

# Khitomer Conference 2021

## Opening Ceremonies

*Host: Obsidian Fleet, Pegasus Fleet, 22nd Fleet*

**Room One**

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:30:27 AM**

Hello @everyone! And welcome to the Third Annual Khitomer Conference online simming convention! It's great to see all of you here today!

Khitomer was created as a special event to bring together the greater Star Trek Simming Community. We envisioned the first event as an experiment, and we are beyond excited to be celebrating our third annual event. Khitomer is a place where simming vets and newbies alike can join together for an exciting day of fellowship, education, and more! I see a lot of returning faces from last year as well as a lot of new faces. So thank you all so much for making this event possible.

Before we get started with our panels today, I'd like to go over a few ground rules. Nobody likes having to go through rules, but our goal today is for everyone to have a great day in a fun and safe environment, and these rules are to help facilitate that goal.

- ① Treat everyone with respect and keep any foul language to a minimum.
- ② We have a Zero Tolerance on any form of bullying and/or harassment, including, but not limited to: personal comments, age, race, gender, sexual preference, or fleet affiliation.
- ③ Khitomer is always open to all simmers and online role players, regardless of rank or club affiliation. For those of us in Trek/military themed communities, leave your ranks at the door. We are all players here.
- ④ Recruitment in all channels outside of the dedicated channels has been prohibited. This event is not intended for recruitment, and we do not want anyone to feel pressured.
- ⑤ We ask everyone to keep discussions in the relevant rooms so that our panels can stay on topic. We have provided overflow areas for discussions that run past their scheduled time. Additionally, please limit the use of images and gifs to the [#open-bar](#) channel.
- ⑥ We are aware that there are new shows on the air right now, and we are all excited to chat about them. But please keep spoilers to the appropriate places. We are also aware that the newest shows in the Star Trek franchise can be divisive at times. While we understand that the new shows may not be your cup of tea, we ask that you be respectful of each other's opinions. Discussions are fine, but please refrain from bashing.

7 Likewise, let's avoid political conversations altogether.

8 Should any issues arise, whether it is between different people, or an issue you might have with a panelist, you are encouraged to speak with a moderator immediately! Do note that any issue(s) presented to a moderator will be shared with ALL moderators and hosts. This is to ensure the continuity of the overall event and to keep one person's bias from ruining the day for all.

9 Please do not argue with the hosts or the moderators. If something was removed, it was removed for a reason. Please assume good intentions. Our panelists have also worked hard to determine the direction of their sessions, so please be respectful during their session.

10 And finally, above all else, let's have some fun.

**[22] greenfelt 2/20/2021, 9:34:35 AM**

Woo!

**[OF] Sepandiyar2/20/2021, 9:34:53 AM**

Let's do this!

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:34:59 AM**

As has been done in years past, we will be providing transcripts of today's event within the next week or two. Stay connected to this server for updates on that. The server will also continue to remain open year round, so everyone will be able to still view ads from other games and continue to stay in contact with your new friends from today.

**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:35:00 AM**



**aio 2/20/2021, 9:35:02 AM**

*opens the bar*

**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:35:46 AM**

Got any raktajinos, AIO?

**aio 2/20/2021, 9:35:57 AM**

Every drink under the sun!

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:36:34 AM**

We have a great lineup of panels ahead of us today. This list can be found on the #2021-schedule page as well.

## **11am EST / 4pm GMT**


[#room-one](#) - Writing Character Weaknesses, [@Amanda Rose](#)

*How to Write Memorable Characters? Focus on character weaknesses. Make characters jump off the page by making characters that avoids two dimensional or bland characters and encourage writing interaction.*

[#room-two](#) - Basics of Being a GM, [@SteveClaypole](#)

*Basics of being a GM will touch on some common things that GMs face in the day to day running of a sim.*

## **12pm EST / 5pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - Creating A Community Lore Sandbox, [@Cam](#) 

*How Lore can be used to create a simmverse - a community-wide sandbox to allow different sims to connect via shared concepts and storylines, and how to integrate these with evolving canon.*

[#room-two](#) - Ask A GM, [@greenfelt](#)

*Ever wondered what it takes to start a game? Or do you need some advice? Come by this panel to ask your questions and get answers!*

## **1pm EST / 6pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - Starships – More Than Just Vehicles, [@Cipherhornet18](#)

*We all know how much a Mary Sue character can derail things, but what about a ship? Ships are more than vehicles; they're also characters and in this discussion, we'll go over not only how to figure out what to offer for options but also how to look at it as a character in your sim.*

[#room-two](#) - Social Constructs of Simming Communities, [@Radamere](#)

*A discussion about the role of our simming community plays in social well being, how we can do more within our communities and the importance of doing more than 'just writing' together.*

