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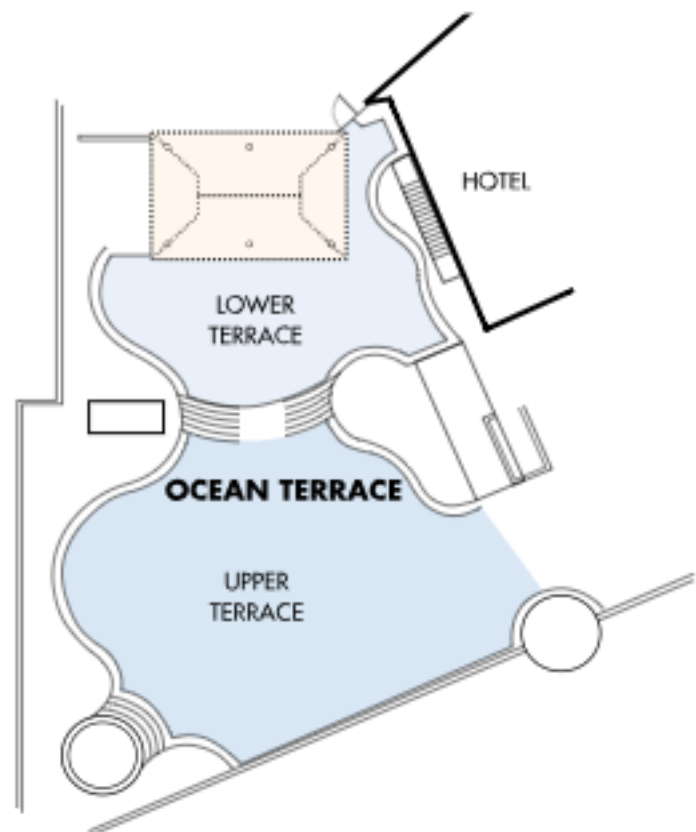
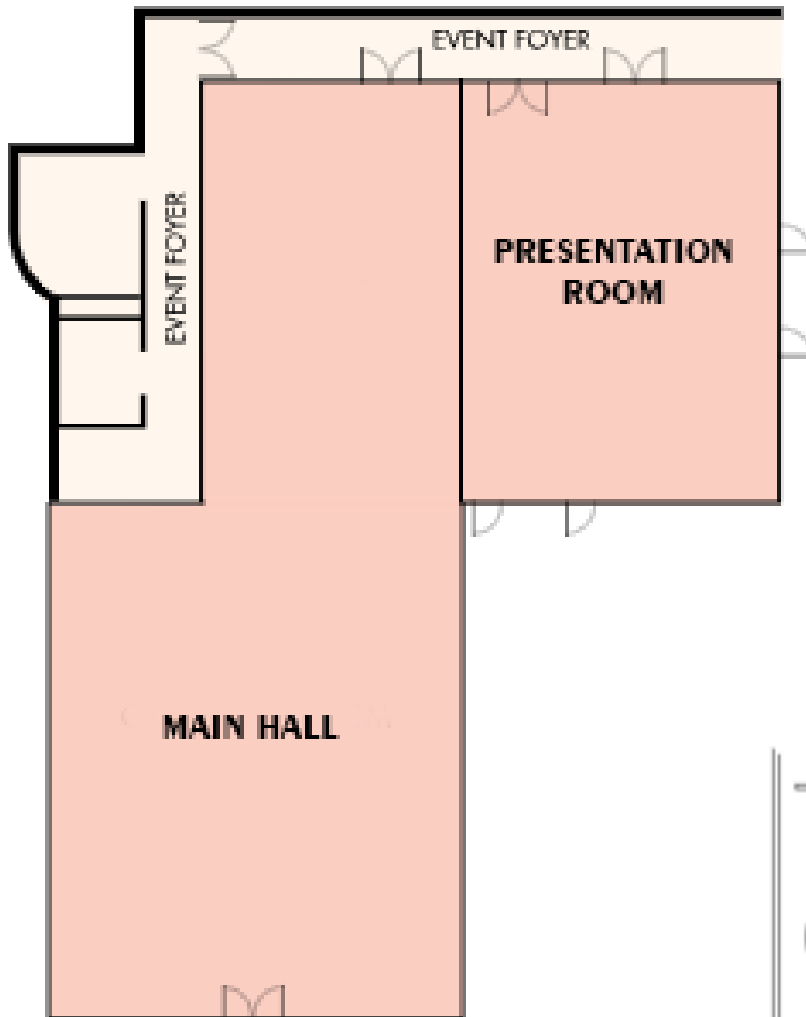
EDITION

