

Registration FAQ

Q: What is an ICON membership?

A: An ICON membership is essentially your “ticket” to attend the convention. At the convention, you will get a badge to wear showing that you have paid.

Q: I have a child. Does he/she need a membership?

A: If they are 7 years of age or older, yes. We have less expensive memberships available for children 7-12.

Q: I have a child under 7. Does he/she need a badge?

A: Yes. On the back of every badge is emergency contact information that must be filled out for all attendees under 18. If you would like a printed badge for them to pick up at the door, you can email reg@iowa-icon.com with your child’s name, birthdate and badge name. Otherwise, you may pick up a blank badge for them at the door.

Q: How do I register online?

A: Go to <http://registration.iowa-icon.com/> and fill out the form.

Q: How do I register by mail?

A: Fill out the form at <http://iowa-icon.com/icon41/icon41mailinreg.pdf> and send it and a check to:

ICON 41
308 E Burlington St #300
Iowa City, IA 52240

Q: What if I do not pre-register?

A: You may register at the door, but the cost is higher.

Q: I am only attending for one day. Are there single day memberships?

A: Yes. A Saturday membership is the same cost as pre-registration. Fridays and Sundays are cheaper. If you are unsure whether you want to come for more than one day, you may (for instance) pay for Friday and if you want to come back, pay the difference between the Friday membership and a weekend membership when you return on Saturday. You must bring your Friday badge to do this.

Q: Can I pre-register for a one day membership?

A: No, one day memberships are only available at the door.

Q: I am only attending for two days. Should I buy two separate day memberships or a weekend membership?

A: Paying for two days is the same or more expensive than paying for the weekend. So paying for the full weekend is more cost effective.

Q: What is the pre-registration deadline?

A: October 14, 2016. In general it is usually approximately two weeks before the convention.

Q: I am a writer/editor/other industry professional. Do I qualify for a complimentary membership?

A: Please check out <http://iowa-icon.com/icon41/CompPolicy.html> to see if you qualify, and contact us at programmingdept@iowa-icon.com and reg@iowa-icon.com to confirm.

Q: Who is eligible for complimentary memberships?

A: Please check out <http://iowa-icon.com/icon41/CompPolicy.html> to see who qualifies.

Q: What is a benefactor membership?

A: Benefactors pay a little more, but they also get additional gifts, have seats up front reserved for programming including but not limited to opening ceremonies and the Wylde Nept concert and are invited to a special Sunday brunch with the guests of honor.

Q: I am not sure if I am already registered. What can I do?

A: Send an email to reg@iowa-icon.com and we will look it up for you.

Q: How do I earn a membership doing volunteer work?

A: Volunteering for 20 hours during the convention will get you a free membership to the next convention. There are a few areas where you can earn double hours, including setup, teardown and Friday registration desk. Note that if you expect to get to 20 hours after teardown, you should let the registration head and/or the volunteer coordinator know before clean-up begins, and remind them afterward to make sure you get credit for clean-up.

Q: What is a badge name?

A: Many attendees like to go by fun names at conventions, this is their badge name. It is also useful if you go by a shortened version of your given name (i.e. Andy for Andrew). Please note that your full name will also be on the badge.

Q: What badge name will I get if I leave that field blank?

A: The default is your first name only.

Q: Why do you need my birthdate?

A: While ICON no longer serves alcohol, we do make different badges to help room parties be sure they only serve alcohol to those 21 and over. Please note: it is the responsibility of each room party to ensure that they only serve alcohol to attendees 21 and over.

Q: I cannot make it to ICON this year, but I have already registered. What are my options?

A: We do not give refunds. However, you may either transfer your membership to another person, or forward it to next year. Except in cases of emergency (as determined by the current Con Com), this must be done before the pre-registration deadline. Also, please note that if you earned your membership doing volunteer work, you may not transfer it to another person, but can still forward it to the next convention.

Q: What do I need to bring to the convention?

A: We do not send tickets. You only need a picture ID, but it is recommended that you bring your receipt (paper or electronic) just in case.

Any other questions? Send an email to reg@iowa-icon.com and we will get back to you.