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## **NORTHWEST STATE’S GAMING AND POP CULTURE CONVENTION ‘GAME CON’ TO RETURN IN JULY**

*ARCHBOLD, OHIO* – Northwest State Community College is bringing back Game Con, “the premier pop culture convention,” on Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The convention is run by Northwest State and NSCC Thunder, the college’s official Esports team. **The event is free to attend, and all ages are welcome.**

Game Con will feature many events and competitions, some returning and some new. They include a 100-player *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* Tournament with a \$600 prize pool, a Cosplay Contest with a \$500 prize pool, a Pokémon Card Game Tournament Hosted by Checkmate Games with a Pokémon related prizes, and other open activities available to all attendees.

### **PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE...**

Some of the open activities scheduled for Game Con include:

- Artists, Vendors, and Authors
- Various Panels
- Speedrun Challenges Every Hour
- Open Console Play with Nintendo Switches, PlayStations, and Many More Consoles
- Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences
- Food Trucks, Open *LEGO* Build Stations, and More!

### **NEW PANELS AND RETURNING FAVORITES...**

Some of the panels scheduled for Game Con include:

- Creating a Video Game in 1 Hour
- *Dungeons & Dragons* Character Workshop
- Comic vs. Novel Writing
- And Much More!

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...**

Additional information, including pre-registration links, photos, etc., is available at [GameCon.NorthwestState.edu](http://GameCon.NorthwestState.edu). Follow NSCC Thunder on social media at [Instagram.com/NSCCThunder](https://www.instagram.com/NSCCThunder) and [Facebook.com/NSCCThunder](https://www.facebook.com/NSCCThunder) for more information about vendors, events, and other Game Con news.

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