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You'll notice there are a lot of people here, and the roster changes from time to time. That's because SciFi4Me is operated by an all-volunteer staff. We put in our time to do this because we love it, and because we think we have something of value to share with you. We're fans, and we love having conversations with other fans.

If you'd like to join the Gang of Meddling Kids, just pop over to **our Contact page** and send us a note. We're especially keen on folks in Los Angeles, New York, and London. And if you're a journalism or media student and would like information on our internships, **there's a page for that**, too.

If you'd like to be part of the team but you don't feel up to contributing content, you can contribute through **our Patreon account**.

Team Kansas City:



Jason P. Hunt - a fan of science fiction since age 5, when he saw a guy in a gold shirt and a guy in a blue shirt, and the guy in the blue shirt had pointed ears... A fan of science fiction ranging from Heinlein and Asimov to Roddenberry and Rockne and everything in between, he is the producer/director of the rom-com *The Apology Dance* and author of the sci-fi novella *The Hero At the End Of His Rope*.

His short film *Species Felis Dominarus* was a finalist in the Sci Fi Channel's 2007 *Exposure* competition, and he has two awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association along with several Addy awards and citations. He also likes dogs. And bacon.

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Timothy Harvey is a Kansas City based writer, director, actor and editor, with something of a passion for film noir movies. He's more or less the editor of Horror4Me.com. He was the art director for the horror films *American Maniacs*, *Blood of Me*, and the pilot for the science fiction series *Paradox City*. His own short films include the *Noir Trilogy*, *9 1/2 Years*, and *The Statement of Randolph Carter*, adapted for the screen by Jason Hunt. He serves on the board of directors for the Independent Filmmakers Coalition of Kansas City.

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Dan Handley was raised a Trekkie, fell in love with *Star Wars* at an early age, and became obsessed with comic book superheroes. He spent his youth dreaming of how to get real superpowers, starships, and so on. Dan has since grown out of that childish dreamer phase ... and is ready to start acquiring!

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Maia Ades resented the demanding schedule of first grade, as it interfered with her afternoon TV schedule. Now she watches TV for "research" and in order to write show reviews. She is currently involved in independent film production, and enjoys creating fine art. Sharing the work with others at screenings and art shows is the best part of creating artistic work.

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Dustin Adair grew up telling odd stories to concerned family members in Wimberley, Texas. He went on to study Screenwriting and Costume Design at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. He currently tells odd stories to concerned friends in Kansas City, Missouri. His Film Credits include Costume Design for *American Maniacs*, *The Statement of Randolph Carter*, and *Change For a Dollar*. Screenwriting credits include *Pro Choice*, *The Taking of Savannah*, and *Story By* credit for *9 1/2 Years* and *Late One Night*.

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Casey “The N00basaurus” Shreve is an avid gamer, to say the least. His pull to video games, let alone science fiction, has been a lifelong pursuit of both entertainment and fandom. Beware! He’s a graduate of the University of Kansas. After killing the last boss of college, he’s been granted the boon of a general studies degree that focuses on key aspects of the electronic entertainment industry. Along with gaming, other interests of the N00basaurus are movies, books, and the occasional shiny object. As far as fan cultures go, he’s an active Whovian (post 2005) and a Brony, as well as a member of several lesser known fandoms. Press start, saddle up your dinosaur and tip your fez. The N00basaurus is ready to play.

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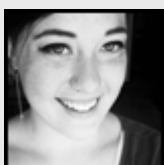
Jennifer Wise grew up a *Star Wars* girl in a family of Trekkies. She’s an avid consumer of fantasy-themed media, tabletop games, DC Comics, movies of nearly any sort, and science fiction stories. She once got kicked out of 11th grade English class for arguing with her teacher over the report that her life’s ambition of “strategic use of nano-machines to gradually break down and relocate the material of the Earth, thus destroying the planet”, claiming it DID fit the criteria as ‘possible within our lifetime’.

Ironically, Jennifer went into History instead of Science, and is currently teaching high schoolers, inspiring joy and wonder through subtle use of Bill Nye episodes and Batman quotes.

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Teresa Wickersham has dabbled in fanfic, gone to a few conventions, created some award-winning (and not so award winning) masquerade costumes, worked on the Save *Farscape* campaign, and occasionally presents herself as a fluffy bunny or a Krampus.



Mackenna Riley grew up watching the Adam West *Batman* TV series with her dad and has loved all things comic book and sci-fi related ever since. Mackenna is now a cake decorator, theater goer and techie, musician, and somewhat of a *Star Wars* fan. She also moonlights as a galactic assassin, and many refer to her as a “professional.”

