will again be a sponsor membership for next year's MFF! **If you are new to poker, don't miss the 'Poker for beginners' panel prior to the first satellite on Friday afternoon**

 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Watercolor painting with Fishyboner

 Charles De Gaulle

Fishyboner talks about the basics from types of paper to setting up a pallet and what are good colors to start with andÂ expand on. She will demonstrate tricks and tools to use beyond the brush along with a quick run down on ColorÂ theory. She will demonstrate a complete walk through on how she works on a painting from planning out theÂ composition to the final details.

 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Drum Jam

 Mirabel

Did you miss the Drum Jams at Faire? Want to attend a Drum Jam between seasons? Wanted to perform at a Drum Jam, but never got the chance? Then bring your drums or other tribal instruments to the Drum Jam and meet others interested in self-expression.

 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Greymuzzle Meet and Greet

 Rosemont A

Well, older furs gather, and we discuss topic relevant to how and why the fandom brought us here.

 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Making of Nordguard

 Davinci B

Come learn about the making of the furry card game Nordguard, based upon the award-winning graphic novel series. Artists Blotch and Chromamancer will be on hand to talk about creating a consistent artistic feel, while game designers Nic Wald and Tempo will be delving into the nuts and bolts of game mechanics and playtesting.

 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Kage Story Hour

 Grand ABC

Uncle Kage's back! Kage leads a rather interesting life and he's back to tell us more hilarious stories from his unique perspective. With a dry wit, and a squinting view of the oddities of real life through the eyes of an intelligent cynic, Uncle Kage's Story Hour has become legend.

 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Introduction to Pawpeteering Workshop

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2 The Ranting Gryphon

 Grand ABC

Have you ever seen nerf kittens and dead babies fly out of someone's pants? Well, you won't see it at the Ranting Gryphon's show either -- but he'll certainly talk about it! Come and spend some time with 2, as he brings out the funny side of things we probably shouldn't be laughing at. This is an all-ages show.

 **8:00pm - 10:00pm**

Fursuit Dance Competition - Prelims

 LAX AB

Are you the best dancer in the fandom? Do you have it takes to shake a tail feather? Come prove that you've got the moves to take you to the top of MFF's Second Annual Fursuit Dance Competition. Fursuiters/dancers will compete against one another for a chance to perform on the main ballroom's stage at the Finals!

 **9:00pm - 10:00pm**

Sparkle Dogs

 Rosemont A

Is your character really colorful, have lots of accessories and theme songs? Join us to meet other sparkle dog/Gloom dog admirers, draw or color in one of our templates! It will be a lot of fun, so come show us your uniqueness and share some treats!

 **9:00pm - 10:00pm**

Furoticon TCG HTP

 Davinci B

Learn how to control your harem in this 20 minute panel! Our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer any question you might have while you battle your friends with either your own personal deck, or one of the free demo decks we'll have available. Be introduced to the wonders of our newest set, the Tribes of Tanglebrook, first hand!

 **9:00pm - 2:00am**

Spirituality Roundtable

 Mirabel

Come and join us for a round table discussion on what your spirituality means to you.

 **9:30pm - 11:30pm**

MUCK Meet and Greet

 Davinci A

Where people can meet and discuss things about their favorite, old-school, text- world!

 **10:00pm - 2:00am**

My Little Pony Meet & Greet

 Rosemont B

All Bronies and even those whom are Pony-curious are invited to come talk about all things Pony! There will be discussions, polls, socializing, sharing and caring abound! This year we will begin the tradition of the "Con-Brony" creation, along with a Stompin' Sing-a-Long.

 **10:00pm - 11:00pm**

Fursuit Dance

 Grand EFGH

Additional lighting and lighter tunes in a more fursuit-friendly environment! DJ - Audiodile (80s, 90s, Top40)

 **10:00pm - 12:00am**

Furoticon Tournament

 Davinci B

Come play Furoticon, the popular adults-only card game! We're back with tribal-themed cards this year - Dragons, Wolves, Otters, Lions, and Rats! 18+ only!

