

Day	Venue	Time	Name	Host	Description
Fri Oct 3	YWCA Trout	5:00P-8:00P	Registration	IL Merpod Staff	Your first stop at Sunset MerCon!
	YWCA Pool	6:00P-7:00P	Monofin Mixer	Adela Red	Not sure what fin might fit you best? Worried about sizing or propulsion? Look no further! Join your podmates at the best informational and hands-on panel about monofin options.
	YWCA Bluegill	6:00P-7:00P	UW Modeling Basics and Safety	Anatoliy Pak (GOH)	Dive into the art of underwater modeling with this essential panel covering everything you need to get started. Learn how underwater modeling differs from dry land posing, how to position your body gracefully, control your buoyancy, work with light, express emotion, and tap into the concept of flow. Perfect for beginners or anyone looking to elevate their underwater presence.
	YWCA Pool	6:00P-8:45P	Halloween Swim	IL Merpod Staff	Get creative at the Halloween Swim! From dark sirens to cosplay crossovers, we cant wait to see what you do! Pool is shared from 6-7 use Deep End, and from 7-8:45 use shallow end
	YWCA Pool	7:00P-7:45P	UW Modeling Workshop - In Water	Anatoliy Pak (GOH)	Put your knowledge into practice in this hands-on follow-up to the panel. In the pool, you'll apply key underwater modeling skills like body positioning, buoyancy control, working with light, and expressive movement. Get real-time feedback and experience the concept of flow in action. Ideal for those ready to take the next step in mastering their underwater presence.
	YWCA Pool	7:45P-8:45P	Underwater Photoshoot	Anatoliy Pak (GOH)	Capture your mermaid magic in a professional underwater photoshoot! Price: \$120 per person and includes one professionally edited digital image. Additional edits are available for \$40 each. Participants are encouraged to attend the Underwater Modeling Basics dry panel and in-water workshop for best results.
	YWCA Pool	8:45P-9:00P	Meditation	IL Merpod Staff	Meditative float in the pool with low lighting. Floaties welcome and encouraged.
	Stony Creek Pool	9:00P-11:00P	Mix & Mingle	n/a	Casual swim time in the Stoney Creek Hotel pool. Hotel pool is open to all hotel guests.
Sat Oct 4	YWCA Sturgeon	8:00A-4:30P	Registration & Vendor Hall Open	IL Merpod Staff	Register for the con and/or shop hand crafted wares!

Sat Oct 4	YWCA Trout	8:30A-11:30A	A Vaesen One Shot: Luredin	Michelle	A TTRPG of mystery where you and your friends investigate in a world where the beings from folklore and fairy tales are real! What actions and choices shall the you make? Can you solve the mystery in time? Or will catastrophe strike? Never played a TTRPG before? No problem! Vaesen is easy to pick up and start playing! 6 Player spots available! ***DICE ARE PROVIDED!!!***
	YWCA Trout	8:30A-4:30P	Open Crafting	IL Merpod Staff	Open craft time to relax with your fellow merfolk and enjoy making whatever your heart desires! Bring your own project and materials or use what is provided while supplies last. Additional purchase may be required for some supplies.
	YWCA Bluegill	9:00A-9:30A	Welcome to PearlPeaks Academy	Asdra/TranquillT ea	This panel is for all those who love role play and the world of fantasy! Come and get admitted into one of the magical merfolk schools - PearlPeaks Academy! Find your magical source and get sorted into a Troupe, learn about the magical world of merfolk, and choose your classes at the Academy!
	YWCA Bluegill	9:45A-11:15A	Tricks in Tails Safely!	Porcelain Mermaid & Siren Raye	Looking to try out new tricks in your tail? Join us in review of amazing tricks that will dazzle your friends and audience. From simple bubble kiss to infinity flips and group tricks to try out with your friends!
	YWCA Trout	10:30A-11:30A	Craft Swap	Adela Red	One human's trash is another mermaid's treasure! Bring your gently used craft materials & mermaid treasures. Leave them or trade them with fellow pod-mates.
	YWCA Trout	11:30A-12:30P	Knitting a Fishnet	Michelle	Join the Illinois Merpods own resident Fiber Witch for some knitting time! You'll get to learn how to begin a project, knit a fishnet stitch, and leave with instructions (written and images) on how to end your project.
	YWCA Bluegill	11:30A-12:30P	Who's the Fae?	Midnight Muse	Welcome to the world of Fae, but what necessarily are they? That is what we are to find out. Come learn about different types of fae that you may or may not have heard of and even find out what element you may be. There are so many to learn about!
	YWCA Pool	12:00P-1:00P	Not A Whale Show!	Porcelain Mermaid & Siren Raye	Mermaid & trainer show with light hearted pool games & activities for family fun. After the show swim with the mermaid in the pool!
	YWCA Pool	1:00P-3:30P	Group Swim & Pic	Whimzsea & ILMP Staff	Swim with your fin family in a lovely heated pool! Swim casually, coordinate tricks, shoot some content with friends! Group photo at 2P

