



# ANIMEIOWA 2006 CONVENTION RULES

*Okay! You're here, you've registered, and you just can't wait to jump into your favorite anime events, but there are a few things to keep in mind as you attend Animelowa. Yep! The rules! They're here to make the convention safe and fun for everyone. Please remember that you will be held responsible for your behavior and for the information in these rules, **even if you don't read them.** People who don't follow the rules will be asked to leave the convention.*

Here's the short set of rules:

- ***Be considerate.***
- ***Wear your badge.***
- ***Have fun!***

The slightly longer (and more official) set of rules goes like this:

- ***Courtesy***  
Animelowa is a fun, family-friendly convention, and we want everyone to have a great time participating in their favorite anime activities and making new friends. We request that you please be considerate of your fellow attendees and the staff, so that they can enjoy the convention too. A kind word, a smile, patience in autograph lines - these things go a really long way to make the convention better for everyone!
- ***Weapons and Props***  
All weapons and large props must be brought to the Bridge for inspection by the Operations Staff, who will peace-bond or peace-mark them. (Please see the Weapons Policy for more information. It's printed in this convention book and posted at the Bridge.) Large props are fun, but they can be also dangerous. Because of this, some conventions have begun limiting prop size. We have not... yet! To keep us from having to limit length, please watch where the ends of your props are. Don't whack people with them, accidentally poke innocent bystanders, or allow the prop to damage hotel property.
- ***Badges***  
Your convention badge is necessary for your participation in convention activities. Wear it at all times. It allows you access to convention areas and proves you are a member. Animelowa reserves the right to revoke the membership of any member who breaks our house rules, or acts in a manner that is unsafe or otherwise unacceptable.
- ***City, County, State, and Federal Laws***  
Please remember: If it's a law outside the convention, it's a law inside the convention. This means no underage drinking, no theft, no fighting. Do not do anything to deliberately subvert the law either!
- ***Don't be a Dink***  
As tempting as it may be, please don't intentionally irritate your fellow attendees, or do things that you know are inappropriate or dangerous. Your parents taught you better than that!
- ***Emergency Exits and Fire Escapes***  
Is there an emergency? Do you need to escape from a fire? Those are excellent reasons to leave the hotel by the emergency exits and fire escapes. (Don't use the elevators, since they may lose power.) No emergency or fire? Then please keep the emergency exit doors closed and stay off the fire escapes!

- **Litter**

Please pick up after yourself. There are trash bins located around the hotel. It makes a big difference and keeps things more pleasant if we all work to keep the convention and other hotel areas clean.

- **Lost and Found**

If you find something, please bring it to the Bridge. If you've lost something, check to see if your personal lost-article-deity is looking favorably on you, and then head to the Bridge. Every year more stuff is reported found than is claimed. Useful unclaimed items are given to charity two months after the convention. Other items will be thrown away. Unclaimed personal items (such as checkbooks, credit cards, I.D.s, etc.) will be destroyed.

- **Lost Badges**

In the event that you should lose your badge during the convention, we regret to inform you that there is a charge of \$10 to receive a replacement badge. So please staple your badge into its holder to help prevent it from becoming lost.

If you do lose your badge, check at the Bridge to see if it has been turned in. To get a replacement badge, go to the Registration Desk during posted hours. If the Registration Desk is closed, please go to the Bridge.

- **Lost Children and Parents**

If you find a lost child, please tell a staff member. (Staff members can be identified by their stylish, yet functional, Animelowa aprons!) We'll take it from there.

*Parents and Guardians:* Please, please, PLEASE know your children's badge names and how they are dressed! If you misplace your offspring, please contact the Bridge. We will assist you there. If you have a picture of your children, it would be very helpful. Before the convention starts, arrange a particular place to meet your children if you become separated. If you have a cell phone, make sure your children know the number, and can tell (or show) it to the staff.

*Children and Kawaii Sidekicks:* If you are lost, please ask anyone wearing a staff apron or white lab coat for help or go to the Bridge.

- **Pets and other Furry, Feathered, and Scaled Persons**

Pets and animals are not allowed in the hotel during the convention, unless they are working animals. Please don't bring your pet, since they won't have near as much fun as you think they might.

