

THE NOMCAST

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Go SAN JAPAN GO!

SHOW NOTES





San Japan is a Japanese culture and [anime convention](#) held annually in [San Antonio, Texas](#). The event, which debuted in 2008, is San Antonio's first major anime convention and has developed into the largest fan-oriented convention in the city.

History

The San Japan group was formed in Fall 2005 devoted to bringing Japanese animation & cultural awareness to San Antonio. It was originally intended to debut as a 3-day convention in July 2007 but the event had to be postponed for one additional year due to issues with the original host location. To make up for the postponement, a one-day event called *San Japan : Zero Day Anime* was held at [Our Lady of the Lake University](#), in San Antonio, Texas on November 10, 2007. After a successful one-day convention, San Japan focused on its debut 3-day convention which was called *San Japan 1.5*. It received rave reviews & accolades in its debut.

Next, San Japan sponsored a second one-day convention called *Mizuumi-Con*, which was created after the success of *Zero Day Anime* as it happened on March 21, 2009. The second 3-day convention was called *San Japan 2.x* and the convention happened on August 14–16, 2009. *San Japan :3* moved to a new location in 2010 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel which is attached to the Rivercenter Mall. It is located at the heart of the [San Antonio River Walk](#). It concluded its fourth year in August 2011 at the San Antonio Rivercenter Hotel called *San Japan 4TW* (a pun on the popular internet acronym slang FTW). Starting in August 2012, San Japan will be moving to the [Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center](#) along with the [Grand Hyatt San Antonio](#) Hotel as its new permanent location. The 2012 convention will be called *San Japan: Mach 5*. San Japan has already announced dates for 2013 and 2014.

As of Feb. 2010, the Mizuumi Anime Club has taken over Mizuumi-Con and allowed it to be run entirely by themselves at [Our Lady of the Lake University](#) without the assistance of San Japan. Mizuumi-Con is now the second largest anime-focused fan convention in San Antonio with over 2000 people in 2012.

Event history

Date	Venue & Location	Attend.	Convention Guests
November 10, 2007	Our Lady of the Lake University San Antonio, Texas	815	Amelie Belcher, Josh Grelle , Samantha Inoue-Harte , The Snags, Team Sugoi, Larissa Wolcott
August 8–10,	San Antonio Municipal Auditorium & El	3,523	Hannah Alcorn , Christopher

2008	Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel San Antonio, Texas		Ayres, DM Ashura, Amelie Belcher, CapsuleCorp Cosplay, Patrick Delahanty, DigitalDimension Cosplay, Tiffany Grant, Josh Grelle, Samantha Inoue-Harte, Lord Katsuhiko Jinnai, Knuckle Sandwich, Maja, Vic Mignogna, Carli Mosier, Shoeless Cosplay, Smile.dk
March 21st, 2009	Our Lady of the Lake University San Antonio, Texas	1,416	Amelie Belcher, Josh Grelle, Samantha Inoue-Harte, The Slants
August 14–16, 2009	San Antonio Municipal Auditorium & El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel San Antonio, Texas	4,003	Christopher Ayres, Laura Bailey, Troy Baker, Amelie Belcher, LeetStreet Boys, CapsuleCorp Cosplay, DigitalDimension Cosplay, Shoeless Cosplay, Josh Grelle, Clarine Harp, Samantha Inoue-Harte, Kyle Hebert, Lord Katsuhiko Jinnai, LoliHolix, Jonathan Joss, Mega Ran, OverClocked ReMix, Wendy Powell, Antarctic Press, Carrie Savage, Travis Willingham, Tadahisa Yoshida, ZeaLouS1[7]
July 9–11, 2010	San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel San Antonio, Texas	5,049	Tina Anderson, Christopher Ayres, Greg Ayres, Amelie Belcher, Josh Grelle, Clarine Harp, Jonathan Joss, KESHIKI, The LoliHolix, Maja, R. K. Milholland, Antarctic Press, The Protomen, Carrie Savage, Michael Sinterniklaas, Micah Solusod, We *Heart* Card Games Productions, Resident Evil Residential Files, DigitalDimensionCosplay
August 5–7, 2011	San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel San Antonio, Texas	6,891	Airship Isabella, Amelie Belcher, Christopher Ayres, Caitlin Glass, Josh Grelle, Arin “Egoraptor” Hanson, Clarine Harp, Descendants of Erdrick, Rai Kamishiro, The LoliHolix, Bryan Massey, Carli Mosier, Brad Swaile, J. Michael Tatum, Chris