 **10:00pm - 2:00am**

Lupus in Tabula (Iggy)

 Capital

Werewolves haunt the secluded village known as Tabula: every night some villagers turn into werewolves and slaughter an innocent victim to satisfy their hunger. Surviving villagers gather every day to discuss the problem: at the end of the discussion, they lynch one person among them, thinking he could be a werewolf. Can you survive the massacre?

 **11:00pm - 2:00am**

Friday Dance (Top40; Euro; Drum+Bass)

 Grand EFGH

Dance the night away! DJs - BigBlueFox (Fursuit, Euro), Rawkz0rz, Rok (Drum+Bass)

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 Charles De Gaulle

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MilFurs/Grey Muzzle Breakfast

 O'H American Grille

 **9:00am - 10:00am**

Bears: Strong At Heart

 Malpensa

A discussion as to why the bear is such a popular icon in advertising and pop culture in general.

 **9:00am - 10:00am**

Rails and Tails

 Barajas

Are you interested in trains and railroads? This is a meeting for you! In this panel there is no formal discussion, but rather a casual meet-and-greet. There will be an operating model railroad, and you should feel free to ask questions, both about the modeling world, and about real railroads you may have seen. Come on in and hang out!

 **9:00am - 10:00am**

Working In Wildlife Rescue

 Tegel

A volunteer from Conservator's Center, a nonprofit wildlife sanctuary in North Carolina, discusses his experiences about what it's like to help with wild animal rescue.

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Furry TV Commercials

 Tech Center

"Is it furry?" Advertisers have used animals in commercials with many anthropomorphic features. We will discuss how well they have done(and watch some commercials too).

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Fursuit Construction

 Rosemont B

There's a lot that goes into fursuits, stop on by and see how everything comes together! This panel will cover basic patterns, constructing feet, hand paws, bodysuit, tails, choosing materials, and some minor finishing effects.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Furry Pagans - Furries, Pagans, and the Media

 Mirabel

Do these topics intersect? If so, where? Should they intersect? These are a few of the questions that we will start asking. We shall follow the flow of conversation from there. Stop by and add your voice to the mix.

 **10:00am - 12:00pm**

FVS Rehearsal #2

 Grand EFGH

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Charity Poker - Saturday Morning

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Sponsors' Brunch

 Conference Center

A return to a Hyatt means a return to the fabulous Regency Brunch for which Hyatts are so well-known! The buffet includes omelets to order, smoked salmon, freshly-carved roast beef, French toast, and a brunch spread that has earned rave reviews from Midwest FurFest's sponsors for years! Better yet, you get to hobnob with the Guests Of Honor, and other special guests. It's just one of the ways that Midwest FurFest likes to pamper all the wonderful people who've become Midwest FurFest Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors. (Ask at Registration if you'd like in on this deal, as well as all the other awesome things we offer our Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors!)

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Flying Furs

 Malpensa

Stop and look to the sky every time you hear an airplane over head? Do you dream of being up there flying that airplane? Or do you hang around the fence trying to find ways to be on the other side? Don't think there are furs that are on that other side of the fence or behind the controls of that airplane? How about flying yourself and friends to your next furry convention like our panelists have?

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Raccoon Manual

 Tegel

Come forth all raccoons and all beasties with a raccoon in their lives. Learn all the tips and tricks you need to know about being a (and dealing with a) raccoon.

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Why Anthropomorphics?

 Grand ABC

Why are anthropomorphic characters so universal? What is it about the human psyche that makes us turn animals into people, and vice-versa?

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

How to Be Awesome (at Fursuit Performance)

 Rosemont B

Everyone wants to be awesome. Though not everyone is blessed with the gift of awesome, this panel can at least help you be awesome at one thing: Fursuit Performance. Performance tricks, ideas, and discussions on how to stand out and entertain. Be prepared to

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Pawpet Improv Workshop

 Capital

Improvisation provides the necessary skills to bring your puppet character to life whether it's interacting with friends or gracefully maneuvering through unexpected moments that happen during a live show. Our pawpeteers will provide you with some tips and tools you can use to develop your improv skills. Come prepared to participate in some Improv games. NO Puppets Required!

