



# THE PROFESSOR'S MINUTE

Welcome to the Pokémon League! A Pokémon League provides a nearby place for you to get together with other fans of both the Pokémon Trading Card Game and the Pokémon video games, and have some fun. Using your own cards and Pokémon video games, you can play, trade, and even earn cool prizes! The best part is that you can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do.

March - April 2017

## Latest News



### Pokemon Leagues

See our calendar updates for all the Pokémon in our area.



### Easley Pokemon League Anniversary

Celebrating 6 years at the Captain Hampton memorial Library. Having a party May 25th, 2017 during League.



### Planet Comics League Cup Tournament

On June 3rd, 2017 we will have a Guardians Rising League Cup at Planet Comics in Anderson. See information in the newsletter for details.

#### .League Spot Light...

**The Red Barn Pokemon League RBPL**  
League Owner Jeff

The RBPL or Red Barn Pokemon League is a newly established league at the Red Barn in Greenville, SC. This league is located in the Cherrydale area of Greenville at 121 State Park Rd Greenville, SC 29609. League meets on Tuesdays from 6p-8p. They have the latest Pokémon card sets and other Pokémon related products. Check them out!

#### League Spot Light...

**Da Zoo Games**  
See Ray for Pokémon Information

Da Zoo Games is a new Pokémon League in Easley. Located at 1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy. Easley, SC 29640. The league meets every Wednesday from 6p -9p. The play area is safe for families to play Pokémon. Da Zoo Games has a wealth of Pokémon products and snacks for purchase. Check them out!



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## Season And Tournament Schedule

### May

Sat May 20th 2017, - 9:30am – 5:00pm - Easley League Challenge  
- Hampton Memorial Library, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640.  
Standard Format. Registration 930am-1030am. Entry is free to all players.

Sat May 27th 2017 - 11:30am - PCPL - League Challenge - Planet Comics, 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. Standard Format. Registration 11:30am - 12:30pm. We are testing a best of 3, 50 min rounds in this venue. Entry is free to all players.

### June

Sat Jun 3rd, 2017 - 11:30am – 9:00pm - Planet Comics Pokemon League Cup - Planet Comics, 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. Standard Format. Registration 11:30am - 1230pm. Entry fee for all players \$25. 6 Booster Packs per player added to the prize pool. Players registering into the tournament will receive a League Cp Promo Card (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST). First place winners in each age group will receive a Pokemon Champion Mat from Pokemon the day of the event. (All information subject to change. Additional prizes [if any] will be announced at the start of the tournament.

Sat Jun 17th, 2017 - 9:30am – 5:00pm - League Challenge - Hampton Memorial Library, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640. Expanded Format. Registration 9:30am - 10:30am. Entry is free to all players.

### League Promos

Changes have taken place again in our league. In order to receive Pokemon promo cards you must play games to get them. We now have some new leader boards. Please see our league leaders for more information.



# PLAY! POKEMON

### **Newsletter and Pokemon League Contact:**

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**Website: www.easleypokemongym.tk**

## Now's Your Chance for Magearna

Those who have completed the main story in Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon can now get the Mythical Pokémon Magearna via the QR Scanner feature by scanning the QR Code below. The Steel- and Fairy-type Magearna is the first Mythical Pokémon you can obtain in Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon. Learn more about this cool Pokémon on the Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon official site. This code will continue to work indefinitely, so there's no rush to beat the game!

To get Magearna in your Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon game:

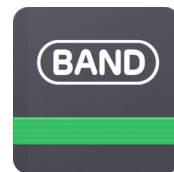


1. Complete the main story
2. Choose the QR Scanner function
3. Line up the QR code for Magearna while pressing the R Button
4. Visit the deliveryman at the Antiquities of the Ages shop in Hau'oli City to get Magearna
5. Be sure to save your game!

Enjoy battling with the Mythical Pokémon Magearna in Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon!

## A New APP For The Pokemon Leagues

We have signed into a new app to create a greater organized communication to our Pokemon Players in our Pokemon Leagues all across the Upstate of South Carolina. BAND is a new app for smartphones and iPhones and the app is FREE.



