

Baldylox's Star Wars Celebration FAQ

Thank you for taking the time to read through the Celebration FAQ. This FAQ is intended to be a fluid document with updates and changes as information is revealed.

There is a lot of information to be found on the Celebration Website with regards to the official show info. START THERE! <http://www.starwarscelebration.com>. If the site does not have the info you seek, read through this FAQ. If the info is not in the FAQ, its either unknown or not available yet. keyword yet :P

Ticketing

4 Day Tickets are sold out, how do i find one?

1. first and foremost, start here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/257890457964550/>
2. Keep an eye on ReedPop, they may open more tickets
3. last resort, Ebay and other ticket re-sellers

Hotels:

Where should i stay?

1. Use the official celebration page to find a local hotel first. if there are none available, via the service, call those hotels directly. there are ALWAYS rooms that can be found.
2. check further out of the area via a Google map search, you might even save a few bucks
3. Don t get a hotel, try airbnb/vrbo or similar sites to rent an apt or house with some people
4. also try the our ticket group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/257890457964550/>
5. Campus Map - https://www.occc.net/pdf/Map_campusmap.pdf

First Time Attendee:

1. What should i do? Do what YOU want to do. check the schedule, check lists, check the parties, but don't OVERDUE it! There is a lot to do and a lot to take in.
2. Do you have to wait in a lot of lines? YES, its part of the experience. Embrace it and enjoy it!
3. What is the difference between and Stage and Room Panels? The Stage are usually the bigger attractions, ie and hour with Mark Hamill, EP8 Preview, Opening/Closing Ceremonies. (3000-6000 people depending on stage room size) The Room panels are much smaller. These can fit several dozen to several hundred. They are special interest panels. ie collecting vintage action figures, LucasArts gaming, etc.
4. Wristbands? what are those for? SWCE16 started a wrist band system to track and aid in getting fans into lines for the major stage panels. You basically waited in line to get a wristband, then that would allow you to line up in another line for that specific panel. Ive heard mixed feelings on how well it worked and no idea if that will be the case for Orlando. Good break down here: <http://blabbathehutt.net/news/celebration-london/smart-queuing-star-wars-celebration-europe/>
5. What should I take to the show, once inside? There are lots of posts and websites that have covered this probably better than I ever will. Here is my insight from conventions I've attended.
 - Bring a small LIGHT WEIGHT folding chair. Due to all the line waiting. This is a must
 - Small Backpack – you will want to carry some small snacks, water bottle, deodorant, WET WIPES or Sanitizing Gel, spare batteries/charger for your devices, tic tacs/gum (lots of talking, don't have bad breath), SWAG, handkerchief or small rag (sweating and sneezing), cards (lines...), ipad (lines...), Pass the Pigs (greatest game ever and lines.....) and anything else you MUST have

- Camera/Spare Cards – I'm an avid photog and carry my DSLR, but remember, its all gets heavy lugging it around all day. I suggest a nice Point N Shoot or your phone.
- One of the more important things for me is a 1 inch 3 ring binder. I like to use this to keep my photos, autographs, fliers, patches and anything else I snag that I don't want bent and crumpled up.
- I buy lots of art and collect posters. A nice expandable solid plastic poster tube is far superior to anything cardboard and relatively cheap on amazon. ~20\$ HIGHLY recommended. Don't travel home with your 300\$ in art and have it damaged.

Autograph/Photo Sessions:

1. How do you get autographs and photos? In the past the autographs are on a ticket system.
2. How much do they cost? Each ticket is @20-30\$ in value. a Guest will require X number of tickets to obtain that autograph. Photo sessions are NOT on the same ticket system. you buy a voucher to line up when that guest starts the photo session.
3. How do we know who/when? A schedule of the celebs will be available on the website, the app, and a giant poster in the autograph/photo hall.
4. Topps is the new vendor for both of these activities. There has been no COA (cert of auth) at previous celebrations. Topps does however use security foils to legitimize their products.

Celebration Store:

1. What is this store? The Celebration Store is the in house retail location of all the "official" show merchandise. ie t-shirts, plush toys, some collectibles, etc etc
2. Is the store available online? YES there is a version of the store online, but it only sells previous show merchandise offered by ReedPop. There has been a web list in previous years with what you will be able to buy at the show listed online.
3. I heard it is chaos? Yes and No. As with every store, the masses will congregate, be rude, make a mess and cause trouble. It is my recommendation to preview the web store items online, know what you want, and get in line to get it. Things that sell out fast and are part of the chaos are the show pins. If you can manage to wait to buy after day 1, it is less likely to be a madhouse, BUT the lines will still be long to enter and pay. be prepared!

Pin Trading Program & SWAG:

1. I keep hearing about pins, can you elaborate? The Pin Trading Program is something ReedPop does to promote intermingling of fans, exhibitors and store sales. Its quite fun if you are into meeting people, searching and spending money :P Assuming 2017 is like any other show, the Pin program will be revealed via the SWCO website. They will offer pre-order of pin sets and usually 1 set for each month prior to the show for the first leading 3 months (tshirts too). At the show, the store will be selling individual pins and/or blind packs to complete the full collection. In addition, certain exhibitors/vendors will have an exclusive pin. Spend 20\$ get a pin.
2. How does one actually get all the pins? Pretty easy. Group up, pool your resources, and use Facebook/Twitter/Ebay. Once the pins are revealed and people have them in hand, trading will start up and the hunt begins :D Don't be shy!
3. What is SWAG? Swag is a general term used to describe free show merchandise that was offered by exhibitors/vendors. It has grown to be much much more. it now encompasses the attendees as well. Attendees will create buttons, patches, 3D prints, etc and hand them out

(for free or scavenger hunt) through out the show. Some of the Swag is part of a larger collection of SWAG. ie get 7 collector patches from the troop groups on the floor and assemble those 7 to reveal a larger cool swaggerific item. Some folks have button cards. each card holds 4 buttons. 1 button a day is handed out. if you get all 4 you have a cool button display.