 **11:00am - 1:00pm**

Mystery Science Theater 3000

 Tech Center

Watch as Tom Servo, CROOOOW, Mike, and Joel are trapped in space ripping apart bad movies that we all love. Bring yourself, bring your friends, and bring random (and hopefully willing!) strangers along, too!

 **12:30pm - 1:00pm**

Fursuit Parade - Gathering

 Grand EFGH

 **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Transfurs

 Mirabel

Furry --- human, body --- soul, male --- female. Is life one, the other, or somewhere in between? Join us for a discussion about the shades of gray, how they affect our spirit, and our every day lives.

 **1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Fursuit Parade

 Grand EFGH

Join us as fursuiters meet up in the hotel ballroom for what could only be the best in furry pageantry anywhere! This is a chance to march proudly with other fursuiters, and show off your furry finest to the rest of the con and purr-parazi! Following the parade, don't Meeting up at 12:30pm, Parade starts at 1:00pm SHARP!

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Religion in Furry Art

 Mirabel

Writing and visual art is not devoid of religion. In fact, more than a few writers and artists enjoy putting religion in their works. But just how would existing religions get in totally alien worlds. Time to put your thinking cap on and expand the possibilities.

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Character Arcs and Growth

 Capital

One of the most important aspects of any story is establishing characters which feel real to the reader. Learn how to bring characters and their adventures to life!

 **2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Charity Auction

 Grand ABC

Wonderful donated artwork and other mysterious donated items! Outbid your buddies, and grab the best stuff! Even better, you can be smug in the knowledge that your greed and good taste are also helping our official 2012 charity. Every great item that you covet and win here is a donation that will help these hard-working folks continue their work. What could be a better deal?

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Moving Past Furry's Stigma

 Davinci B

A group session to discuss the stigma of the furry fandom and how to find ways to move past that.

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Science, Technology, & Medicine Meet & Greet

 Barajas

A chance for anyone who works, studies, or just interested in those fields to get together, find mutual interests, and network.

 **3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Sculpting Panel

 Rosemont A

Learn to work with various clays, learn how to build an armature, learn little sculpting tricks and tips from MissMonster! From Sculpey to Monster Clay to Epoxy Sculpt and more, we will cover what applications go with what clay, how to build up detail, what tools to use, how to smooth your sculpt and much more! We'll be bringing a sample of everything for folks to check out! You can use this information to make your own original hard sculptures or soft sculpts that will go on to be cast/molded.

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MFF PawPet Show Planning & Rehearsal

 Rosemont B

This is the time for all the Pawpeteers to get together and prepare for the show. We will be putting together our run order for skits, musical performances, etc. We will also rehearse any skits that will be performed during the show. IF YOU ARE IN THE PAWPET SHOW, PLEASE ATTEND THIS PANEL

 **3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Therianthropy

 Malpensa

Care and feeding of your inner animal. Have you ever experienced a tail or a pair of wings as a "phantom limb" feeling? Does transforming mentally or spiritually into your animal form help you connect to the Divine? What does transformation mean? What is the experience of therianthropy like? How is this experience reconciled into living a spiritual path? Come join us for a discussion of the spiritual aspects of animal transformation.

 **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Introduction to HORSE Poker

 Tegel

This panel will cover the concepts and strategies behind mixed-game poker and the five most common variations played in the mixed-game format (Limit Hold'em, Limit Omaha Eight or Better, Razz, Stud Hi and Stud Hi/Low Eight or Better). If you have ever been interested in learning about these games, stop on by! All levels of poker experience are welcome!

 **4:00pm - 5:30pm**

Too Much Light

 Grand EFGH

We are proud to welcome back one of the most talked-about events from last year's Midwest FurFest. The NeoFuturists are one of the most innovative theater groups in Chicago, and are the creators of the long-running play "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind". "Too Much Light" is a rollicking, exciting, hilarious, thought-provoking, and at times interactive attempt to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes. The NeoFuturists will be preparing a performance specially tailored to Midwest FurFest and furry fandom; you don't want to miss it!

