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Local organizations offer inclusive training program for game masters

Cincinnati, OH – Learn how to level up and become a super game master from the ultimate team-up of Cincinnati Adventurer’s Guild (“CAG”) and Super Heroines, Etc. (“SHE”). The Women’s Round Robin RPG Campaign: Session Zero will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 1-5 pm, at the Gaming Goat in Mason.

Session Zero is intended for women and non-binary folks at all gaming experience levels to learn how to conduct role-playing games for others by taking turns being the game master (“GM”) in safe, supporting environment. Participants will learn through experiences and knowledge of mentors and other players. Players will be organized into small groups where they will run games for each other with group shuffling at least once for different viewpoints, feedback and friends.

Additionally, participants will be able to work through the Heroines Handbook SHE is developing just for this program as a takeaway for them to use elsewhere. SHE and CAG hope to eventually raise money through crowdsourcing to equip members with an assortment of GM storytelling tools.

“The local gaming community in Cincinnati is growing daily,” Whitney Salee, SHE board member, informs. “Creating an inclusive, safe space for GMs to learn and develop their skills will allow for new voices and stories to be heard in our gaming community. Tabletop gaming is a fun and creative outlet for our community and bringing an event like this will allow for it to thrive and cultivate a welcoming atmosphere. We are trying to build our gaming community by strengthening our community together.”

Making gaming a safe and inclusionary space for women and non-binary folks doesn’t happen overnight but with how games are regularly conducted. “We’re hoping that more women and non-gender conforming people will feel welcome in joining gaming groups by providing role-models and examples.” Jason Brannen, lead organizer of CAG, expounds, “More than one person I’ve talked to has impressed on me how they got involved with gaming through being comfortable with other women already being part of the leaders of the gaming group they were looking to join.”

GM Mentor Monica Marlowe says that participants will be able to “explore new worlds, create dynamic games and master the art of storytelling. We hope that anyone who identifies as a woman, non-binary, or gender fluid will join us to examine and develop game mastery and design for the new GM. We’ll help you take your game to the next level.”

No matter your level of experience with gaming or GMing, this event will be sure to be fun and meaningful with lots of learning. Even experienced GMs like Salee, who is co-organizing the event with Brannen, expect to learn a great deal. If you’ve ever thought about becoming a GM, now is the time!

The Gaming Goat is located at 6649 Western Row Rd, Mason, OH 45040. You can respond to the event by letting SHE know over email or on the [Facebook event page](#).

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**About Super Heroines, Etc.**

Super Heroines, Etc. is a non-profit organization using the power of fandom to fight for equity and representation. Local chapters gather super heroines together in safe environments for empowering events and creative change in their communities. In addition, SHE attends local, regional and national conventions to discuss representation in media, and, through the Agents of Change program, SHE provides tools and support for super heroines to be agents of positive change and create movement toward a more inclusive and equitable social transformation. For more information, please visit superheroinesetc.org.

About Cincinnati Adventurer's Guild

Originally founded as a way to play obscure and off-the-beaten-track games, the Guild has grown into a diverse organization offering a variety of games all over the Cincinnati metro area. Though the focus is on role-playing games, they are interested in games of all types—wargames, card games, board games, trivia, and more. They encourage socialization and meeting new friends through games and other activities like dinners, parties and socials. They can be found on meetup.com/Cincinnati-Adventurers-Guild/ or their message board <http://cinadvguild.freeforums.net>.

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