



REGION 3 SUMMIT 2018

After a long slog, and wearing out our several 'indentured servants' that were on loan from the Orion Syndicate, we finally have a Summit to announce!

Thanks go to Glenda Stephenson and her team for putting this together!

The theme is 'Getting Away on the Holodeck!'

You can register via the link here on the R3 website (under R3 Calendar) or go directly to <http://r3summit2018.eventzilla.net/> You can also see our event on **Facebook**.

Early Bird prices will be in effect until 10 Feb 2018.

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RC UPDATE - JANUARY 2018

Welcome to 2018! We made it! 2017 had certainly been a trying year for many throughout SFI, but now we look ahead to the new goals and challenges of this year.

First off – SUMMIT! Yes, it's taken awhile to get there, but we have a summit planned, contract signed, and registration available! This will take place in Riving, TX, and is being headed up by Glenda Stevenson and Donna Jarrett of the USS Diamondback. The theme is "Getting Away on the Holodeck" – so I imagine lots of interesting times will be had!

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As we all saw, the Commander, STARFLEET – Robert Westfall stepped down at the conclusion of 2017. This came as a surprise to us all, and we all wish him well and hope he recovers fully and swiftly. This action made the VCS, Dan Toole the CS effective immediately per our by-laws and handbook. As such, the new CS is looking for his new Vice Commander now. I've heard he's whittled it down to 4 choices already, and plans to have a name to the AB for confirmation around the 15th.

There may or may not be some additional moves throughout the EC, we'll just have to wait and see. But I suspect SFI will be back to running at full capacity by the end of the month. From there we will re-engage on the various topics that face the EC and AB.

This will be my first attempt to reach out to the Unassigned list...that's been a bit of a mess for awhile. But we've got the Do Not Contact List, and will be adding folks to that as they request.

Award season is right around the corner – 15 February – 31 March is the nomination period. Steve Sardeson will be providing any refined guidance for the award process, but the awards themselves will not change. Forms will be available on the website for submissions on the 15th of February.

Speaking of awards...the RC cup tallies are in, and....well we have a winner but it didn't go quite as planned. Our new, intended metric did not work out due to a lack of reliable data. As such, the RC Cup is awarded based on impact, as quantified by monetary amount collected. And the winner is the USS Zavala for raising \$2769! They get to keep it! I'll get with them to get the plaque on the trophy updated, but it's there's for another year. USS Battle Born was close on their tail with \$2545 and USS Texas and Retribution Station both raising over \$1000. All told the chapters of Region 3 raised \$9542.50 for charities in 2017!

One of the new things we are going to try is a 'fireside' chat style sessions with me, the RC. This will be an audio conversation with anyone who wishes to join. They will be informal sessions, Q&A, and whatever else plays out. We will conduct this via the Region 3 Discord Server (<https://discord.gg/EDq8qWY>) – a free voice and text (and now video too I am told, but we will not be using that aspect) application. The first session is scheduled for 16 January at 7:30 PM – 9 PM central time, and will repeat on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at that time. Feel free to register for the server in advance, and I've got some Engineers (admins) ready to get you all set up.

Well done in 2017, and I look forward to working with you all in 2018!

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RC UPDATE

- FEBRUARY 2018

Greetings Region 3,

January and into February have been busy! Lets start local and work our way up:

Summit is going strong. The committee is hard at work on all the ground based fun, registrations are flowing smoothly – we have over 30 registered already! You don't want to miss this!

The Price went up on the 11th, and we are now at 'normal' prices. These will go up again just prior to summit, so if you have not ordered, now is the time.

The coin design should be completed and sent to the manufacturer this week, if not done tonight; and reflects the holodeck theme, as well as DS9's 25th anniversary! I'm planning to order 50 or so, as in years past, and with 30+ folks already registered, I figure these will be a hot item!

Award season is just around the corner – with nominations accepted from 15 Feb though 31 March. I've been reading all the MSR's, and I have to say, I'd better see some great awards nominations go in. You've all been doing great things, and there is NO reason not to recognize your folks for that excellent work. Make Chief Sardeson and his committee have to really think hard on these. He's put out some good info, and if you have ANY questions hit him (CAO@region3.org), your zone leader, or myself up.

On a related note – the Awards manual has had minor updates and has been re-published. The biggest change is the fancy cover, and the internal updates to how awards will be adjudicated (and by who...finally replacing the SEA, since that post is not in use). Check it out under Resources > Documents in the nav menu.

