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### **One fifth of Naka-Kon staff to assist with Kansas City sci-fi con**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Eight members of the [Naka-Kon Anime Convention](#) staff will volunteer their time at [ConQuesT](#), a Kansas City science fiction convention. ConQuesT will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

“This is [ConQuesT]’s 40<sup>th</sup> year, so there is some great experience and knowledge among their planning committee,” said Jackie Bowin, Naka-Kon Convention Committee member.

“[Naka-Kon] staff and directors had expressed a desire to trade work with them and see how things went in another convention in our area.”

Three Convention Committee members and five sector directors will spend their three-day weekend learning ConQuesT tips and tricks for running event programming tracks; a Con Suite, a free room with snacks and drinks for attendees; a costume contest; and many other staple convention activities. Convention staff will also have the opportunity to work with Hyatt employees: a bonus, since Naka-Kon will be held at the Hyatt on February 19-21, 2010.

Naka-Kon Anime Convention is organized and operated by approximately 40 uncompensated volunteer staff members, many of whom are students and most of whom live in

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the greater Kansas City area. Naka-Kon was first held in 2005 at the University of Kansas Memorial Union in Lawrence, Kan. The one-day convention was free and attracted approximately 300 attendees. In 2009, nearly 3,000 attendees gathered at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center for a three-day, paid convention. Traditional features include industry guests, panels, game shows, contests, showings rooms, a vendor room and a video game room.

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