 **4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Comparative Anatomy and Physiology

 Tech Center

An in-depth discussion of comparative anatomy of domestic and exotic species to their anthropomorphic counterparts, including the assembly of a theoretical anthropomorphic creature.

 **4:30pm - 6:30pm**

Floor Wars

 Grand ABC

Last-Fur-One is proud to present Floor Wars, a fierce head-to-head dance battle between a roster of some of the best dancers in the fandom! Come spectate and cheer as you watch your favorite dancers and fursuiters take to the floor and duke it out like you've never seen before! Guaranteed this will be an exciting and action-filled event that will keep you on the edge of your seat, so be sure to attend and support our dancers!

 **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Geocaching

 Tegel

Geocaching is a world wide game where you treasure hunt using GPS coordinates. There are many furs in the fandom that play this game. At this panel, you'll get to meet those that do play this game and, if you're interested in giving it a try, we will tell you all the basics you need to know when going out geocaching. From finding the right GPS, to knowing the different types of hides, to knowing alot of the terminology. For those that are already involved, this will be a good place to share experiences with each other and to help each other learn more and even share stories of interesting geocaching adventures you've had

 **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Furry Anime

 Tech Center

This panel looks at the Anime that is sometimes seen as "Furry Anime" We will give a quick history of its roots in other styles of Animes and identify some Anime series of movies in the past that were important hallmarks to the evolution of this genre.

 **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

The Intrinsic Animal

 Mirabel

Do animals possess intrinsic spiritual qualities? Come join in an interactive learning session (workshop) involving animal guides. Explore your connection with your animal spirit guide.

 **6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Whose Lion is it Anyway

 Rosemont B

Join us for another fabulous evening of putting people on the spot. Whose Lion is a show where YOU can show off your improv skills or just come to watch the rest of us make fools of ourselves. We'll be playing all your favorite Whose Lion games... and we're always up for audience suggestions if time permits. Semma & Alkali host this always over the top good time.

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Charity Poker - Saturday Evening

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Digital DJing 101

 Charles De Gaulle

Interested in getting your paws wet as a DJ, or just learning a few new tricks? Join Tekfox as he runs you though the basics of digital DJing with both Traktor and Ableton Live. We will have something for everyone, beginners and veterans alike, to help you sharpen your skills. For the beginners we will cover the basics: equipment, EQing, phrasing, phrase matching, and beatmatching (grids and warping). Advanced topics will include mixing techniques, effects, set design, and performing live.

 **7:00pm - 8:00pm**

Furry Variety Show

 Grand EFGH

The FVS is a non-competitive variety show. It's a bit of Vaudeville, and sort of like being on the Muppet Show. We all cooperate as a team, and we mix and match performers to acts as needed. If you have a "ready to go" act, we'll give you a spot. If you want to be in the show but don't have an act, join us and we'll add you to an existing act. We strongly prefer to have all of our actors featured as puppets or fursuits, or at the very least have some furry content. Our show will this year be held on Saturday at 7PM. We also will be holding TWO rehearsals (Friday Evening and Saturday Morning). You only need to attend one of these. If you have a choice, try to attend the Friday rehearsal. Since our show is now during prime-time, we will be a bit stricter about adult content. Keep it PG folks! In rehearsal we lay down multiple "masking tape" stages on the ballroom floor so that multiple acts can work out their marks and their timing in parallel. The MFF Furry Variety Show also welcomes video content in the show if submitted in advance. See our web page for more details.

 **7:00pm - 8:00pm**

Editing your stories

 Capital

The importance and difference that critically editing your stories can make. Pointers to help yourself and others.

 **7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Furry Smackdown: Cereal Edition

 Grand ABC

Remember sitting down on Saturday morning, watching those sweet cartoons while having your cereal and seeing their mascot, wondering if they would win in a fight? Would Tony the Tiger beat Cap'n Crunch? Well, Wonder no more! We have a panel of judges trying to figure out who would rule them all in a tournament style with the winners moving on and the losers being eaten!