- **Roller-Skates and Other Stuff with Wheels**

Roller-skates, roller-blades, skateboards, and other "recreational wheeled conveyances" are not allowed at Animelowa or in the hotel. This is for the safety of the individual and the other convention attendees. Non-recreational items such as strollers, wheelchairs, etc. are fine as long as they are being used responsibly.

- **Signs and Adhesives**

Please bring your signs and posters to the Bridge for approval before hanging them. The hotel does not allow tape or adhesives to be used on the walls, doors, etc., so we will set up special safe-posting sites. See the Bridge for more information.

- **Sleeping in Public Spaces**

Do NOT sleep anywhere that is not a sleeping room (indicated by the beds located within). No sleeping in hallways, stairwells, elevators, video rooms, under tables or the like. If you are found sleeping, you will be awakened and asked to move. If we find you sleeping again, we will ask you to leave the hotel. If the hotel is full, there are others in the area. Please remember that hotels make their money selling you a room to sleep in. They are NOT happy about people sleeping in non-sleeping rooms. Our fine Video and Programming staff will be equally unhappy about folks taking up several chairs and snoring in the video and programming rooms.

- **Smoking**  
You may smoke only in designated areas of the hotel. Please be respectful of the hotel or convention staff if they ask you not to smoke in a particular area.
- **Solicitation**  
Unless you are a registered dealer or registered artist, you are NOT allowed to sell anything. Yes, that includes kisses, hugs, handmade articles, disciplinary services, etc! You are, however, allowed to give amenities such as these as FREE tokens of love and respect for your fellow anime fans.
- **Trouble!**  
While the vast majority of Animelowa convention attendees are wonderful people that you'd be proud to take home to meet your mother, occasionally someone decides to make trouble. If someone is breaking the rules, doing something dangerous, or purposely bothering you, the chances are that they're also bothering other people too! Please report the incident to the Bridge or to the nearest staff member right away.

If someone is talking to you or touching you inappropriately, please go to the NEAREST STAFF MEMBER (they'll be wearing an Animelowa apron or white embroidered lab coat) and tell them you need help! If you don't see a staff member nearby, go to the Bridge IMMEDIATELY! Your safety is of the utmost concern for the Animelowa staff, and we'll investigate promptly. If you were able to see the person's badge name (or number), be sure to tell it to the staff. DON'T WAIT to take action!

*Thanks for being courteous to your fellow conventioners and for following these rules!*

*Now then... having gone to a few anime conventions ourselves, we've learned a few things (usually the hard way!) that we'd like to share with you. They'll make the weekend a lot more fun, and ignoring them can have unfortunate consequences!*



Nyana  
by Kitty

# HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ANIMEIOWA CONVENTION ATTENDEES

1. Eat. At least two meals a day. The sort of meals your health teacher would approve of! The Consuite is full of snacks, and snacks are not meals. And don't forget to stay hydrated!
2. Sleep. You won't miss nearly as much by sleeping a few hours each night, as you would by being totally zoned-out on Sunday. It is nearly impossible, and not all that enjoyable, to spend three ACTIVE days awake.
3. Bathe! Please take a shower or bath once every 24 hours. Really! It may not matter much to you, but it sure does to the person sitting next to you! A few inconsiderate people don't keep clean, and that's why the video rooms can stink by Saturday night. Remember that you don't have to sweat to get smelly. Also, a shower can make a good substitute for a mid-afternoon nap, and it takes less time!
4. Attend Programming. There are LOTS of interesting panels and discussions scheduled. Go and participate! There's more to Programming than just the Cosplay.
5. Get a Hotel Room. If not on-site, then in an overflow hotel. Not only does a room make sleeping easier, it gives you a safe place to put your stuff. It also means you won't have to stay awake as you drive home exhausted at 3:00 AM when the movie you were watching ends. **Don't split a room ten ways!** Five or six people are really about the limit for an enjoyable room split. The hotel won't be interested in giving you ten keys to a room, and most of your group won't be able to get in the room or have any place to lie down anyway. The extra \$20 per person for the weekend is well worth it.
6. Talk to people. You're surrounded by people who like anime. If someone you encounter tells you that your favorite anime is for losers, remember that you can just end the conversation politely and move along. There are a thousand more people to meet, and hundreds of them will love the same stuff you do! Have fun!

*Alright then! Get out there and enjoy this year's Animelowa convention!*