## **2pm EST / 7pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - Age Rating, [@BenjiMan](#) [@AloneDoughnut](#)

*Their levels, systems and the difference between adult writing and X-rated.*

[#room-two](#) - Pick a number, any number: different structures for adventure design, [@Beautiful Night](#)

*A quick gallop through a variety of ways to structure an adventure, from the simple to the complex.*

## **3pm EST / 8pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - Character Creation, [@Gregory](#)

*It doesn't come as a surprise that GMs look for a "good character bio" when deciding whether or not to approve an application - but what does that mean, exactly? How does one come up with a good character bio that is not unnecessarily long and not horribly short, but is "just right"?*

[#room-two](#) - Sci-Fi Television and Movie Trivia, [@Phoenix Lalor](#)

*Join us for an hour filled with 50 thought provoking questions!*

### **4pm EST / 9pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - The (Un)Importance of Canon, [@AlexM](#)

*Following canon has always been the Star Trek writer's Prime Directive. But just like the in-universe Prime Directive, the rule has been bent, broken, and ignored more times than we can count. So it begs the question, is canon truly the rule? Or is it really more like a guideline?*

[#room-two](#) - How to Play: Telepaths, [@NinjaDuck](#)

*There are a number of ways to play telepaths without going overboard or making them too powerful. This presentation offers a reasonable approach to playing telepaths that makes their ability both a strength and a weakness.*

### **5pm EST / 10pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - How to Play: Marines, Theta Fleet

*Marines have a special pride in being Marines because Marines are synonymous with toughness. You say someone's a Marine and that instantly means something. Loyalty. Honor. Sacrifice. Best of the best. First to Fight. Discipline. Here we'll look at playing a Starfleet Marines and make them believable.*

[#room-two](#) - Size Doesn't Matter - It's How You Use It That Counts!, [@Amethyst](#)

*The advantages of smaller crew sizes and how to make it work.*

### **6pm EST / 11pm GMT**

[#room-one](#) - How to Play: Intelligence, [@NinjaDuck](#)

*Intel is not James Bond or IMF. While it's a lot of research and archiving, there are a number of ways you can have fun playing an intel officer and get involved in the day-to-day activities on a starship or starbase while still doing occasional undercover work.*

[#room-two](#) - Writing Posts with the Reader in Mind, [@Nikki](#)

*This panel will discuss how to approach improving your post writing by building on and going beyond writing for your own joy or even the pleasure of collaboration. We'll discuss how remembering to also invite the reader to your post can be transformative for your compositions.*

**7pm EST / 12am GMT**

[#room-one](#) - Closing Ceremonies, Event Hosts

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:39:17 AM**

Before we get ready for our first panels, I'd like to give you all a quick tour of the server for those joining us for the first time.

Introduce yourself, who you represent, and anything else you feel is important in [#introductions](#). We do ask that you keep this channel discussion-free so that everyone's introductions can be read.

You can find our full event schedule in [#2021-schedule](#).

All sessions will be held in either [#room-one](#) or [#room-two](#). Participation at all levels is encouraged.

Recruitment links are permitted in the appropriate recruitment room. Please respect the channel rules, which are pinned in each of the recruitment channels.

Out of respect for those who are not caught up with the shows, please keep spoilers in either the appropriate panels, or in the spoiler channel, [#trek-spoilers](#). We've marked the room NSFW *only* so that you have to opt in to the room to make it easier to avoid spoilers. Otherwise let's keep the content at a level that is appropriate for any other channel of the conference.

If you have any issues, please see one of our @Moderators or @Hosts and they will be happy to help you out.

As one final reminder, transcripts of the event should be available on our website next week. Transcripts from our first two events are still available online as well.

Before I pass the mic on to my fellow hosts, I'd just like to introduce myself. My name is Alex, and I've been simming for around twelve years. Early on I had been on a handful of different sims, but settled into Pegasus Fleet just over eleven years ago, and have been there ever since. For the past eight and a half years I've been the commanding officer of Starbase 332 in Pegasus Fleet, and have been privileged to spend a little over six years as the fleet commanding officer. I've always been a fan of Star Trek, starting with The Next Generation and the original six movies. One of the highlights of every week as a child was getting to stay up late on Fridays to watch TNG with my dad. Star Trek even inspired me to pursue a career in engineering, so I'm blessed to be a part of this community. I'm so excited to see all of you here at Project Khitomer and I'm honored to be able to kick things off this year. I hope all of you are as excited as I am for another great Khitomer!

Let's hand things off to our next host. Who wants to go next?

**[22] greenfelt 2/20/2021, 9:41:58 AM**

I'll go.