 **8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Iron Artist

 Rosemont A

You never know what the secret ingredient is. Swing by to watch, or become one of participants!

 **8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Acoustic Jam

 Mirabel

Do you pick, blow, bow, or otherwise make acoustic music? Come to the jam circle and be a part of some awesome improvisational tunes!

 **8:00pm - 9:00pm**

SFX Masks and Make-up

 Tegel

Learn more about masks, mask-making and make-up effects from a panel of very experienced folks! Covering everything from the casting process, to materials selection and designing your characters! Feel free to bring your own costume creations along!

 **8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Furry Text Adventures

 Charles De Gaulle

Come join your fellow con-goers to play in a few rounds of Text Adventures in Real Life! How does this work? Everyone gets in a circle, and each person takes turns issuing a command to the computer, which in this case is your panel host! The computer responds with what happens to your action. Go round and round the circle until you hit one of the many endings! Multiple adventures are available, including a specific MFF themed one.

 **8:00pm - 10:00pm**

Fursuit Dance Competition - Choreography

 LAX AB

Open to all those who had competed in prelims, finalists and non-finalists alike can get together for the group performance that will be the opening number for MFF's fursuit dance competition! JD Puppy will be teaching the group choreography to all who attend. Fursuits not required for this instructional section (but you'll need them for the competition day, of course!).

 **9:00pm - 10:00pm**

'Look Left' Musical Performance

 Grand ABC

Like original rock music with ANGST and AGGRESSION? Come and bear witness to Look Left's first show in Illinois. They're a band. With furies in it.

 **9:00pm - 11:00pm**

Figure Drawing

 Barajas

Join Bloodhound as she shares her knowledge of how to draw the full-figure. Please bring your own supplies. This is an adult panel so I.D's will be checked at the door.

 **10:00pm - 12:00am**

Are you a Changeling? (MLP Edition)

 Rosemont B

"Are You A Changeling?" is a conversion of "Are You A Werewolf?", the popular dice-less roleplaying party game, also known to many as "Lupus In Tabula", or "Mafia"! Are you ready to try and figure out who the Changelings are amongst your group, and banish them to the dungeon, before they kidnap you? With special roles like the Discarded Pony, Befriended Changeling, and the Creature Catcher all mixing it up even further, the chaotic touch-and-go of the choices everyone needs to make every turn would make Discord himself proud!

 **10:00pm - 11:00pm**

Fursuit Dance

 Grand EFGH

Additional lighting and lighter tunes in a more fursuit-friendly environment! DJ - Firr (Top40)

 **10:00pm - 11:30pm**

Fursuit Charades

 Rosemont A

How much CAN you say, without really saying anything? Join us for all the fun and find out! Fursuiters are highly encouraged for this event!

 **10:00pm - 2:00am**

Lupus in Tabula (Alkali)

 Tegel

Everyone's favorite con game is back with a furry vengeance. Come and join Alkali for a night of fighting off werewolves, dogging the hunter's bullet, and wild allegations. A good time will be had by all, even the owl.

 **10:00pm - 2:00am**

Lupus in Tabula (Rigel)

 Capital

Werewolves haunt the secluded village known as Tabula: every night some villagers turn into werewolves and slaughter an innocent victim to satisfy their hunger. Surviving villagers gather every day to discuss the problem: at the end of the discussion, they lynch one person among them, thinking he could be a werewolf. Can you survive the massacre?

 **10:00pm - 2:00am**

Walking with the Other

 Davinci A, Davinci B

Join us for a contemplative walk through a winding path. The path will be laid out before you, and all you have to do is follow it. Use the time to calm yourself, to think about things, or to just walk in peace. There will be soft sounds and dim light present. We ask only that you be respectful of others, for each of us is on our own journey.