			"PRGuitarman" Torres, TWABI Productions, Shinichi Watanabe, We *Heart* Card Games Productions,
August 10–12, 2012	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center & Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel San Antonio, Texas	9,464	Amelie Belcher, Martin "LittleKuriboh" Billany, Christopher Ayres, Kara Edwards, Caitlin Glass, Josh Grelle, Arin "Egoraptor" Hanson, Hanyaan, Clarine Harp, Airship Isabella, John Patrick Lowrie, Ellen McLain, Carli Mosier, David "Docjazz4" Ramos, Carrie Savage, Kieran Strange, Christopher Sabat, The Slants, Sleeping Samurai, Teahouse Comics, Greg "Greggo" Wicker,
August 16-18, 2013	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center & Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel San Antonio, Texas		
July 18-20, 2014	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center & Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel San Antonio, Texas		

Mascot

The main female mascot for San Japan is **Sana**. The 'chibi' mascots names are **Hinode** (Armadillo), **Dios** (Bat), & **Suzaku** (Longhorn).



[Http://www.childsplaycharity.org](http://www.childsplaycharity.org)



Here's The Deal

Since 2003, we've set up and organized Child's Play, a game industry charity dedicated to improving the lives of children with toys and games in our network of over 70 hospitals worldwide. Over the years, you as a community have answered the call and come together to raise millions of dollars. Child's Play works in two ways. With the help of hospital staff, we set up gift wish lists full of video games, toys, books, and other fun stuff for kids. By clicking on a hospital location on our map, you can view that hospital's wish list and send a gift.

Child's Play also receives cash donations throughout the year. With those cash donations, we purchase new consoles, peripherals, games, and more for hospitals and therapy facilities. These donations allow

for children to enjoy age-appropriate entertainment, interact with their peers, friends, and family, and can provide vital distraction from an otherwise generally unpleasant experience.

Contact Information

- **Child's Play**
- 123 NW 36th St.
- Suite 210
- Seattle, WA 98107
- Facebook: [ChildsPlayCharity](#)
- Twitter: [@CPCharity](#)
- **Kristin Lindsay**, *Foundation Coordinator*
- Contact Kristin for hospital enrollment and inquiries and wishlist requests
- klindsay@childsplaycharity.org
- **Jamie Dillion**, *Project Manager*
- Contact Jamie for donation inquiries, corporate sponsorships, media inquiries, community fundraisers and event information
- jdillion@childsplaycharity.org

Does Child's Play charge administrative fees?

We try our best to have every dollar that comes in go right back to the hospitals, but there is a slight administrative cost that does get paid for with donations (for example, shipping thousands of consoles and games to hospitals worldwide is not free, sadly). Historically, these charges have not exceeded 6%. It's true that we're a non-profit, but unlike most non-profits, we're not in it to create a self-sustainable entity. We do it to give.

I want to volunteer! How can I help?

If you want to help out please contact the hospital directly (call the general number and ask about volunteering). If you don't live near one of the hospitals, then you can be a big help by contacting your local news agencies and asking them to do a story about Child's Play. The more people that hear about it, the more donations for the kids. You can also [put on your own fundraiser](#) for Child's Play.

How will these toys be used?

Items like the video game systems and games will be given to the hospitals and a child will essentially be able to check it out and have it placed in their room. Obviously the more systems and copies of each game they have the better. Other toys though will be given to individual children as presents. Something they can keep and take with them when they leave. To read about the effect of these donations, check out the [testimonials](#).

I'd like to donate via check. Where do I send it?

Please make the check out to Child's Play, and mail to:

Child's Play
123 NW 36th Street
Suite 210
Seattle WA 98107

Thank you, we really appreciate the support!

I want to use eBay/Missionfish to donate to Child's Play. How does that work?

Missionfish is a great resource for people to sell their used games, systems, or other items to benefit Child's Play. **Due to our promotion policy, items must be listed at 100% to Child's Play** If your auction is listed at anything but 100%, it will be canceled and you may lose your listing fees, so please do not list unless you are willing to donate full proceeds to Child's Play.

eBay has provided a great guide on setting up online auctions: [Six Easy Steps To Selling](#).

I'm a corporation. How can I help?

There are many ways to help out. We have [corporate sponsorship levels](#) we can discuss with you. We also participate in corporate gift matching programs. Please [contact us](#) for assistance.

Should I have my item gift wrapped by Amazon?

The hospitals have asked that the items not be wrapped. It generates a lot of waste that costs money to get rid of.

Can my donation or our event proceeds go to a specific facility?

Sure! When you send your check or PayPal donation, make a note to what hospital you would like your funds to benefit. Please email jdillion@childsplaycharity.org with your hospital request if necessary.

Since this is a charity donation I can deduct it from my taxes, right?