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# MERCSCON

## EVENTS MAP





# WELCOME!

Can you feel it? I know I can. MercsCon is right on our doorstep and the fruits of 2 years hard work will be plucked from the shores of Daytona Beach in Florida.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I intend to have a great time with you all. It's important to get those personal connections and that truly is the goal of this event. Both I and the Council are committed to making this event work and to communicate both ways with all of our members attending.

The Mercs have always been committed to charity, education and supporting our members. It will be amazing to see such a large thinktank of talented members coming together with their families to share these experiences together.

I'd also like to take time to thank those who have spent many of their volunteer hours bringing this event to conclusion. There have been many helping out and it's impossible to thank everyone individually as a lot of members have put their individual (and family) lives on hold for this event. So thank you to all of you.

Remember, this is conference, not a convention, it's a meeting to discuss the club and its membership, every member here will have direct access to the leadership of the club and I want to make it known that the Council is there to listen as well as talk.

No matter how you have got here, getting here is the most important thing, sit back, have fun and get involved.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Tom Hutchens  
Mandalore the Uniter

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Tom introduces the event.

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Friday's events and the extra events for the weekend.

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## On the cover

Kurshi BeJahaal of Rancor Clan on the hunt for a Wookiee trader on Kashyyyk.

Photo by Joshua Estep.

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# FRIDAY SCHEDULE

## MAIN HALL

### 13.00 OPENING CEREMONY

JOIN MANDALORE AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### 14.30 COUNCIL ADMIN TEAMS

JOIN THE ADMIN TEAM LEADERS, THEIR ROLES, THEIR PLANS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP OR BECOME A PART OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL SIDE OF THE CLUB.

### 16.00 APPS TEAM AND BRIGADES

THE PERSONNEL OFFICER AND BRIGADIER DISCUSS THE CREATIVE SIDE OF THE CLUB AND ARE JOINED WITH A VARIETY OF TEAM MEMBERS AND EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE CHALLENGES OF RUNNING THOSE DEPARTMENTS, THE INITIATIVES AND HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE SOLUTIONS.

## PRESENTATION STAGE

### 14.30 BASICS OF LEATHERCRAFT

TOM HUTCHENS TAKES YOU THROUGH THE BASIC SKILLS AND TOOLS YOU WILL NEED TO BEGIN WITH LEATHERCRAFTING FOR A MANDALORIAN KIT.

### 16.00 KELDABE TALK RADIO

JOIN THE KTR TEAM AS THEY TALK ABOUT ALL THINGS MERCS WHILST RECORDING THEIR PODCAST, IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU MAY BE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

### 18.00 GAMING NIGHT

SPONSORED BY TOP TRUMPS. BRING OUT A BOARD GAME, ROLEPLAY, LEARN HOW TO PLAY TOP TRUMPS AND EVEN WARGAME IF YOU CAN FIT THE MINIATURES IN YOUR FLIGHT LUGGAGE!

## EXTRA EVENTS HELD AT MERCSCON

### 18.00 FRIDAY

POOL PARTY AT OCEAN TERRACE RESORT POOL

COME JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE POOL FOR SOME LATE NIGHT FUN AND CAMARADERIE.

### 18.00 SATURDAY

MERCS GROUP MEAL TICKETED ONLY EVENT

DINE AND SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN A RELAXED AND FOOD FILLED ENVIRONMENT.