Hello everyone! I'm greenfelt, and I'm proud to co-host this event today. I've been simming/RPping since 2003 with various organizations. In 2019, I was part of founding the 22nd Fleet, a fantastic group that is thriving today. I've also been running the USS Black Hawk since 2013, which has been an absolute joy to operate for the last seven years. Last year I also decided to jump into an alternate universe, exploring what life would be like during the 23rd Century if just one event went differently.

But enough about my resumé. I was first introduced to Star Trek when my aunt dragged me to the local theater to see First Contact. I discovered both TNG and DS9 in syndication not long after and I was in love. I've found a lot to enjoy with the NuTrek trilogy, as well as CBS's recent entries to the franchise, but nothing has yet to hold a candle to the golden age (except maybe Lower Decks).

It is my love for Trek that has led me to simming, and also to help run events like Khitomer. I enjoy meeting new people, and places like this always brings new opportunities to network, to share ideas, and even learn a thing or two. It is my hope that everyone has fun today, no matter how much time you're able to stay!

Before I hand it off, I want to point out an underused area of our Server. We have several workshop rooms which are open for you to bring any raw concepts relating to games, characters, starships, worlds, etc. and get some free crowdsourcing thoughts and feedback on those ideas. We simply ask that all criticism be constructive. These are also open all year-round!

Next Host please!

**[OF] B 2/20/2021, 9:42:41 AM**

Hello . I am B. Been simming for a good 15 years starting in dragon riders of pern before moving on to other genres. I currently have the great honour of being 1/3 of Obsidian Fleet's JFC as well as Communication Director - I basically look after the community, awards, events and social media. I am the CO of SS Mary Rose and NX05 Atlantis.

I am avid trek, Doctor Who and power ranger fan. And the fleets biggest Chris Evans fan ~~obsessed~~. I write a lot of different places in a lot of different genres inside and outside of Trek but Trek has always part of my life from first watching TNG on a night on BBC2.

Really excited to see what today brings.

Next...

**Alora/Peri 2/20/2021, 9:44:23 AM**

@goldun I used to do dragonriders too!

**[PF] Amethyst 2/20/2021, 9:45:07 AM**

Good Morning! I'm Amethyst! I've been simming for enough years that I've had a decade of anniversaries of my decade of simming. I'm currently Chief of Fleet Operations over at Pegasus Fleet, and I command the USS Astraea. This is my second Khitomer as a Panelist and my first time being involved on the hosting side. I'm really excited for today and I hope you all have fun! ♥

**aio 2/20/2021, 9:45:18 AM**

Another year, and boy what a year it's been. Khitomer started as it did, but has certainly grown into something more, something bigger, something better. It brings us all together, and if there's one thing we can't get enough of lately, it's being together. So here's to another year!

There are those that know me, and those that don't. Those that don't, want to, and those that do, do. I've been around a while, I've simmed for a while, I started back in 2003, left in 2006, came back to it in 2012, and I've been here ever since, and you won't get rid of me that easily.

I'm also one of the hosts here, and love the way it brings the wider simming community together, be they Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate, and other things starting with Star, and also those that don't! Hope you all have a great event, my name is aio, and I approve this message.

**Alora/Peri 2/20/2021, 9:49:02 AM**

I'm Amanda! I've been writing in PBEMs since 1999. Like some, I started in Dragonriders of Pern. 7 years ago I joined Starbase 118 and have loved it. I currently play several characters, but my primary is Alora DeVeau, currently FO of Starbase 118 Ops itself.

**[OF] Sepandiyar2/20/2021, 9:49:34 AM**

Oh, I was supposed to do this here, oh well. You can read again! Bonjour! I'm Markus. I've been simming since about 2009 when I first joined OF. I've always had a soft spot for Trek and joined OF looking for a chance to practice some writing skills, thinking it'd just be a few months and then I'd go off to writing my own thing. Fast forward to 2021 and I'm still tooling about here! Like @goldun and @[OF] duLac I'm 1/3 of Obsidian Fleet's JFC. Mostly I'm looking to the Operational side of the house, and also run Obsidian Command.

I'm a fan of creative writing in general, be it Trek, Who, whatever. I'm all about well-crafted stories and engaging characters. I like deep conversations and long walks on the beach, my ideal match... wait wrong channel.

Let's have a great time today! Looking forward to some great panels and to see the diversity of creative ideas that this event should put on display! Woo!

Also big shout out to the other @Hosts for bustin' tail to get this thing together!

**Lt. Emmalyn Marcus | USS Montana 2/20/2021, 9:50:22 AM**

Hello everyone I'm Ben but you may call me, anytime u want. I have not been in this buisness long . Almost a year. Alot of trek is still new to me. But I'm learning. I also have a keen love for star wars.