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Kiri Evins gained her first nerd badge when her father introduced her to the classic *Batman Returns*. The moment Selina Kyle sauntered onto the screen in tight shiny black leather, Kiri's life was forever sealed. Catwoman was only the beginning. Her love of the nerdy arts grew by the comic, her shelves filling with all things Batman and Catwoman related. The love of words and their ability to transport her filled her every waking hour. Then *Game of Thrones* was handed to her, and since then she has devoted every Sunday to it. It had become her religion, and now it is her job to spread its gospel.

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Sam Sentman is an actor, writer and horror/sci-fi/fantasy junkie. He fell in love with being scared at the age of four when his father brought home the family's first VCR and his uncle went to the video store and rented *Jaws*. It took him a long time before he was able to use the toilet... (Water=*Jaws*)

Since then he's been watching, reading and listening to any good scary stories he can get his hands on. He's also quite the *Star Wars* geek and loves a good fantasy epic. He's currently a traveling IT Guy with lives with his two fascinating sons, two dogs, and two cats, along with their mother, who performs the miraculous feat of preventing the house from imploding.

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A native of the Kansas City area, **Lauren Garrison** has been a gaming enthusiast since her introduction to the original Nintendo Entertainment System with classic titles such as *Super Mario Bros.*, *Dr. Mario*, and *Duck Hunt*. Even before that, her father started her with CPU games such as *Doom* and *Wolfenstein*.

In the twenty years to follow, she continued to foster her love for video games while also becoming an avid reader of science fiction, fantasy and horror. She is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Print Journalism from the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Classic gamer at heart, you can usually find her on Xbox Live under her alias "dreadedSage".

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Mindy Inlow is the Intern Without Portfolio, who is still alive. She escaped from the dog park of Southern California where she served coffee to The Terminator, Buffy, and Kanan Jarrus (to name a few) and taught art to Pluto Nash's children. Should she ever be stranded on a desert island, her science-fiction movie star companion would be Harrison Ford. With a degree in Art and English, she brings her love of wordsmithing to all things sci-fi and would eventually apply her art skills to it as well. Her passion is discovering new stories and new heroes and possibly build her portfolio.

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David Baker is a lifelong geek who has been collecting comics and loving B movies for 25+ years. He grew up on movies like *Critters*, *Phantasm*, *Goonies*, *Blade Runner*, and *Flash Gordon* and worked his way through the horror, comedy and action sections of the local video store.

He currently reads comics from publishers like Image, Aftershock, Black Mask, Boom, etc. and his most prized comic is the complete original run of *Preacher* #'s 1-66. He has been attending comic conventions across the country for years and loves table-top gaming, D&D, and is currently (slowly) 3D printing a map of a custom world.

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Team California:



Angie Fiedler Sutton is a writer, photographer, and all-round fangirl geek. She currently lives in Los Angeles, and primarily covers geek culture, entertainment, and the performing arts. She's been published in Den of Geek, Stage Directions, LA Weekly, The Mary Sue, and more. You can see more of her work (and her social media connections) over at her website angiefsutton.com.

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Jay McDowell is a walking vault of completely useless knowledge & trivia (great for a game of Trivial Pursuit, lousy in a zombie apocalypse). He saw a certain movie set in a galaxy far, far away in the theater at the age of five & never looked back, pop culturally speaking. He watches an unhealthy amount of truly atrocious sci-fi & horror B-movies (he watched *"Manos": The Hands of Fate* with his new bride on their honeymoon; inexplicably, she's still with him). Episodic television was ruined for him by *Lost*. He thinks pizza is Nature's perfect food, encompassing all five food groups (meat, dairy, grains, vegetables & grease) in every bite.



Kevin Schumm was raised on DC Comics, Ray Bradbury, and *The Six Million Dollar Man* (which he still believes is 100% scientifically accurate). He loves watching good horror movies and bad sci-fi. As a full-grown adult, he is still deathly afraid of the dark. Studying first History and then Religion, Kevin naturally became an IT Professional. He lives in southern California, is married, and named his son after the evil red robot in Walt Disney's *The Black Hole*.