The BAND App Features Include:

- Post notices, schedule meetings, and chat with all members in a group chat or 1-on-1.
- Strategize, play, and stay connected with team members.
- Open Forums - Discuss your favorite Pokemon topics and make new friends.
- Connect with people in our area about Pokemon related topics.
- Share important Pokemon project updates, Pokemon Deck Building, with your Pokemon team.
- Privately share photos and updates with family, friends, etc.
- Stay organized with the ultimate features like Community Board / Chatroom / Group Call / Poll / Calendar / File Sharing / Photo Album.
- RSVP to Pokemon events.
- Get League Calendars, Newsletters and other League documents as soon as they are posted to the app.
- Access your group on any device including your phone, tablet or laptop by going to <http://band.us>



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## A New APP For The Pokemon Leagues - Continued

This app is free to download and access. You may also connect to our BAND app at <http://band.us/@upstatescpokemon> on your PC or laptop.

Other ways to connect to our Pokemon Leagues:

**The Professor's Minute** (Pokemon League) Website - <http://easleypokemongym.tk>

**Easley League** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>

**Red Barn Pokemon League** -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/redbarnpokemonleague/>

**Planet Comics Pokemon League** -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AndersonPokeGym/>

**Boardwalk Pokemon League** -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/561774167337520/>

## Happy Birthday Easley Pokemon League!

It's that time again to celebrate the Captain Hampton Memorial Pokemon League's anniversary. We have been at the Captain Hampton Memorial Library for 6 years now. Our league has been around for 7 years. In that time we have seen our Pokemon Community grow.

We have seen...

- Our league grow from 12 players on Thursdays to 60-80 players on Thursday nights. 100+ during the summer.
- We have over 745 registered players in the Easley league alone.
- 7 leagues started in the Upstate of South Carolina. There are 14 Pokemon League in South Carolina.
- Becoming a Library program.
- Players grow in the game.
- Many Pokemon sets come and go.

There are many more adventures to had for our league and players into the future.

We have made many friends and started many new players on their Pokemon journey.

On May 25th during league from 530p-830p we will have our League Anniversary party. We'll have Pokemon Games, Green Screen Pictures and treats. We are asking our players to please bring in treats and drinks for our party. Help us celebrate our anniversary. If you have any questions please see a league leader.

## Rock Your Battles with Lycanroc

Add the dark strength of Lycanroc (Midnight Form) to your Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon game with a code available at participating GameStop stores. Stop by your local GameStop between May 15 and June 5, 2017, and request a code, then enter it in your game to get this battle-ready Pokémon. This Lycanroc has the useful No Guard Ability, which makes sure that hard-hitting moves such as Stone Edge and Fire Fang will never miss. Plus, Lycanroc holds a Life Orb, adding even

## Rock Your Battles with Lycanroc - Continued

more bite to each attack!

To get Lycanroc in your Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon game:

1. Select Mystery Gift on the main menu.
2. Select Receive Gift.
3. Select Get with Code/Password, then Yes, and then Yes again to connect to the Internet.
4. Enter your password.
5. Watch as you receive Lycanroc.
6. Speak to the deliveryman in any Pokémon Center to pick up Lycanroc.
7. Be sure to save your game!

The codes are only available while supplies last, so if you want to add the power of Lycanroc to your game, stop by GameStop between May 15 and June 5, 2017.

## Worlds Qualifications Adjusted for 2017 Season

After a midseason review of the expected number of invitations to the 2017 Pokémon World Championships, Pokemon decided to make some changes to allow more players to earn invitations to the big event. The changes are happening in two ways: lowering the invitation threshold in some regions (meaning players can qualify for Worlds with fewer Championship Points), and increasing the number of Championship Points awarded at some events.

### 2017 Pokémon TCG World Championships Qualifications

Invitations will be awarded to all Pokémon TCG players in good standing who have earned at least the following Championship Points (CP):

Rating Zone	Masters Division	Senior Division	Junior Division
US and Canada	500 CP	400 CP	350 CP
Europe	350 CP	250 CP	200 CP
Latin America	350 CP	250 CP	200 CP
Asia Pacific	350 CP	250 CP	200 CP
South Africa	250 CP	150 CP	150 CP

### 2017 Pokémon Video Game World Championships Qualifications

Invitations will be awarded to all Pokémon video game players in good standing who have earned at least the following Championship Points (CP):

Rating Zone	Masters Division	Senior Division	Junior Division
US and Canada	500 CP	375 CP	250 CP
Europe	400 CP	250 CP	150 CP
Latin America	400 CP	250 CP	150 CP
Asia Pacific	300 CP	250 CP	150 CP
South Africa	200 CP	150 CP	100 CP



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## Worlds Qualifications Adjusted for 2017 Season - Continued

The leaderboards are currently being updated to reflect the new Championship Point thresholds. They should be fully up to date within the next few days. Remember, you can check your Championship Points total in your profile on [Pokemon.com](http://Pokemon.com).