Sat Oct 4	YWCA Pool	3:30P-5:30P	Skill Competition Qualifier	Anatoliy Pak (GOH)	Dedicated pool time for competitors, staff, and judges to prepare for the skill competition and complete the qualifier.
	YWCA Bluegill	3:30P-4:30P	Prehistoric Waters	Ourodracos	The merfolk of today are familiar with the whales, dolphins, and other fauna we swim with on a regular basis... but what if a mermaid traveled to the oceans 65+ million years ago? What about 358+ million years ago? Join us as we dive deep into ancient seas and explore the earliest marine life on our beloved planet. Dunkleosteus, Mosasaurus, and Megalodons, oh my!
	YWCA Trout	3:45P-5:00P	Mask Crafting	IL Merpod Staff	Create a mask for the masquerade!
	Stony Creek Ballroom	6:30P-10:00P	Masquerade Party	Whimzsea & ILMP Staff	Mysteries of the sea gather in fantastical attire to party the night away. Ages 18+, cash bar available, includes a meal (vegetarian & GF options.) Enjoy the UV reactive scenery in the "glow in the deep" tent!
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	YWCA Trout	9:00A-12:00P	A Vaesen One Shot: Dornwich	Kaylee	A TTRPG of mystery where you and your friends investigate in a world where the beings from folklore and fairy tales are real! What actions and choices shall you make? Can you solve the mystery in time? Or will catastrophe strike? Never played a TTRPG before? No problem! Vaesen is easy to pick up and start playing! 6 Player spots available! ***DICE ARE PROVIDED!!!***
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	YWCA Pool	9:15A-11:00A	UW Photography	Anatoliy Pak (GOH)	Individual Underwater Photography sessions. Additional registration required.

	YWCA Bluegill	10:00A-10:30A	Wigs Gone Wild	Asdra/TranquiliT ea	Ever wonder what to do with your wigs? This class is here to offer ways to maintain and care for your wigs to keep them looking fabulous!
	YWCA Bluegill	10:45A-11:45A	Swap Meet	Pirate Trey	Bring your gently used mermaid items / dive gear and sell or swap with your pod mates.
	YWCA Pool	11:30A-1:00P	Group Swim	IL Merpod Staff	Casual swim with fin family
Sun Oct 5	YWCA Bluegill	1:00P-1:45P	Mermazing Quiplash	Midnight Muse	Let's play a game of Quiplash 2 where all the prompts are Mer themed! Bring your most studious sturgeon and classy clownfish friends along to have a good laugh or create clever responses to mermazing questions you've never thought to ask yourself. Whether you're in it for the fun times or end up taking home a prize, we can't wait to have you!
	YWCA Pool	1:00P-2:00P	Pool closed	IL Merpod Staff	Skill competition setup
	YWCA Pool	2:00P-4P	Skill Competition	ILMP Staff & Anatoliy (GOH)	Showcase your skills at our premier event! Win custom accessories! Additional registration required.
	YWCA Pool	4P-4:30P	Closing Ceremonies	IL Merpod Staff	Closing Ceremonies