 **11:00pm - 12:00am**

Kage-2-Gether - A Charity Performance

 Grand ABC

2-GETHER ON STAGE! Join "2" the Ranting Gryphon and Uncle Kage for a special performance for the benefit of our charity, Chicago's Felines and Canines rescue! Come howl, bark, purr, and laugh with two of the furry fandom's comedic and entertainment legends in this special duo comedy show just for the Castaway critters!

 **11:00pm - 2:00am**

Saturday Dance (Glitch; Dubstep; Electro; Hardcore)

 Grand EFGH

Dance the night away! DJs - TekFox (Glitch Hop, Dubstep), Recca (Electro), Genki (Hardcore)

 **11:30pm - 12:30am**

Fursuit Charades After-Dark

 Rosemont A

The much more .. interesting... version of fursuit charades.

 **11:45pm - 1:00am**

Midnight Howl

 Other

"At the sound of the tone, the time will be midnight." Help those without watches know when it's midnight by joining us by elevators main lobby level 2nd floor, 11:45 pm. Howl will be outside facing the forest preserve at Midnight.

Sunday, November 18, 2012

 **7:00am - 11:00pm**

Fursuit Green Room

 DFW AB

Formerly, the Fursuit Lounge - The term 'Green Room' has been used historically within theatre as a waiting room for performers before and after a performance.

 **9:00am - 10:00am**

Fursuiting for the Physically Challenged

 LAX AB

Fursuiting is an activity that is gaining increasing popularity amongst all ages and walks of life. Join Rukario as he shares his personal accounts of how fursuiting has impacted his life. Rukario will give also tips and suggestions to assist other physically challenged furs

 **9:00am - 10:00am**

Veterinary Q&A

 Tegel

Meet with a veterinarian and a vet tech to discuss any questions you may have about your critter's health and wellbeing.

 **9:00am - 5:00pm**

Con Suite

 Grand D

 **9:00am - 9:00pm**

Operations

 Grand Boardroom

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Art of Wings

 Tech Center

How do you draw wings? Join Jennifer Miller "Nambroth", and Amber "Vantid" Hill as they display some samples and shows you how to draw realistic avian wings.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Military Furs

 Barajas

Open discussion for those past & present members of the military who are in the fandom.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Communicating in Fursuit

 LAX AB

Come join an interactive discussion about communicating in suit. Topics will include sign language, speaking in costume, conveying emotion and how to get the most out of interacting with your audience.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Fursuit Care and Maintenance

 Rosemont B

The basis for this panel is to give fursuit owners basic knowledge on tips how to make theirs suit last longer, look better, and stay in good shape for a long time.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

The Shamanic Path

 Mirabel

A path with visitors, a path of knowledge. What does it mean? Where does it take us? What is its destination? Talk with us about what it means to walk the shamanic path.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Knowing Your Story

 Capital

Every story you write begins with a promise made to your readers about what kind of story they're about to delve into. Improve your storytelling prowess by learning which of the four overarching types will enrich your genre of writing.

 **10:00am - 11:00am**

Stories from Elton High

 Malpensa

Join author Alflor Aalto, as he reads excerpts from his new book, "Elton High"

 **10:00am - 12:00pm**

Midwest Furfest Annual PawPet Show

 Grand EFGH

Our pawpeteers are back and ready to bring their crazy antics to our puppet stage once again. We'll also kick off the holiday season during the second half of our show with some pre-holiday antics.

 **10:00am - 2:00pm**

Charity Poker - Finals

 Davinci A

The charity poker tournament returns this year with a new director and a new format. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this tournament will be an exciting and fun way to support our charity. The tournament this year will follow the standard casino style and will include rebuy's and add-on's. As in past years, a \$10 donation will grant you a seat at one of the three satellite tournaments with the top 3 players of each satellite moving on to the final 9 player tournament on Sunday. There will be prizes for everyone in the final tournament along with prizes for being on the 'bubble' of each satellite. First prize will again be a sponsor membership for next year's MFF! **If you are new to poker, don't miss the 'Poker for beginners' panel prior to the first satellite on Friday afternoon**