**[16th] Kate, GM Langley Station 2/20/2021, 9:50:24 AM**

**That's the kind of math I like. Being 1/2 of something with three people in total. 😊**

**[OF] Sepandiyar2/20/2021, 9:50:34 AM**

balls

**[OF] B 2/20/2021, 9:50:41 AM**

*shakes head*

**[PF] Amethyst 2/20/2021, 9:50:44 AM**

LOL

**[OF] Sepandiyar2/20/2021, 9:50:51 AM**

I'm not an accountant, that'd be crazy...

**[OF] Emu - Fawkes/Loki/Acad 2/20/2021, 9:50:52 AM**

half man, half bear, half pig 🐷

**[OF] Sepandiyar2/20/2021, 9:51:06 AM**

*adjusts caffeine drip*

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:51:57 AM**

So as I mentioned, we have an exciting day ahead of us. With the rest of our time before the first panels, does anyone have any questions?

**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:52:07 AM**

*set caffeine to ludricrous speed!*

**[16th] Harrington, SB50 2/20/2021, 9:52:39 AM**

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**[16th/GEC] SteveClaypole 2/20/2021, 9:53:09 AM**

mmmm coffee...

**[16th] Kate, GM Langley Station 2/20/2021, 9:53:15 AM**

I just finished mine.

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:53:37 AM**

*sips more ice water*



**[16th] Harrington, SB50 2/20/2021, 9:53:59 AM**

I'm on cup 2 already @Kate

**[OF] Cam 2/20/2021, 9:54:15 AM**

2 cups of coffee, moving onto soda with taurine...

**[OF] B 2/20/2021, 9:55:00 AM**

No coffee 😞

**[OF] Cam 2/20/2021, 9:55:23 AM**



**[16th] Harrington, SB50 2/20/2021, 9:55:25 AM**

no coffee.. never..always coffee!

**[22] greenfelt 2/20/2021, 9:55:36 AM**

Well, we've got 5 minutes to go. So, I say, kick back. Grab a beverage and a snack and get ready for our first sessions!

Thank you all for coming!

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:56:05 AM**

I don't think you want me to kick back too far @greenfelt since I'm up in 4 minutes. LOL

**Lt. Emmalyn Marcus | USS Montana 2/20/2021, 9:56:05 AM**

I'm at work but I'll pop in when Available

**[IDF] Charles Star20/2021, 9:56:20 AM**

Is this the first Khitomer for anyone?

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:56:39 AM**

No relaxing for you. At least not for another hour.

**Mikey- Rozia 2/20/2021, 9:56:46 AM**

Ahh, 'tis mine own first time here, yup!

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:56:57 AM**

You take out all the fun @AlexM

**[PF] CorCordale 2/20/2021, 9:57:01 AM**

This will be my second Khitomer

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:57:07 AM**

It's my third!


**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:57:15 AM**

First for Moi.

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:57:15 AM**

I figured that I might have some adult beverages while presenting.... I mean, that could add fun, right? LOL

**Terrie 2/20/2021, 9:57:32 AM**

 This timed well with me looking to get into some new creative outlets. Thought a good time to see if simming is the right fit for me

**[PF] Amethyst 2/20/2021, 9:57:34 AM**

@Amanda Rose - My last panel last year was presented with a glass of wine in hand! LOL

**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:57:36 AM**

They say alcohol improves creativity

**Skoll 2/20/2021, 9:57:47 AM**

I was here when it started... I thought I'd missed it, as i thought it was last weekend.

**[PF] CorCordale 2/20/2021, 9:57:48 AM**

Only drunks say that

**[16th] Kate, GM Langley Station 2/20/2021, 9:57:52 AM**

I always do panels like that. Works like a charm.

**[SC] Beth 2/20/2021, 9:57:55 AM**

My first!

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:57:59 AM**

See, now that's why you need to do these presentations orally, @Amethyst LOL

**[PF] Amethyst 2/20/2021, 9:58:19 AM**

Good God no! No one needs to hear me speaking!

**[OF] Cam 2/20/2021, 9:58:25 AM**

I picked the wrong year to give up booze for Lent...

**[PF] AlexM 2/20/2021, 9:58:28 AM**

With the first panel getting ready to start, let's move this conversation over to [#general-chat](#). Again, we're so glad to see all of you here today!

**[RPGW] Amanda Rose 2/20/2021, 9:59:01 AM**

@Amethyst, I've heard you. 😊

**[OF] Emu - Fawkes/Loki/Acad 2/20/2021, 9:59:16 AM**

I always cry the day after when I see the mess I have to edit 😊

**[SC] KyleB 2/20/2021, 9:59:36 AM**

Grammarly, Emu, is awesome for that!