

# Basic Information

# Welcome to THE ESCAPADE: A Straw Hat Gacha Zine

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## About!

Inspired by cmykae's projects (Genshin RNG and HSR RNG), The Escapade is meant to collect **art, writing, and other miscellaneous pieces** of media to be compiled into an anthology that features the Straw Hats in the theme of **exploration** and **escapism**. The zine will have a "gacha" factor wherein contributors will rely on their luck to pick the character they will be creating for.

## Official Channels!

**Twitter/X:** <https://x.com/TheEscapadeZine>  
**Tumblr:** <https://www.tumblr.com/theescapadezine>  
**Bluesky:** <https://bsky.app/profile/theescapadezine.bsky.social>  
**Gmail:** [theescapadezine@gmail.com](mailto:theescapadezine@gmail.com)

## Moderators!

- **Mod Pretzel**
  - Head Mod
  - <https://xxshumai.carrd.co>

## Schedule!

- **Mod Application and Interest Check Period:** May 5 to May 31, 2025
- **Sign-Ups Period:** June 15 to July 13, 2025
- **Last Call for Onboarding:** July 26, 2025
- **Check-In 1:** August 30, 2025
- **Check-In 2:** September 27, 2025
- **Check-In 3:** October 25, 2025
- **Final Submissions:** November 29, 2025
- **Formatting Period:** November 30 to December 31, 2025
- **Free Release:** January 1, 2026

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is a zine?

A zine is an anthology of different pieces of media centered around a specific theme, independently published.

## What is this zine about?

This zine is an RNG zine about the Straw Hat crew. The theme for The Escapade is **exploration** and **escapism**, allowing the Straw Hats to venture out into the world. However you interpret the prompt is up to your discretion.

## What is Gacha?

"Gacha" refers to the system of obtaining random items through a random number generator.

## Do you have to be 18+ to join?

Yes. For the comfort of everyone, we require all applicants to be 18+ by the time they join.

## What is the format of this zine?

This will have a PDF release, SFW free digital only zine, with a possibility of an NSFW side zine.

## How many contributors are you accepting?

We will accept any and all contributors willing to join the zine.

## How will contributors be compensated?

Each contributor will be given a first look at the zine, as well as early access to all content available. As this is a free zine, all content produced will also be available for public viewing.

## Can I include ships in the zine?

To be determined by the Interest Check.

For any questions not answered here, please ask our Tumblr page or approach us privately through DMs and email.

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## How will the Gacha work?

Each contributor will pick from a set of characters (banners), similar to a Genshin or Honkai Star Rail Banner, to pull from. We, the moderators, will then use a number generator to determine the character you will create for the zine. The results will be shared internally through the Discord server.

## How does the pulling system work?

We, the moderators, will provide banners for a set of characters for contributors to pull from. Contributors will only be allowed a maximum of **5 characters in total**. During the sign up period, you, the contributors, will share which banners you would like to pull from and how many times. (e.g. Banner A, Banner B, then Banner A). We will then use a random number generator to pull characters for you. **Contributors are required to use all the characters they pulled in their piece.**

## Will there be rerolls and drops?

No. You will simply have to bear with the characters you have. Such is the nature of gacha.

## Am I allowed to use other characters I didn't get?

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- While talking in general text chat is optional, all applicants should be communicative when addressed to. Additionally, all deadlines must be met accordingly.
- All applicants must have an active Discord account as this is the primary form of communication. The communication will be fully in English.

## Art Mod

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- Answer all writing-related queries asked by contributors.

## Graphics Mod

- Collaborate with the art mod to create eye-catching graphics that line up with the zine's branding.
- Create the banners that will be used for the gacha mechanic (similar to the ones found in gacha games like Genshin and HSR)

## Formatting Mod

- Collaborate with the art and graphics mod to create an aesthetically pleasing zine that lines up with the zine's branding.

## Social Media Mod

- Keep track of the posting schedule and be timely in posting countdowns, announcements, etc.
- Entertain questions and queries found in the zine's social media accounts.
- Be active and engage with the One Piece community in the zine's social media accounts.



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