

2011 Comic-Con Party Guide

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Every year, **Comic-Con** draws thousands of the world's top fans of comic books, superhero movies, anime, science fiction, A-List celebrities, and all things pop culture. 2011 Comic-Con arrives in San Diego **July 21 – 24**.

Even if you don't have a ticket, you can still dress up and partake in the excitement. Some of the best things about the year's biggest comic gathering can be found outside the confines of the Convention Center... you just have to know where to look. This year's hot Comic-Con after parties include Samurais and School Girls at 10th Avenue Theatre, The Munky King Black Ball at BASIC, SyFy & E! Entertainment Party at Hotel Solamar, Marked Men Party at San Diego Maritime Museum and more.



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Thursday, July 21: Samurais and School Girls V2.0 at 10th Avenue Theatre Rooftop

Known to bring the badass to Comic-Con weekend, the annual Samurais and School Girls party is back, featuring models dressed like manga characters, anime, local art, and entertainment by DJ Robin Roth and Hell on Heels Burlesque Revue. Best of all, a portion of proceeds will benefit ArtReach, a not-for-profit organization that takes professional artists into K-6 classrooms in San Diego. This Comic-Con party begins at 8:30pm, and pre-sale tickets start at \$20 online, including a drink ticket. Get details [here](#).

Thursday, July 21: Munky King Presents "The Black Ball" at BASIC

The Munky King is a designer toy store in Los Angeles known to showcase anime artwork from independent artists, including prints, apparel and books. Once again The Munky King is heading to San Diego to kick off Comic-Con weekend in style with the fourth annual Munky King event at BASIC in East Village. The coolest part of the event is the "1st Annual Designer Toy Awards" created by Clutter Magazine, which celebrate the industry's top artists, customizers and manufacturers. Also at BASIC will be a live painting of Luke Chueh's new 1000% Possessed, featuring Chueh and more renowned artists, as well as beats by DJ Coli. 1 and DJ R-Rated. This free Comic-Con party is from 9am to 2pm, and the first 50 guests get a free swag bag. Get details [here](#).

Friday, July 22: Marked Men Party III at San Diego Maritime Museum

The final voyage of this pirate-themed Comic-Con par-tay takes place along San Diego Harbor on not one, but two ships including HMS Providence, the same ship you see in *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, and the Star of India. Hosted by Brandon Hillock as Captain Jack Sparrow and his crew of *Pirates of the Caribbean* look-a-likes, the last Marked Men Party will feature music, drinks, zombies, sea creatures, mermaids, contests, giveaways and more. This epic Comic-Con event is from 8pm to 1am, and general admission tickets start at \$50. [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: SyFy & E! Entertainment Party at Hotel Solamar

If you're searching for the glamorous side of Comic-Con, head to Hotel Solamar for the official SyFy & E! Entertainment Party. This celeb-studded event will extend out onto the street, where there will be a massive red carpet consuming the entire block of J Street, between 7th and 6th Avenue in the Gaslamp Quarter. This annual Comic-Con after party is typically hosted by Entertainment Weekly, but the ever-popular E! Entertainment crew will host the big bash along with SyFy this year, and we are thrilled. E! Entertainment is the ultimate destination for live celebrity coverage, putting an international spotlight on the San Diego scene. The red carpet opens at 8:30pm, and the event starts at 9pm. [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: X-Sanguin – Last Call at Spin Nightclub

Imagine the party scene: The end of days has come, the dead walk the earth and the living are barricading themselves from the dead. Overrun by the Zombie Horde, the last remaining humans make their final, futile stand. X-Sanguin and The Zombie Defense Network invite you to dress up and go down in a blaze of glory at Spin, a near-downtown club with three levels, featuring 5+ DJ acts. X-Sanguin's finale Comic-Con event rages on from 10pm to 4am. General admission tickets start at \$10, and VIP tickets are \$75. [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: San Diego Zombie Walk in Gaslamp Quarter

This free Comic-Con event is open to all ages and features zombie themed face painting ending in everyone in attendance walking around the Gaslamp Quarter dressed for the afterlife. Even if you don't want to get dressed up and cruise the streets with your zombie friends, the *Zombie Walk* provides some of the best people watching opportunities of all time, as well as giveaways and entertainment. New this year is the *Zombie Walk Anniversary Party*. [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: TechKaraoke Party at Horton Plaza Mall

Comic-Con is full of spectacles to admire from afar, but if you want to partake in the action, head to Horton Plaza and sing your heart out at the TechKaraoke Party, presented by Twonky. This Comic-Con event is free, but you must RSVP to reserve your spot. [Get details here.](#)

Monday, July 25: Industry Night with Celebrity Guest at FLUXX

Close out Comic-Con weekend with a bang at FLUXX's Industry Night party, featuring a surprise celebrity performance. Past Industry Night performers have included Method Man, Juvenile, and Naughty By Nature. I can't wait to find out who they book for Comic-Con! [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: DJhere Presents The Body Poets at Ivy Nightclub

DJhere Productions is hosting a galactic-themed Comic-Con party at Ivy Nightclub at the Andaz Hotel, featuring a special performance by The Body Poets from "America's Got Talent" on NBC, as well as beats by DJ Cobra, Este Angle, and Till. Dress in futuristic "Star Trek"-inspired duds, and celebrate Comic-Con with DJhere at the Andaz Hotel. RSVP for the complimentary guest list 9-11pm by emailing vip@djhere.com. [Get details here.](#)

Saturday, July 23: 37th Annual Masquerade Costume Show at Convention Center

The lavish Masquerade brings wonder and awe in an interactive garb competition. As fans know, costumes play a vital role in all the popular arts of comics, from movies, TV, comic books, fantasy arts and computer games. The Masquerade costume show has earned a reputation of impressive and clever costumes showcasing true devotion, and is aimed for attendees to showcase their own amazing talents and creativity. But perhaps the best spectacle is the 4,000+ audience that's lined up many hours in advance take their seats. [Get details here.](#)

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