Dads on a Map presents...DoaMcoN V



Weds, Aug 27, 2025 - Sun, Aug 31, 2025 Kansas City, MO

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to DoaMcoN for a 5th time in 2025, once again returning to the Heartland Retreat Center in the Kansas City Metro area.

Location: Heartland Retreat Center, in Parkville, MO, approximately 15 minutes from the Kansas City airport. Heartland is a large group focused retreat center that will allow us to have on site lodging, a 24/7 gaming space, responsible use of alcohol, cafeteria style provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner (including vegan and gluten free options) all on a beautiful sprawling campus with walking trails, activities, and nature to soak in when you need some fresh air.

Address: 16965 MO-45, Parkville, MO 64152

Arrival: Wednesday, August 27th. Lodging check in is at 4:00 PM, but the gaming hall is ours beginning at Noon, so early arrivals are welcome! The venue may have other guests until Noon, so please do not arrive early. If you arrive at Noon expect to be put to work helping unpack and setup. Any rideshare arrangements can be worked out with other travelers as we approach the con, or should be a relatively inexpensive ride from MCI Airport.

Departure: Checkout from our hotel rooms is requested at 10 am Sunday, but we will have access to the gaming space until 4 PM on Sunday. Breakfast will be served that morning, but not lunch. For those of us still around, we can collaborate on some doordash pizza, etc.

Sleeping Arrangements: We have 60 lodging spots available in 2 different options - 36 triple occupancy (twin beds) and 24 double occupancy (full beds.) Nunemaker Lodge (triple) and Cray Lodge (double) both have rooms with a bathroom with stand up shower, toilet, and sink. Rooms provide soap but do not provide shampoo or hair dryers. Do not expect 5 star accommodations staying at these summer-camp level lodging options. Linens and towels are provided, and rooms are clean and quiet, but I would invite

attendees to bring any of the personal comforts they might miss from home (pillow, blanket, etc.)
Attendees should attempt to coordinate with other people they'd like to share their room with based on sleeping patterns, noise tolerance, and other important factors to them.

Gaming: In addition to the growing DoaMcoN Library, locals and drivers will do our best to supply a plentiful supply of DoaM favorites and con must haves. I'm sure we'll discuss in depth the plans, games, sessions, and schedule as we head towards the dates. During our stay, we'll have access to the Great Hall, as well as Fireside Room located just down the hall in the same space. Additionally a more private space in Cray Lodge - Cray Lounge - will be available to us as well. No moving this year, just more space! Our gaming space also has an attached kitchenette area with 2 refrigerators, large commercial coffee makers, hot teas, and more. The gaming spaces are open to us 24/7.

Food: Heartland Retreat Center has a full dining hall with cafeteria style meals served daily for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. These will be at designated times throughout the day (currently listed as 8 AM, Noon, 6 PM), so it will be your responsibility to head to the dining hall at meal time. I urge attendees to go to eat at the designated time, and for others to not go back for seconds until we believe everyone has had their opportunity. While the facility does their best to accommodate special dietary needs, last year's attendees found options a little lacking. We have addressed this with the facility, and will continue to work with them into next year, however, attendees should be aware of this and plan accordingly. Click here for a sample menu. In 2024 the dining options always featured a plentiful salad bar, and varied choices of meals such as tacos, bacon cheeseburger, roasted chicken, etc. Wednesday evening will be a special Kansas City BBQ treat hand picked by the locals, and Friday night will see the return of Sean's Famous Shrimp Boil, but Thurs, Fri breakfast & lunch, Sat, and Sun morning will all be in the dining hall. Food is included in your ticket price, but you are under no obligation to eat in the cafeteria if the options are not satisfactory to you.

Snacks: DoaM was able to provide a bountiful array of snacks in 2024 (pretzels, chips, granola bars, bananas, etc) and would hope to do so again this year. If you have specific individual snack desires, you should plan to bring your own and mark it for sharing or not sharing. Several folks also collaborated to do a local grocery delivery order to get some special requests. The venue had large water jugs available for us to fill - and DoaMcoN was happy to provide 24 oz cups with lids and straws to help keep ourselves hydrated while gaming.

Pricing: We will be offering 3 tiers for attendance this year. It is important to know that this is not a profit seeking endeavor for Dads on a Map, James, or Sanchez - all funds will be put directly into the convention via lodging, food, beer, swag, fun, giveaways, etc.

- Tier 1a: \$325 Triple Occupancy Lodging from Wednesday, Aug 27 Sun, Aug 31. Full access to on site facilities, gaming space & library, door prizes, with food and meals provided. *Limit 36*
- **Tier 1b: \$400** Double Occupancy Lodging from Wednesday, Aug 27 Sun, Aug 31. Full access to on site facilities, gaming space & library, door prizes, with food and meals provided. *Limit 24*.
- Tier 2: \$175 No lodging provided. Full access to on site facilities, gaming space & library, door
 prizes, with food and meals provided. Ideal for KC locals, guests looking for outside lodging, or
 overflow after we reach capacity. There is a Holiday Inn Express just down the street from the
 venue. Limit 20

Alcohol: BYOB and drink responsibly. Heartland is permitting us to have alcohol at our event with a special security deposit to ensure there are no issues or concerns with our group. There will be an expectation of responsible alcohol use, and especially an expectation to clean up after yourself and not leave anything around the property. Heartland does sometimes host recovery groups and youth groups, so you can understand why it is important that we keep the premises safe and welcoming for all. Dads on a Map was able to supply a plentiful community beer supply supplemented from our Patreon funds and hopes to do so again at DoaMcoN V. If you have specific individual styles, brands, or desires, you should plan to bring your own and mark it accordingly for sharing or not sharing.

Other Amenities: Heartland Retreat Center is on a sprawling outdoor campus with walking and running trails, an 18 hole disc golf course, basketball courts, sand volleyball, firepits, and so much more. These are all complimentary, and the retreat center does also offer paid premium activities like horseback riding, a ropes course, swimming, and more.

Payment: New payment info this year! Please send payment to Dads on a Map via one of several options. Full refunds may be requested from James before July 1, 2025.

We'd ask that all payments are submitted "Friends & Family, etc" so 100% of your payment goes towards the con.

Paypal: dadsonamap@gmail.com Venmo: @jwgeist00 (2253) CashApp: \$dadsonamap

DoaMcoN Code of Conduct:

- Treat everyone with respect. We are an inclusive group of Dads (and non Dads) that values kindness and acceptance towards everyone.
- Pick up after yourself. Be a good representative for DoaM so we might return to these facilities in the future if it works out well. Help us keep our living quarters and gaming space clean and tidy.
- Pitch in. Is the trash overflowing? Does the hall need a quick sweep of empty water bottles & beer cans? Are the water coolers running low? Grab a partner and help. There is no "event staff" at DoaMcoN, just the expectation of community partnership & helping out.
- Be mindful over other people's games and belongings. Keep your hands clean when handling other people's cardboard.
- Label any food/drink/item that you wish to not share. Thanks to our 2 fridge system we had a "sharing" fridge and a "hands off" fridge. It worked well.
- Drink responsibly. Alcohol is welcome, but please refrain from achieving severe intoxication. We
 are here to game and have fun and remember you are a representative of our great community
 while at this event.
- Registering for this event is an acceptance of the above terms. If you're found in violation of these, you may be asked to leave the event by the hosts, or disqualified from attending future events.

Are you ready? Send your payment and secure your spot for DoaMcoN V!

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