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GALVESTON CVB GIVES THUMBS UP TO ESPORTS SUMMIT

GALVESTON, TX - The Board of Directors of the Galveston Island Convention and Visitors Bureau gave the green light to the upcoming Galveston Island Esports Summit scheduled to take place at the Galveston Island Convention Center, November 6 - 8, 2020.

In a show of support and to confirm event sponsorship, the Galveston CVB board welcomes the event as a signal that the Island is open for business and looks forward to reinstating the conventions and meetings that were lost due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Event organizers, Mary Jo Naschke and Johnny Steverson, restated their commitment to present a safe and healthy family event. Working closely with convention center staff to develop a workable health protocol, the event will encourage protective masks, supply hand sanitizer, distance attendees by creating paths and spreading out activities to discourage crowding.

ESports is an offshoot of foosball, pinball and related computer digital applications that now has a world fanbase estimated to be around 454 million people. Fans flock to meet celebrities who are known for competitive acumen and 'game voices'. Summits are conventions of sort where attendees go to play, observe games, meet celebrities, see the latest in apps, and merchandise, view exhibits and 3D creations, and mingle with one another comparing notes on their favorite teams and competitors. Some come costumed depicting the games they follow.

The Galveston Island Esports Summit 2020 theme is Space and Sci-fi and will feature exhibitors ranging from gaming publishers and developers, local crafts and companies, including NASA, and special guests. Gaming celebrities will serve on panels highlighting current games and companies, with introductions to indie games. Event experiences include tournaments showcasing games from all genres and platforms, actors Michele Specht and Richard Dorton, Facebook Streamers NuggetBabe and Immortal Griff. There will be an arcade lounge for free play, handheld lounge, PC area to try new games, virtual reality and indie games section, tabletop gaming and Cosplay costume contest. A highlight is the HackNebula Hackathon sponsored by Sanju that will begin Saturday, noon. and end Sunday, noon. A Hackathon is where attendees will collaborate on computer programming. A competitive activity, winners will be awarded prizes.

The Galveston Island Esports Summit hours are Friday, 10 am – 7 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 7 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 5 pm.

Event badges are available at www.galvestonesports.com.

Follow the event at Facebook.com/GalvestonEsports/; twitter.com/GalvestonEsports; Instagram.com/GalvestonEsports/ Contact M.J. Naschke for sponsorship or exhibit space at mj@mjnpr.com (409) 762-3930.

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