The RC warp-core side chats will resume. The first one went pretty well, though I was tragically sober. I promise to fix that this time, I'll have at least two before I even log on. Should be a good time. And 50 points to your house if you give me a less clunky, but still trekkie name than "warp-core-side' chat.

Your CO's will receive an update on the financial state of the Region, which is – we presently have more money due to summit registrations, and plan to spend a bunch on ordering the coins (which should bring us more money). Basically it's the time we look fat, until I have to pay a bunch of bills Monday after summit.

On the R3 Facebook group we are trying a spoilers tagging rule, so that we might be considerate of others, but also so we can all talk about something very important...Star Trek Discovery! Season one is done and like it, love it, or hate it, it was a wild ride, worthy of geeking out together over!

Onto the SFI HQ stuff!

February 3rd The AB held a telecon, and confirmed Mike Garcia as Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. It was felt that to do that 'correctly' that the 3 year continuous membership rule for the CS (and VCS has to meet the same requirements as CS) was suspended, due to extreme



circumstances. The topic has been tabled to be dealt with, and make the intent more specific in the near future.

Since that time, the VCS has opened several posts within the VCS office, and seems to be pretty active, hitting the ground running.

I've already lobbied work at him, and the rest the AB, in the form of an unified awards hierarchy and physical ribbon proposal. So far discussion is mostly positive, though not sure there enough yet to even guess at a time line for implementation. We may give it a trial run here in R3 (Where Region 3 goes, so goes the Fleet!) for summit. If you are interested in this, get with your CO's – they have more details.

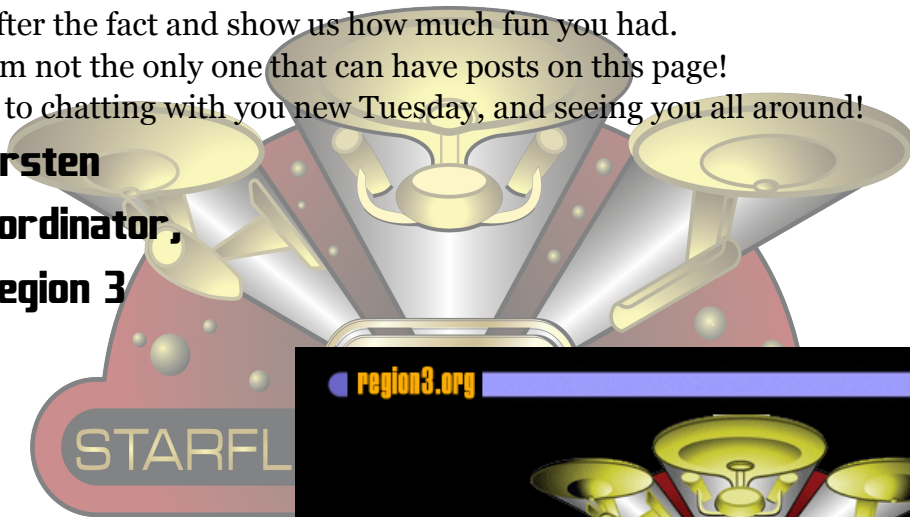
As for myself, I'm about to enter that time of year where I am traveling every weekend for Renaissance Faire – specifically the Sherwood Forest Faire, just east of Austin. If anyone plans to go, please drop me a line, and we'll meet up to hoist a beer or three.

I know the rest of you will also be getting busy with events too – be sure to get them on the calendar (go through your zone leader) – and give us a write up, either before the event to advertise, or after the fact and show us how much fun you had.

Seriously – I am not the only one that can have posts on this page!

I look forward to chatting with you new Tuesday, and seeing you all around!

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RC UPDATE - MARCH 2018

Greetings Region 3,

As many of you may have noticed, there's been some dust ups coming from the top, and I'm here to help work through them. First up, the SFSO has been changed to MACO. While this is not a focus on 'all things must be canon', it was felt that the group needed more specific direction, and needed to get away from looking/feeling too much like current real world military, thus morphing things to MACO only as the overall structure. As such, there are various internal changes that will be second and third order of effects based on this decision – and the MACO's will be working through those – please give change the time it needs to happen and settle.