If you are donating via Paypal, each hospital's charity tax ID number is included in the information section on its wish list. Use your confirmation email as a receipt. If you are making a cash donation, Child's Play's own tax ID number is **20-3584556**. If you have any questions about how this works, please ask your tax adviser.

Can I send you my used games or console?

We cannot accept used items. If you or someone you know would like to donate used games or game equipment, please consider an alternate game charity:

- GameSchool (<http://www.stargameschool.org/>)
Contact: Jarrod Wolkowitz (gameschool@starinc.org)
- DonateGames (<http://www.donategames.org>)

Contact: support@DonateGames.org
• Vinny's Kids (<http://www.vinnyskids.org/>)
Contact: Vinny Cherry vinnyskids@gmail.com

I'd like to donate via Paypal. How do I do so?

There is a donate through Paypal link on our [Donate](#) page. If you are setting up a donation widget for your fundraiser or website, our Paypal address is **donate@childsplaycharity.org**.

As a partner hospital, how do we update our wishlist?

Email a list of items you would like added or removed to jdillion@childsplaycharity.org and we will update your wishlist as soon as possible. Please include links to the items.

How come there aren't any stuffed animals on the wish lists?

We cannot accept any stuffed animals. The hospitals tell us that these sorts of toys collect germs and aren't good for the kids. If you would like to donate stuffed animals, you can send them to [Vinny's Kids](#) - they sanitize them and donate them to facilities that can accept them.

What Paypal account I should direct widget donations to?

To direct donations to our Paypal, please use donate@childsplaycharity.org.

I'd like to plan an event. Can you help me?

We have lots of information about planning your own Child's Play event [here](#). If you have read that information and still have questions, feel free to [contact us](#).

Can you include my local hospital in Child's Play?

Possibly! The ideal new hospital is far from other hospitals since we'd like to get even coverage, and not duplicate effort. If you want your local hospital to get involved contact their Fundraising, Child Life, or Play Therapy department and tell them about us. If they are interested in joining, ask them to email Kristin Lindsay -klindsay@childsplaycharity.org for details on applying.

Can I request a specific item for my local hospital's wish list?

We can try to accommodate your request, but it will also depend on what sort of items the hospital has asked for. Please feel free to email Jamie at jdillion@childsplaycharity.org to find out if we can add your item.



a shark and its tablet

My blog for artwork.

ps. nsfw every now and then.

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Themonator theme by Anthagio.

Post icons by P.J. Onori.

SHARK ART aka Commissions

Commissions shall be open 24/7 for the rest of my poor life unless something stops me.

I'll be collecting money through **Paypal**, please send me an email in order to get contact information, payment information and so on and so forth.

You can contact me through email here:

- uretnik@hotmail.com

Guidelines:

1. Multiple characters/backgrounds will cost extra. (Simpler characters are +\$2, complicated ones are +\$5, backgrounds are +\$10/15 depending on complicity)
2. I can give just about anything a shot, I have a pretty open mind. Though, I have the right to decline your commission when I deem fit.
3. I will start on your commission *after* I receive the payment.

\$3 dollar Commissions (B/W or Color)

SKETCH

Examples: [Color](#), [Color](#)

\$5 dollar Commissions (B/W or Color)

SKETCH + LINEWORK

Examples: [Color](#), [Color](#), [Color](#)

\$6 - 8 dollar Commissions (B/W or Color)

(CLEAN) LINEWORK

Examples: B/W+Multiple OC's

\$10 - 15 dollar Commissions (B/W or Color)

LINEWORK + FLAT COLORS/(B/W SHADING)

Examples: \$16 Color+Multiple OC's, \$15 B/W, \$12 B/W+Multiple OC's, \$10 B/W

\$20 - 30 dollar Commissions (B/W or Color + Shading)

LINEWORK + COLORS + SHADING

Examples: \$30 Color+Shading+Multiple OC's, \$22 Color+Shading+Multiple OC's, \$20 Color+Shading

\$50+ dollar Commissions (B/W or Color + Shading + my right hand)

LINEWORK + COLORS + SHADING + MY RIGHT HAND

Examples: Color+Shading+Multiple OC's

Prices are according to the estimated amount of time it takes me to work on your piece. Sketches are fast and simple, but fully drawn, colored, shaded pieces can take me a day or two or three. **Prices are negotiable.**

Everything will be done in **Paint Tool Sai!** If you wish for a particular texture, ask! (Like if you prefer binary to pen)

Thank you in advance everyone! I would really appreciate it if you got the word out for me.

ART STUFF

<http://uretnik.tumblr.com/tagged/sketches>

<http://tewi.us/tegaki/uentries.php?u=55233>

<http://tewi.us/tegaki/uentries.php?u=111422>

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