### 19.00 SATURDAY

KARAOKE DAYTONA BEACH

INVADGE ONE OF THE BARS ON DAYTONA BEACH WITH FRIENDS AND SING TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

# SATURDAY SCHEDULE

## MAIN HALL

### 09.00 VER'ALORE AND MARKETING ROUND TABLE

THE MARKETING TEAM OPEN THE FLOOR FOR A ONE ON ONE DISCUSSION REGARDING THOSE BURNING QUESTIONS

### 10.30 REGIONAL COMMANDER AND ALOR'AD ROUND TABLE

AN OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ISSUES OF RUNNING THE CLUB AND HOW THE CLUB CAN HELP.

### 13.00 WOMEN'S COSTUMING

A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE UNIQUE TRIALS OF TROOPING AS A FEMALE, FROM PLATE MANAGEMENT TO DEALING WITH HARRASSMENT. OPEN TO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN.

### 14.30 TECH TEAM TALK

THE BOFFINS IN CHARGE OF THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE CLUB DISCUSS ALL THINGS TECHNICAL! THEY EVEN PROMISE TO INTRODUCE A NEW TOY THEY'VE MADE FOR ALL OF US TO GET EXCITED ABOUT.

### 16.00 COUNCIL GET TOGETHER

THE COUNCIL WILL LET YOU IN ON WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS, WHAT'S AFFECTING THE CLUB AND HOW, AS A GROUP THEY INTEND TO GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. Q&A WILL OCCUR.

### 19.00 X-WING TOURNAMENT AND GAMING NIGHT

JOIN MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO AND A TOURNAMENT TO THE X-WING BOARDGAME. IF THAT'S NOT YOUR THING THEN YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN GAME, ROLEPLAY OR LEARN A GAME FROM ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.

## PRESENTATION STAGE

### 09.00 FIRESIDE CHAT WITH MANDALORE

MANDALORE OPENS THE FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS ON THE CLUB. THERE MAY NOT BE A FIRE.

### 10.30 MMCC MERCHANDISE

THE QM TEACHES ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB AND ITS MERCH, FROM THE FIRST PATCH TO THE LATEST TEE.

### 14.30 BASICS OF ARMOR MAKING

TOM HUTCHENS GUIDES YOU THROUGH THE TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES NEEDED TO MAKE ARMOR OUT OF METAL.

### 19.00 SWAG SWAP

BRING YOUR SPARES, BRING THOSE CLAN TEES AND DO A BIG SWAP WITH EACH OTHER.



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

## MAIN HALL

### 09.00 SOCIAL MEDIA

THE PR OFFICER IS JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA, ITS IMPACT, ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS.

### 10.30 MMCC COMMITTEES

MANDALORE DISCUSSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOLUNTEER LED ADMINISTRATION BODIES.

### 13.00 CLOSING CEREMONIES

WE CELEBRATE ALL WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE, BASED ON WHAT WE'VE LEARNED HERE AT MERCSCON.

## PRESENTATION STAGE

### 09.00 THE GALACTIC SENATE

MANDALORE DISCUSSES THE NEW INITIATIVE BETWEEN THE COSTUMING CLUBS AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE MMCC.

### 10.30 MMCC CLAN HISTORY

THE CAO DISCUSSES THE HISTORY OF THE CLANS AND HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE. WE ALSO LOOK AT HOW WE ARE PROGRESSING FOR THE FUTURE.

