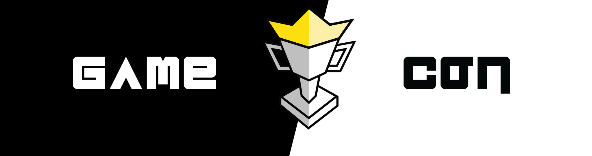
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**NORTHWEST STATE’s gaming and pop culture convention**

**‘game con’ to return in june**

*Archbold, Ohio* – Northwest State Community College is bringing back Game Con, “the premier pop culture convention,” on Saturday, June 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The convention is run by Northwest State and NSCC Thunder, the college’s official Esports team. **The event is free to attend, and all ages are welcome.**

Game Con will feature many events and competitions, some returning and some new. They include a 100-player *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* Tournament with a $600 prize pool, a Cosplay Contest with a $500 prize pool, a Yu-Gi-Oh Card Game Tournament with a Yu-Gi-Oh related prizes, and other open activities available to all attendees.

**PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE…**

Some of the open activities scheduled for Game Con include:

* Artists, Vendors, and Authors
* Various Panels
* *Dungeons & Dragons* Character Creation Workshop
* Open Console Play with Nintendo Switches, PlayStations, and Many More Consoles
* Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences
* Food Trucks, Open *LEGO* Build Stations, and More!

**THANKS TO THE EVENT SPONSORS…**

Event sponsors currently include Worthington Industries, Sauder Manufacturing, Bryan GameStop, and N.W.O. Gamers.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION…**

Additional information, including pre-registration links, photos, etc., are available at **NorthwestState.edu/GameCon**. Follow NSCC Thunder on social media at **Instagram.com/NSCCThunder**, **Twitter.com/NSCCThunder**,and **Facebook.com/NSCCThunder** for more information about vendors, events, and other Game Con news.

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