Related, the SFMC is scrubbing their documents for any copyright and trademark issues, which honestly should have been done by now, but seem we're still finding things. In that effort all units at all levels have received instructions to ensure their logo's are correct and used correctly. The SFMC is taking a harder tack on this than Fleet as a whole, partly because they've been smacked twice already, and also they are smaller, and it's easier for them to do. Many are considering it a test run if every chapter had to scrub their logo's, and get some lessons learned before if it comes to that.

The biggest dust up was the posting on the SFI Members Only Facebook group about the intent, and then soliciting thoughts about the Chaplain Corps. That conversation is concluded, many more are on going. The Commander, STARFLEET has asked all RC's to poll their chapters on this issue – so CO's – please go do that now, and post to me on the CCO list with your chapter's input please. We are looking at utility to chapters, and members, and at what levels is most appropriate. I look forward to those responses.

Interestingly enough, the man who brought us that dust up, Emmet Plant, has resigned from that post. So – the new Engage! department under the VCS is up for grabs. There has been a posting on the email lists and Facebook group (SFI level) for that, and other open posts.

Now to more local fun!

Awards – get them in! Deadline is March 31, and to date, we've not got a lot in. CO/XO's – you need to recognize your people. If you have questions, the Chief Admin Officer, or any other staff members, are standing by to help – but now is the time to ask. Be sure to be thorough in your write up – if we don't know the impact, we can't guess at it. What they did, why it's important. You don't need to win a Pulitzer to have a successful nomination, but if it is missing the impact, it will not be competitive against nominations that do include such information.

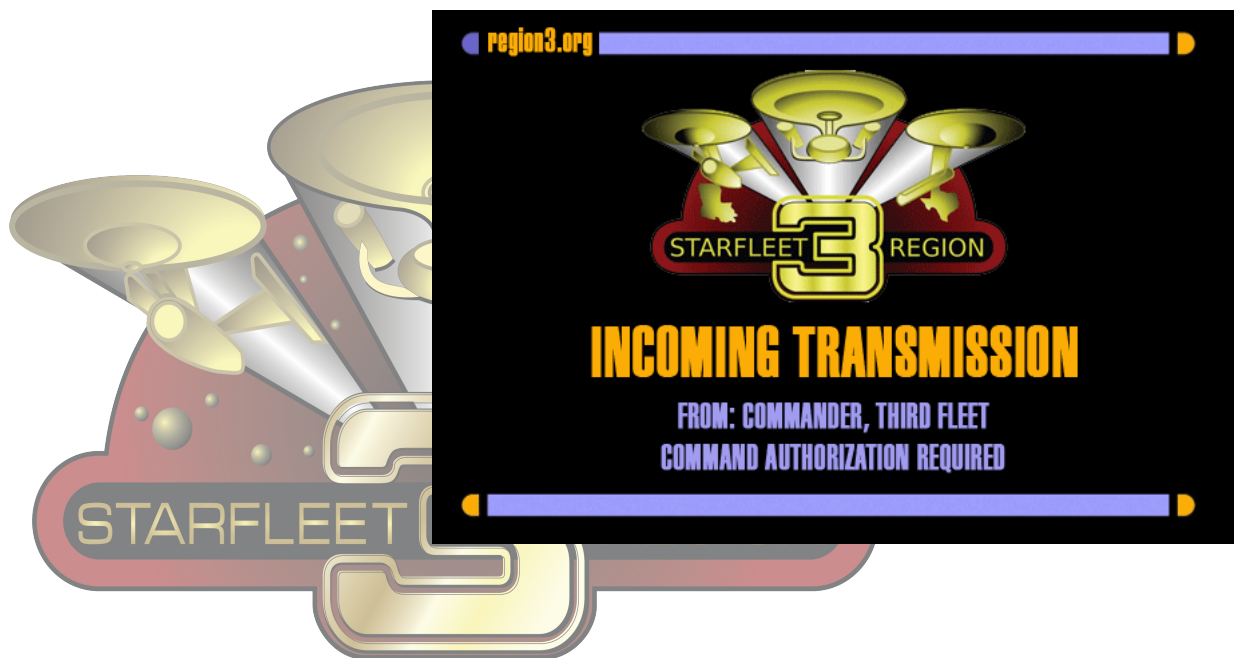
Summit! We have 36 people signed up thus far! Prices go up on registration on the 1st of May, and all meals must be purchased by June 1st (to include total packages). There will be a coin produced for this summit, and it's looking pretty cool – though final design with the manufacturer is still a work in progress. it does reflect the unique theme of the summit (getting away on the holodeck) as well as a celebration of DS9's 25th anniversary. Certainly a collectors item!