# EVENT HOUSE RULES

1. MERCSCON WILL BE CLASSED AS A NON-COSTUMED EVENT FOR ALL OFFICIAL MEMBER PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE PAID ENTRY TO THE EVENT MEANING THEY WILL GET A NON COSTUMED TROOP ATTENDANCE ON THEIR RECORD.
2. CONSEQUENTLY MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP IN MIND THE MMCC CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIRED DURING EVENTS, BE MINDFUL OF CHILDREN ATTENDING. ALL MEMBERS MUST ADHERE TO HOTEL POLICIES AND RULES.
3. ONLY ALCOHOL PURCHASED AT THE HOTEL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE MERCSCON ARENA, WHAT YOU DO IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR ROOM IS UP TO YOU.
4. CONSEQUENTLY, STAFF HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REFUSE TO SERVE TO ANY MEMBER THEY DEEM TO BE EXCESSIVELY INTOXICATED, VIOLENT OR ANY MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED TO THEM BY A MEMBER OF THE MERCS EVENTS STAFF AND OR COUNCIL. PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY.
5. COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOSHOOTS.
6. MEMBERS FOUND ACTING INAPPROPRIATELY, ANTISOCIALY OR DANGEROUSLY MAY HAVE THEIR TICKETS REVOKED, THE HOTEL WILL BE IN FULL RIGHTS TO REMOVE ANYONE CAUSING AN ISSUE WITHOUT REFUND.
7. DO NOT CONGREGATE IN THE HOTEL LOBBY OR ANY OTHER PLACE THAT MAY DISTURB OTHER GUESTS AND HOTEL STAFF. ALSO NOTE THAT THERE IS A STATE CURFEW OF 10PM FOR LOUD NOISES AND MUSIC.

# TOM'S SCHEDULE

He's everyone's favorite Mandalore and he's going to be a busy bunny over MercsCon, so if you want to know what he's up to during the event, here's where you can catch him.



## FRIDAY 14.30 **BASICS OF LEATHERCRAFT**

ON THE PRESENTATION STAGE, MANDALORE WILL BE DISCUSSING

1. BASIC TOOLS AND THEIR USES.
2. CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEATHER.
3. BASIC LEATHERWORKING TECHNIQUES

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR LONG.

## SATURDAY 09.30 **FIRESIDE CHAT**

ON THE PRESENTATION STAGE, MANDALORE WILL OPEN THE ROOM FOR QUESTIONS. SO, IF THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY YOU'D LIKE TO ASK ABOUT THE CLUB THEN HE'S HERE AND LISTENING.

THIS EVENT IS AN HOUR LONG.