4. How do you find the SWAG? This is part of the fun of a show. sometimes you never know. its just random. Myself, i hand out buttons. I take a photo of myself the day of the show to let people know what i look like. You bump into me, say hello, ask about my buttons, BOOM! free swag to you. Some people post "ill be in the food court at 1pm, come trade!" Others, might use only twitter, some may ask you trivia, some just never announce anything and just hand out as they see fit. Another source is the rebelscum.com forums. there is a swag section for Orlando.

5. This FB group will be doing its best to track known swag traders.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/swcoswag/>

Transportation/Baggage/Food etc:

How do i get to/from Airport?

1. check with your hotel for their shuttle
2. Uber/Lyft
3. Public Transportation - Bus,Taxi
4. Other Shuttles - there are often shuttles for trade shows. use the Google machine to check
5. Bag options - <https://www.maketraveleasier.com/bagsvip>
6. Parking Info - https://www.occc.net/pdf/Info_ExhibitorParking.pdf

Are there hotel Shuttles to OCCC?

1. I have attended other conventions at OCCC when there were shuttles from parking areas and hotels outside the "circle" near OCCC. Most of the 'circle' hotels do not. This info may change as we get closer to the show

West Building Food Options - https://www.occc.net/pdf/Info_CenterplateRetailLocationsWest.pdf

More information is coming soon. Ie Food Trucks and which shops are actually open for this con.

West Building Layout - Not SWC Specific - https://www.occc.net/pdf/MM_WOverview.pdf

Cosplay/Trooping:

1. How should i transport my equipment? The EASIEST is to box it up and ship it to your hotel to arrive a few days before you do, then ship it home.
2. Shipping is not an option, i have to take it on my plane - If this is the case, i would first make a complete TYPED easy to read list of your items. Place this list in a protective sleeve and insert that on top of your items in your packed luggage. DO NOT try and carry-on any 'blasters, sabers, etc.' you are just asking to be delayed by security.
3. Any more advice? If you are part of Saber Guild, 501st, etc talk to your garrison. they do this all the time. They will have the best info.
4. Is the cosplay contest difficult to enter? I've never entered, but it is fantastic to watch. the effort and time put into the costumes is amazing. There is info on the Celebration website to enter.

Parties:

There are parties at Celebrations? YES, several in fact.

Wednesday 4/12

[Rebelforce Radio Celebration Bash](#) - Hilton Orlando – 7PM-12AM

[Forechella – SW Karaoke](#) - <https://www.facebook.com/events/235153173562983/>

[The Officially Unofficial 'Star Wars Action News' Pre-Celebration Celebration Dinner](#)

[Flying Solo pre Celebration group meet up.](#)

Thursday 4/13

[Star Wars Collector's Archive Bash](#) - Hyatt Regency - 7-10PM - \$25-150\$

[Rebel Legion Gala](#) - Maggiano's at Point Orlando – 7-10PM

[Drowning in Moonlight - Tribute to Carrie Fisher](#) -

Friday 4/14

[The Imperial Commissary - IC Meet Up](#)

[501st Celebration Banquet \(Members Only\)](#) - Hyatt Regency - SOLD OUT

[Star Wars Galactic Nights](#) - Disney World Hollywood Studios - 7PM-12AM - \$129

[A Celebration of Worship hosted by Hero Ministries](#) - Hilton Orlando - 7:30-8:30PM - FREE

Saturday 4/15

[501st Celebration Bash](#) - Hyatt Regency - 8PM-2AM - \$100

[Rey FB Group planning a photo session](https://www.facebook.com/groups/198163220647746/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/198163220647746/>

Artist Alley:

1. What is the Artist Alley? This is a location on the show floor set aside for an art gallery and the artists that are attending this Celebration
2. Is the art for sale? YES! You might be able to pre-order some of the art as well. keep an eye on the Celebration website
3. Am I able to get the artists to sign my work? For Sure! That is one of the reason they are there as well, to meet their fans.

Tattoo Pavilion:

1. Info is best listed at the celebration website. Artists are already being posted.

Exclusives:

1. What are the exclusives for SWCO? TBD - examples. Hasbro, Funko, Lego, Hallmark, Hot Wheels are certainly to have some items.
2. How are these obtained? Waiting in line :P Each of the vendors will have X number of exclusives to sell and probably limited to X number per day or use a ticket system. If you are a toy hunter, its best to be inline early and head to the vendors immediately.
3. What is the ticket system? As exclusives become more in demand and to make sure they are "evenly" spread out to those who are trying to get them, the companies may issue a Ticket or 2. to you at X time. Then they will direct you to another line or another day to pick up item for your ticket(s).

Hasbro – TBD

Funko – TBD – 99% Confirmed Pop! Rebels Thrawn

Hallmark – TBD

Hot Wheels – TBD

Lego – TBD

Kotobukiya: PIC coming soon

- 0-0-0 (Triple Zero) and BT-1 Celebration Exclusive Artfx (2-pack) which will come with an "Adi Granov bonus."
- R2-X2 Celebration Exclusive Artfx
- R5-D4 Celebration Exclusive Artfx
- R4-M9 Celebration Exclusive Artfx

Whats missing?? PM Brett Isaacs with details, additions or updates.