

THE PURGE

Thank you for your interest in **The Purge** LARP. This year the staff of *TsunamiCon* has decided to offer a new and interesting gaming opportunity. Inspired by the movie *The Purge*, you take on the role of normal people during purge night. During 12 hours, you and your fellow players will be pitted against each other for your very survival. You can work together, or try to go it alone, but either way you'll need your wits and a great deal of luck to survive the night.

For individuals not familiar with LARPing, it's an acronym for Live Action Role-Playing. Unlike traditional role-playing games, LARPs are designed with the idea that rather than simply describing your character's actions, you perform them. Like most other role-playing games, emphasis is placed on conflict, but you get the added bonus of being able to dress up, carry props, and otherwise engage the game in a way that takes you away from the table and into the immersion of realistic conflict.

The Purge LARP will have an informational panel Friday, October 7th, at 6pm in the Lobby. During that time the event host will go through the rules, allow people to pick characters, and discuss general policies of the event. The game will begin promptly at 9am Saturday, October 8th, and continue until 9pm Saturday evening. At the end of the event, game hosts will tally points for characters and determine who has the most points. The top 3 players will receive a prize. The winners of The Purge will be announced during closing ceremonies.

Keep your eyes on the website for more information, including the rules, blank character sheets, and so forth. Below is a FAQ for the event. We hope you take time to read it, and enjoy the LARP.

What will I need to play? All you'll need is your imagination and a willingness to survive. The system uses a randomizer of two suits of playing cards—one red suit and one black suit. Players are encouraged to bring their own, but game hosts will have some available for use as well. Players can use costumes and props to represent clothing and items that their characters might wear or carry. No real weapons are allowed, nor are toy weapons that might look like real weapons (airsoft guns, pellet guns, bb guns, etc), but players may use toy weapons that obviously look like toys, such as squirt guns, NERF guns or foam swords. Under no circumstances are weapons used to actually strike a fellow player. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the player being removed from the game.



How will I know who else is playing? Each player will be given a LARP badge that they will need to wear for the duration of the LARP. This will include their character's name.

What if I want to participate in other events? In that case, you've got two options. The Great Hall and the marketplace will remain a "safe" area for the duration of the game—no combat can be initiated while in these areas. Players may use noncombat skills while in these areas and may engage in social interaction as long as it's not disruptive. Players may also choose to go Out of Game. In such case the player must find a game host and give them their character sheet and LARP badge. When they choose to return, they can obtain their character sheet and LARP badge from the game host. However, while a character is Out of Game, they accrue no Victory Condition points. If a game host believes a player is using Out of Game privilege to circumvent the spirit of the game, a point penalty can be assessed.

What's the point of the game? Succinctly put, the point is to survive the 12 hours of the purge. For every hour that a player is alive in the game, they gain 1 Victory Point. Additionally, each character has Victory Conditions listed on their character sheet that will give them additional points. Similarly there are Defeat Conditions that cause characters to lose points.

How will my character work? See the Purge LARP rules for more details on how the game will actually be played. Pre-generated characters will be provided to those who would like to play them at the informational session on Friday evening. For people who want a real test, the Purge LARP rules include ways for them to generate a character if they chose. Blank Character sheets are also available.