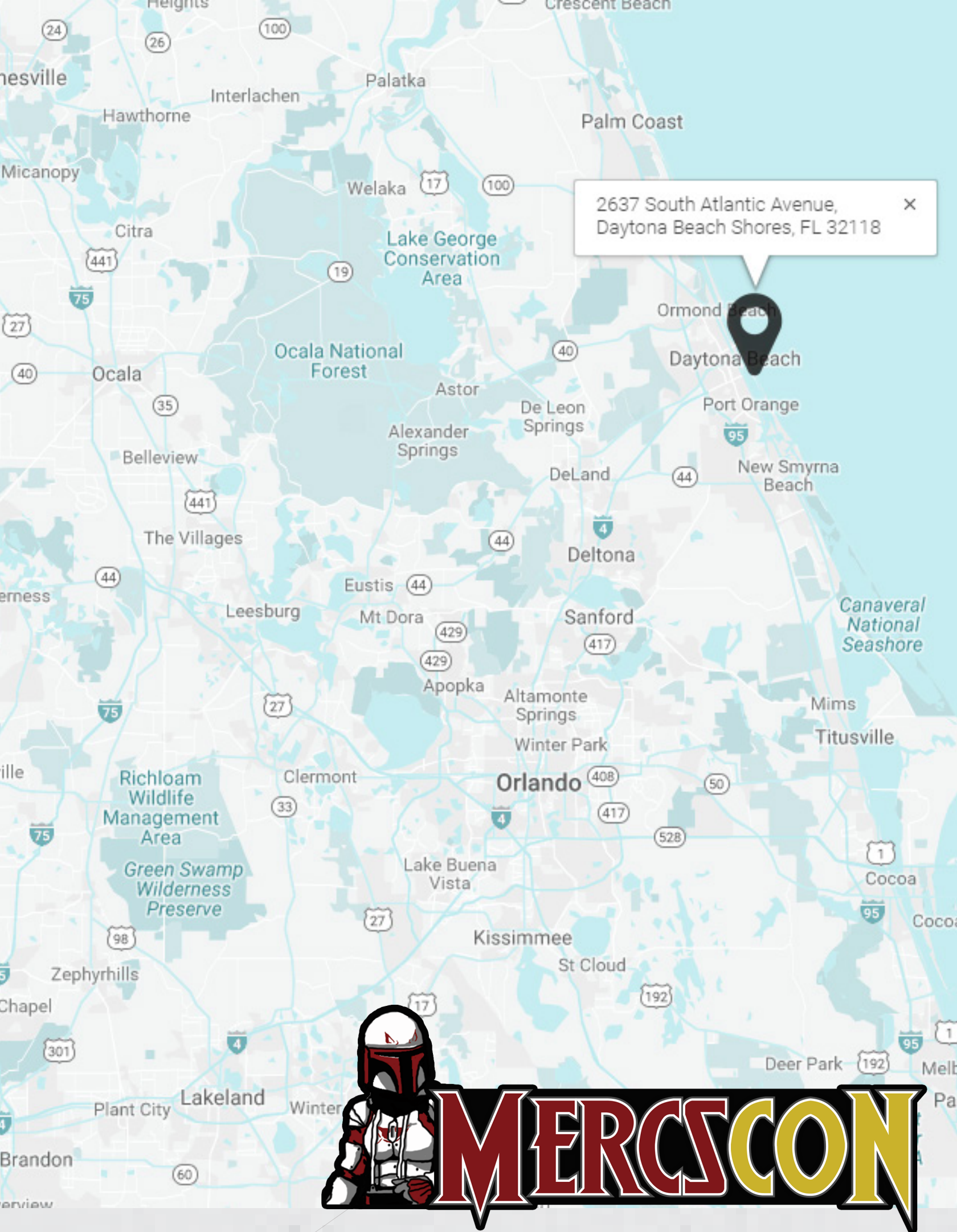
## SATURDAY 14.30 **BASICS OF METALCRAFT**

ON THE PRESENTATION STAGE, MANDALORE WILL BE DISCUSSING

1. BASIC TOOLS AND THEIR USES.
2. CHOOSING THE RIGHT METAL,
3. BASIC FORMING TECHNIQUES.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR LONG.







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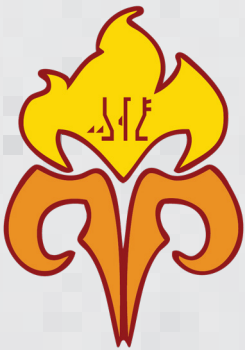
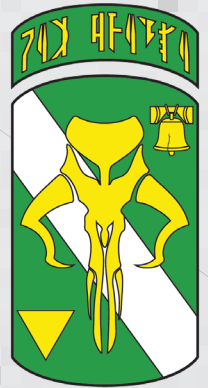


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# *MERCSCON WILL INVOLVE THE MEETING OF THE FOLLOWING CLANS (AND HOUSE).*







# *The Shores*

## RESORT & SPA

Address: 2637 S Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118, USA

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### Hotel details

Facing the Atlantic, this polished, beachfront resort is 5 miles from the lively Daytona Beach Boardwalk.

Bright rooms and suites featuring country-chic decor and 4-poster beds with sheer canopy curtains have flat-screen TVs, DVD players and iPod docks, plus free Wi-Fi and minibars. Some units have balconies with ocean views and separate sitting areas. Room service is available.

Property amenities include a saltwater pool with tiki bar, an oceanfront seafood restaurant, a full-service spa (fee), a fitness center and beachfront fire pits with complimentary s'mores ingredients.

Paid parking

Outdoor pool

Air-conditioned

Laundry service

Business centre

Room service

Child friendly

Restaurant

Hot tub

Spa

Fitness centre

Bar

Smoke-free