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Elle Latham is an actress, writer/producer/director, as well as a photographer and editor. Queen of the multi-hyphenates, she came on the LA scene in 2009 when she moved from Atlanta, GA to follow her dreams of conquering the world and getting paid for it. Soon after she arrived, she started to develop her comedy chops at iO West as an improviser and pursued an AA in Film Production at Los Angeles City College where she continues to hone her filmmaking skills. In addition to these great feats, she currently hosts a funny but awkward podcast known as [the Super Awkward Funcast](#). She likes long walks on the beach and fun in the sun. Her favorite superhero is Catwoman because she's so complex and her favorite science fiction film is *Weird Science*. (Just kidding.) It's *Galaxy Quest*. (No, really. It still holds up.)

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Team Texas:



Leslie Walker is a member of the old guard, one whose love of sci-fi flowered during those golden years in the late 70s and early 80s, when *Alien*, *Star Wars*, *Blade Runner* and *The Terminator* came to screen. Since then, her interests have expanded beyond sci-fi to include pretty much any movie, TV show, or book that contains blood or mayhem. By day, she masquerades as a quasi-normal business consultant; by night, she can be found glued to her Kindle, visiting other worlds.

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There have been tales of a mighty nerd who hails from the Republic of Texas. This nerd is said to possess mascot powers, cosplay skills, Power Ranger knowledge, comics and video game abilities, while being a mild mannered school teacher. He is **Jeff Hackworth!** Let's get ready for a Hack Attack!

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Team Northeast:



Maria Foss by day works as a clerk in the New York State court system and by night roams the Internet reading, blogging and monster tweeting. Her genre interests are as diverse as they are eclectic, encompassing Tolkien and *Star Wars*, *X-Men* and *Star Trek*, Doctor Who and Captain America, zombies and mutants, apocalyptic futures and time travel, anime and cyber punk, board games and role playing. She's currently an administrator of the largest Facebook fan site for *12 Monkeys*, a show she fell in love with while previewing it as a Nielsen screener a year before it aired.

Maria has written reviews, previews, recaps, analyses and more rarely, fan fiction. She is currently a member of the Paley Center for Media and the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror. Past associations include being an editor at *West of the Moon*, a Tolkien fan fiction archive, the Northeast Region Media Coordinator for the Society for Creative Anachronism and an Assistant to the Arts Editor of the *Times Record*, a local daily newspaper. For fun she cuddles with cats, target shoots and bakes delicious things that are bad for her.

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Laura Nadler's life changed forever at age 10 in a darkened NY theater when she heard the words, "I'm Luke Skywalker. I'm here to rescue you." Since then, she's never met a space craft she didn't like. She loves tales of time-travel (especially with monkeys), mythical creatures, science and all things X-men. She is also a Shakespeare junkie. When not mainlining sci-fi programming or reading, Laura - can be found running her own consulting firm, traveling the globe and also writing about food and wine - which she consumes at the same rate she binged *Firefly* and *Fringe*.

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Team Midwest:



Thomas Townley lives in Kingman, KS. A fan of all stuff genre. SciFi? Check. Fantasy? Check. MST3k? Pro Wrestling? Double check. MMORPG? Y.E.S. Comic books? Has long boxes full. Conventions? At least four a year. Thomas knows genre...and cookies.

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After twenty years in retail bookstore management, **Ann Laabs** belatedly realized that bookselling was the Road to Riches she'd once thought. Now she works in legal support, supporting people smarter than herself. Along with her spousal unit Dave Margosian, she lives with two cat/sloth hybrids in Milwaukee, near beautiful Lake Michican.

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As life paths go, **Dave Margosian**'s is rather similar to Mr. Harvey's. Dave went to art school. He's worked in bookstores since 1986, yet continues to enjoy doing so. He's even had dalliances in the performing arts. Yet, through it all, Dave's love for Sci-Fi in all it's myriad forms has prevailed. His current plan is to take the voiceover world by storm, with an ultimate goal of voicing characters for Pixar.

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Team Florida:



Debbie Bell developed a passion for sci-fi at an early age when her big sis gave her paperback copies of novels by Asimov, Heinlein and Clarke, and she is unconscionably proud of the fact that she devoured all three seasons of *Star Trek: TOS* on its original 1966-1969 run. (If bribed with enough Saurian brandy, she will even tell you where the bowling alley is located on the U.S.S. *Enterprise*

blueprints.)

Her profound interest in everything sci-fi was soon joined by an equal fascination with both classic and modern horror, and she claims a special fondness for obscure J-horror and Gojira films. When not busy with her graphic design studio, she can be found making occasional forays into conventions, festivals and film sets in order to get a true behind-the-scenes look at how the movie magic is made.

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