 **10:00am - 2:00pm**

Registration

 United A-B

 **10:00am - 3:00pm**

Art Show

 Rosemont C-D

 **10:00am - 4:00pm**

Artist Alley

 Florence - London - Paris - Vienna

 **10:00am - 4:00pm**

Dealers Den

 International Ballroom A - F

 **10:00am - 6:00pm**

Secondary Gaming

 Gatwick

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **10:00am - 6:00pm**

Table Top Gaming

 Heathrow AB

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **10:00am - 6:00pm**

Video Gaming

 Narita AB

See separate Video Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

 **10:30am - 12:30pm**

Art Auction

 Grand ABC

Don't let those people who slightly upped your written bid walk away with that fabulous art! Show them who's got what it takes and knows what it's really worth! Besides, the auctioneers are always a hoot!

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Being A Fursuit 'Wrangler'

 LAX AB

One of the most critical parts of any good performance is the role the handler plays. Learn about some tips on being a strong part of the character performance and helping ensure the safety of the performers.

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Furry Christian Roundtable

 Mirabel

This year, there's no set topic, but just an open forum for people to talk about being both furry and Christian. You don't have to be furry or a Christian, but we ask all attendees to be respectful of others. The only rule is that there's no bashing.

 **11:00am - 12:00pm**

Publishing works on Animals

 Capital

How to approach an esoteric field of study fraught with misinformation and conflicting opinions, as well as general advice for first-time publishers.

 **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Avians

 Charles De Gaulle

An open discussion for those whose personas are included amongst our feathery kin, or those who just want to talk about birds. Topics include bird stories, why people choose avian personas, and what we can learn about ourselves from our choices

 **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Voice Acting Workshop

 Tech Center

Have you ever wanted to be a voice actor? Here's your chance! After a brief discussion on voice recording tech, volunteers will be asked to step up to the microphones and read from prepared scripts. Have your questions answered while learning the techniques of voice acting!

 **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Criticism and Critique

 Capital

How to handle criticism of your written work and provide constructive criticism to others, and how to handle rejection from publishers.

 **1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Basic Mold Casting

 Rosemont A

This will be a super basic lesson on silicon molds and urethane casting. MissMonster will focus mostly on the creation of a one part mold including: How to avoid air bubbles in molds and casts, what NOT to use with silicones and even how to recycle old silicone molds into new ones! We will go into some two part mold discussion if time allows.

 **1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Fursuit Dance Competition

 Grand EFGH

The time has come to see who's got the best moves and who can shake their tails the best! All attendees are welcome to come witness the finalists of MFF's Second Annual Fursuit Dance Competition show off their performances for dance supremacy to determine who will be declared this year's best fursuit dancer!

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Basic Fursuit Safety

 LAX AB

Learn how to safely take a fall when pushed or tripped (and wow some folks while you are at it).

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Script Writing for Puppet Shows

 Davinci B

Lip syncing with your puppet to your favorite song is easy and a lot of fun. But when you're ready to take the next step of your journey and wow your audience then you want to be able to write an entertaining script. Come learn the basics of writing a script and the keys to making it fun for both you and your audience.

 **3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Board Meeting

 Charles De Gaulle

 **3:30pm - 5:00pm**

Fursuit Games

 Grand ABC

They're wild, they're crazy, and they're always unpredictable! that could only mean...MFF FURSUIT GAMES! Come help us celebrate ten years of MFF fursuit frivolity and join the fun, or just stand by and watch the fur (and other body parts) fly!

 **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Closing Ceremonies

 Grand EFGH

Where did the weekend go? At the Closing Ceremonies for Midwest FurFest 2012, we'll let you in on anything you may have missed. We'll also be recognizing all of the talented winners of various contests held throughout the convention. And, at the end, we'll have a feedback/Q&A session to help improve Midwest FurFest for next year.

 **8:00pm - 11:00pm**

Dead Dog Party (House; Hip-Hop; Electro)

 Grand ABC

Cap off your con experience and wipe away those blues at the dead dog. DJs - Akonite (House), Chance (Hip-Hop), Comet, Veyote (Electro)