I look forward to chatting with many of you tomorrow at the RC fireside chat #3! Join us on discord with your preferred beverage and we'll talk all things STARFLEET. If anyone out there has an article they would like to write for Fleet Channels (essentially the blog of this website now), please use the form to submit it. I know I can't be the only one out there with something to say! Cover what your chapter has been doing, or better yet, what you WILL be doing, so that others know how and when to join in the fun you are having! That's all for now, everyone have a great Spring!

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RC UPDATE

APRIL 2018

Greetings Region 3!

Let's start with local stuff. Awards nominations are over; due to the extension, there were some more last minute nominations, and The CAO has solicited for a member at large to form his committee. That will take place soon, and then award purchasing will begin!

To that end, there is no significant movement on any finances to report this month (I think one more summit registration). Next month the money moving excitement should begin with awards, coins, and printing materials being purchased, and more (we hope) registrations!

We are saying goodbye to a chapter here in R3, the USS *Texas* has decided to retire as an active chapter due to manning and interest. However, several of their familiar faces will still be working around R3, and the bulk of their crew continues on in their TRMN fandom, which we (especially 3BDE side of things) interacts with fairly regularly.

Other items of note – I've been pretty sick. We did not have a staff meeting last week because I could not speak. On the mend now, and hope to be lively at the RC fireside chat tonight.

The biggest thing out of HQ is the VCS directive to all sub-orgs (SFMC, Chaplain, MACO, etc) – in that appointing the 'regional' level officers for those sub orgs, much come with the consent of the RC of that region. More to come on how the actual nuts and bolts of that work out, but the intent is to give oversight of these programs by someone who was elected by that local membership. I'm not sold that this is a good move, and it is based out of the MHB 7:04. I think that's painting with a bit too broad of a brush, personally, and I think the MHB needs a lot more fixing before we chain more processes to it. In hopes that will be a renewed focus here soon.

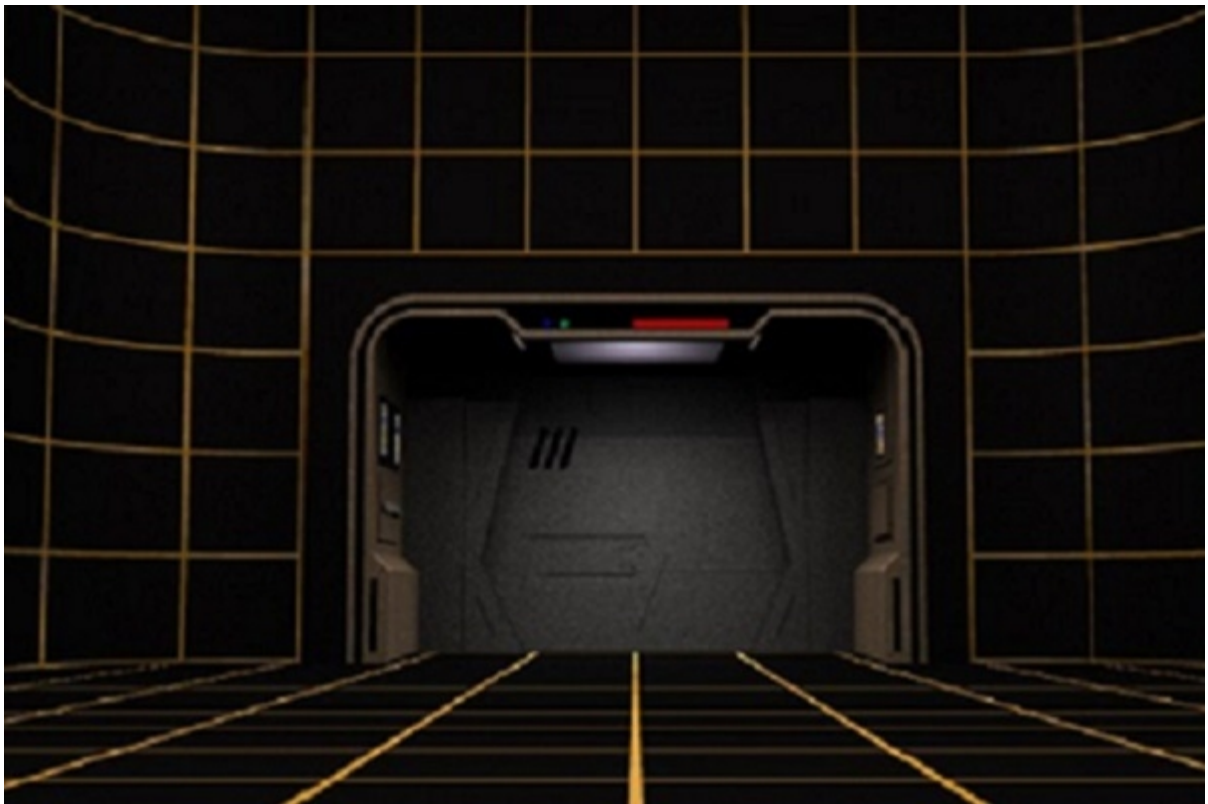
Outside our club, it's been a good time for Sci-Fi – Expanse is back, and Netflix launched it's new Lost in Space series (not seen that yet, but it looked interesting). In my own geekery (and while I was sick) I played a lot of Surviving Mars – a new city builder/sim game. What other fun sci-fi stuff has everyone else been doing?