Source: <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-news/worlds-qualifications-adjusted-for-2017-season/>

## A Is for Alternate in the Pokémon TCG

A new symbol will be appearing on some Pokémon TCG cards: the Yellow A Alternate symbol. This symbol may appear when a card is reprinted with a new illustration. For example, the Jolteon-EX that appears in the Mega Powers Collection is an alternate illustration of Jolteon-EX from the Generations expansion, so it has the Yellow A Alternate symbol in the bottom right corner of the card.

In the past, cards like these were typically printed as Black Star Promo cards. In some cases, that caused the card to be legal for tournament play in the Standard format for a much longer period of time. For example: Yveltal-EX was released in 2014 as part of the XY expansion, which is no longer legal in the Standard format—however, the Shiny version of the same Yveltal-EX was released two years later as a Black Star Promo card, which continues to be legal in Standard long after the original card would have rotated out.

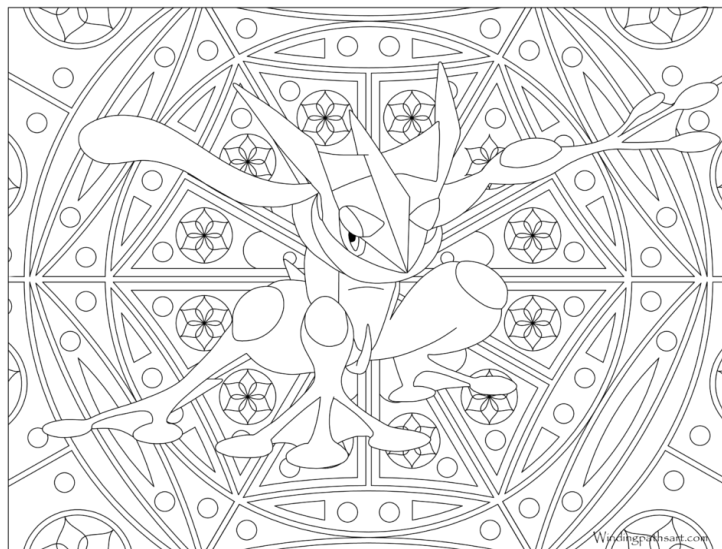
Yellow A Alternate cards will be legal for tournament play only in formats where the original card is legal. Any card with the Yellow A Alternate symbol will have the same expansion symbol as the original card, and the same collector number with an added “a” to denote that it’s an alternate illustration. (If there are multiple alternate illustrations for the same card, those will be numbered accordingly—28b, 28c, etc.)

The new version of Mega Lucario-EX, also from the Mega Powers Collection, is an alternate illustration of Mega Lucario-EX from the XY—Furious Fists expansion. The original card has the collector number 55/111, and this alternate is number 55a/111. Since XY—Furious Fists is no longer legal in the Standard format, this new card can’t be played in Standard format tournaments.

The addition of the Yellow A Alternate symbol will allow for more alternate illustrations of cards to be created without affecting the Pokémon TCG tournament environment. Be on the lookout for these cards in future products!

Source: <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-news/a-is-for-alternate-in-the-pokemon-tcg/>

## Color The Pokemon



## Leagues Supported By The Following...

The Red Barn

121 State Park Rd, Greenville, SC 29609  
(864) 412-7887

The Red Barn located in the Cherrydale area carries a great selection of Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, War Hammer, Jewelry and Art. Coffee and snacks as well. Safe and clean. Very family friendly.

Indigo Ridge Coffee Shop  
Easley Library

Coffee, Snacks, Cool Pokemon Swag. See the Indigo Ridge Coffee Shop Coupon on our calendars for 10% off of your purchase. See the coffee shop for details.

Da Zoo Games  
1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy.  
Easley, SC 29640  
(864) 553-0190

Games for the entire family.  
Pokemon singles and other  
Pokemon products available.

Boardwalk

1175 Woods Crossing Rd,  
Greenville, SC 29607  
(864) 297-6924

Boardwalk offers a large selection of games and has a great selection of Pokemon TCG and related products.

Planet Comics

2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621  
Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and  
TCG Merchandise

***The Pickens County Library system, Captain Hampton Memorial Library staff, we thank you for all that you have do for the league over the years. Heath we really appriciate all your efforts and hard work in our league. May we continue to find more Pokemon adventures into the future.***