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COME TO SUMMIT 2018!

STARFLEET 3 REGION

Greetings Region 3!

I hope everyone is excited, and preparing for our Holodeck adventure that will be Summit 2018! I certainly am. I've been busy with awards and promotion boards, which is a great time for me to be reminded of all the great things that Region 3 and its members have done last year. But it's not all looking back – I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone, and each person's creative spin on the "Getting Away On the Holodeck" theme we have here!

So – let's look at the schedule:

Friday –

5PM – 7PM – Registration – Come pick up your goods, or give us money if you haven't already!

From 7PM through 9PM (1900-2100 for those marine types) is the 3rd Brigade Dress Mess. This is the usual Marine pomp and ceremonial style dinner, where the Brigade Valor award winners will be announced. This year we are hosting at Vic's – we got a copy of the program from Deep Space 9, and we have been assured that any glitches have been corrected...

Class A uniforms, or equivalent are encouraged, but bring the best you got, and have fun with the local SFMC folks. As added hilarity, this year's Vice-President of the Mess, or 'Goat' is a pretty new marine – Robert Hunnicutt; thanks to his performance at Wilderness Challenge

last year!

After the Mess, join us for the after party! Nothing bad ever happens there, and certainly does not lead to various members and staff showing up a bit worse for the wear at Opening ceremonies the next morning...

Saturday

8AM – 9AM – Registration is open.

Saturday we will have Opening Ceremonies/General Session starting at 9AM.

This will include **Final Mission**, early on, so that we can pay our respects to those we've lost over the past two years. Promotions, and various awards and news will be announced during the general session.

From 11AM to 2PM is the Mystery Lunch – a clue like 'who done it' in Trek style!

Starting at 2PM are our various panels, the Marine Muster and the game room opens!

Panels include: (Times/rooms subject to change)

Awards How to – by Lucy Frank (2-3PM)

Model Building – by Dan Joplin (3-4PM)

Uniforms – by Tank Clark (4-5PM)

Newsletters and Weather stations – by Sarah Hays (5-6PM)

The Marine Muster will be from 2-4PM.

Cadet activities will be available from 2:30-4:30PM.

7PM-9PM is the Admiral's Banquet – Holodeck style! Come dressed applicable to your preferred (family friendly) holodeck program!

From 9PM to Midnight will be the Charity Auction. Bring your items for that (contact Glenda at summit@region3.org), and bring your money to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network – and come home with great stuff!

10PM-12:30AM The After party room will also be open for your entertainment!

Sunday –

Sunday starts off with two events, both at 9AM.

A non-denominational worship service, as arranged by the USS *Diamondback* for one hour.

Also at 9AM-11AM will be a CCO meeting – where CO's, XO's, and Staff can sort out Region business over not enough caffeine.

Closing ceremonies will begin at 11AM. Come get the final tally, the last hurrah, and close up the summit right.

Not that we are done, just because we had closing ceremonies!

At 1PM- 4PM there will be an away mission to the Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall (3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051) – where they have a Legoland Discovery Center!

And lets not forget, the **Dead Dog party** – the really last shindig of a summit, where all remaining gather about, share stories, share drinks, and often employ time honored recruiting methods for various projects and jobs... Starts when we all get back from the Away mission, around 4:30PM

Friday	5:00 PM	Registration	Set Up				
	6:00 PM	Registration					
	7:00 PM	Registration	Marine Mess				
	8:00 PM		Marine Mess				
	9:00 PM						After Hrs Party
	10:00 PM						After Hrs Party
	11:00 PM						After Hrs Party
	12:00pm						After Hrs Party
Saturday	8:00 AM	Registration				Set Up	
	9:00 AM					Opening Ceremony	
						Final Mission	
	10:00 AM					Opening Ceremony	
						Opening Ceremony	
	11:00 AM		Mystery Lunch	Mystery			
Saturday				Mystery			
	12:00 PM		Mystery Lunch	Mystery			
	1:00 PM		Mystery Lunch Solution	Mystery			
				Mystery			
	2:00 PM		Class: Lucy Franks	Gaming	Silent Auction	Marine Muster	
			Awards	Gaming	Silent Auction	Marine Muster	Cadet Activities
	3:00 PM		Class: Dan Joplin	Gaming	Silent Auction	Marine Muster	Cadet Activities
			Models	Gaming	Silent Auction	Marine Muster	Cadet Activities

	4:00 PM		Class: Tank Clark	Gaming	Silent Auction		Cadet Activities
			Uniforms	Gaming	Silent Auction		
	5:00 PM		Class: Sarah Hays	Gaming	Silent Auction	Set Up	
			Newsletters/Weather Stations	Gaming	Silent Auction	Set Up	
	6:00 PM			Gaming			
	7:00 PM			Gaming		Admiral's Dinner	
	8:00 PM			Gaming		Admiral's Dinner	
	9:00 PM			Gaming		Charity Auction	
	10:00 PM			Gaming		Charity Auction	After Hrs Party
				Gaming		Charity Auction	After Hrs Party
	11:00 PM			Gaming		Charity Auction	After Hrs Party
				Gaming		Charity Auction	After Hrs Party
	12:00 PM						After Hrs Party
Sunday	9:00 AM					CCO Meeting	Worship Service
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	10:00 AM					CCO Meeting	
	11:00 AM					Closing Ceremony	
						Closing Ceremony	
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	1:00 PM	Away Mission					
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	4:00 PM						Dead Dog Party
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	5:00 PM						Dead Dog Party
							Dead Dog Party
	6:00 PM						Dead Dog Party

As you can see – there is a LOT to do, and we already have 48 people signed up to be there, and I know there are more coming. So come geek out with 50 or so of your closest friends, get your Trek on, and display your creativity with this great theme. Remember that May 31 is the last day to order meals – So total package and meal sales will stop at midnight. Normal registration we will take up until the door.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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Edward Thomas - Cmdr - XO says:

Just a FYI on visiting Legoland in the Grapevine Mall. The last time I was there, which was about a year ago, they had restrictions on admittance, namely, if you are and adult and not bringing in a child, you (the adult) will not be allowed into the display areas or the gift shop. I guess you could call this a “Stranger Danger” policy. I’d suggest checking with Legoland to see what their current policy is..



RC UPDATE

JUNE 2018

Seriously, come to summit! Greetings Region 3,

This month's update is going to be brief – because in about 10 days we will be at summit, and that will be more interesting, informative and FUN than anything I put here. Registrations are still open, though all the meal purchases are closed, and the numbers have been submitted to the hotel. Also, today is the LAST DAY to get the Summit rate on the hotel rooms.

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Finances: we are about to renew our web host – and then all the various moving pieces for summit itself (we often don't have exact figures until the dust settled and checks are cut on the Monday after), so stay tuned for more on that.

But a reason to go to summit (as if you needed another) – these will be sold there!



Beyond that, it was fun reading all the activities the various chapters are undertaking, it certainly is the beginnings of summer and those MSR's tend to get longer – which is awesome! As a reminder, please just hit me up if you have any questions or concerns. This past month I've fielded a few issues that members had, mostly clearing up some things. AKA Don't trust everything (or hardly anything) you read on the Members Only Facebook group.

Thankfully they split off a SFI business FB group, in hopes to keep the more... vehement... conversations out of the view of the rank and file that want to actually discuss Star Trek and what their chapters are doing.

So come to Summit, we'll have a great time, and more updates there!

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