



THE PROFESSOR'S

MINUTE

Pokémon League is a fun and accessible way for Pokémon fans to get together and have some fun! League events are open to all Pokémon TCG and video game players regardless of experience level or skill. 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.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

Latest News



November 2019

November Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Kiawe, # 116a. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.



December 2019

December Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Electropower, #172. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.

The holidays are a magic time to be with family and friends. It's a great time to look ahead to the next year and reflect over this past year. We will be wrapping up Pokémon for 2019. We are already planning for 2020. We wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays. The following is a holiday schedule for our leagues. If you have any questions please see Professor Jeff.

November

Easley

28 - No Easley Pokémon League

December

Easley

19 - Easley Pokémon League Christmas Party
26 - No Easley Pokémon League

Greenville

17 - Red Barn Christmas Party
24 - No Red Barn Pokémon League
31 - No Red Barn Pokémon League

Pokémon events we are looking forward to in 2020...

- Easley Pokémon League 10 year Anniversary in April
- Pokémon Week Long Celebration and the Anderson County Museum Pokémon Day in February
- Pokémon Tournaments
- Sword and Shield TCG Prerelease

Don't miss all the Pokémon Fun in 2020. I hope you will continue your Pokémon journey with us.



Pokémon TCG: Galar Collection Packs

Pokémon has announced the first official cards and Pokémon TCG products from the 8th Pokémon generation "Sword and Shield". All of them will appear in the series "Galar Collections", which will be released on November 15th. The cards show the 8th-generation Starter Pokémon, Grookey, Sobble, and Scorbunny, as well as the two Legendary Pokémon Zacian and Zamazenta, both of which will appear as "Pokémon V" cards. In addition, the box also includes a pin, a large card of the legendary Pokémon Zacian or Zamazenta as a new Pokémon V, four Pokémon Card Booster Packs and a code card for the Pokémon Trading Card Online Card Game (PTCGO). This special release of the Sword and Shield series will be the first opportunity players will have to get cards from the next expansion. The Galar collection is being released to celebrate the worldwide launch of Pokémon Sword and Pokémon Shield.



Find more information on our...

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/> or our website at www.easleypokemongym.gq



Pokemon Event Central

November

9- Red Barn League Cup – 1p - 2p Registration - Entry is Free - Greenville (Standard) - The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609, \$20 Entry Fee.
16-Easley League Pokemon Fun Day - 930a - 1p - Entry is Free - Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640
16 - Boardwalk League Challenge - 6p - (Standard) 1175 Woods Crossing Rd Ste. 6, Greenville, SC 29607 - (Standard) Registration 5p-6p.

December

14- Red Barn League Challenge – 1p - 2p Registration - Entry is Free - Greenville (Standard) - The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609
21-Easley League Challenge - 930a - 1030a Registration - Entry is Free - (Standard) Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640
21 - Boardwalk League Challenge - 6p - (Standard) 1175 Woods Crossing Rd Ste. 6, Greenville, SC 29607 - (Standard) Registration 5p-6p.

Dates and formats of tournaments listed are for reference and are subject to change at the Tournament Organizers discretion. Any change of information will be announced in our media outlets as time permits. This is for reference only.

Pokemon Trainer Account - Getting League Promo Cards

Pokémon provides a way to connect Pokémon players all around the world by giving them the ability to open Pokémon Trainer Club accounts. With the Pokémon Trainer Club account, players can enjoy some member-exclusive benefits. You can also get access to exclusive prizes and events at Pokémon League.

By creating a new account to join the Pokémon Trainer Club online, you can earn trainer tokens, be a part of organized Pokémon play, get the latest Pokémon news, and customize your trainer appearance and so on. Creating a new account is simple, easy and convenient.

Go to www.pokemon.com to sign up today. If you have any questions please see our league leaders.

Prize Support & Check In

You must get a new score card or score sheet every month to earn promo cards for games you have played. Stop by the leaders table to check-in every week and update your information as your Pokemon ID, your active Pokemon Trainer Account status, and any other information you need to update. Find out the new league updates. Only takes a minute.

If you want your Pokemon!Play points for the season you attend and you MUST check in at the leader table.

Pokémon Pre-Release Kits

If you missed the past Pokemon Pre-Release, you may still find the Pokemon Pre-Release kits at local gaming stores that held Pokemon Pre-Release events. Pre-Release player kits, without the three additional packs can be purchased for around \$25 (See Stores For Details, While Supplies Last). These Pre-Release kits have the 22 card evolutions set, a promo card and four booster packs. Visit your local game store and purchase a Pokemon Pre-Release Player box. These make great Christmas gifts!



Play!Pokemon - The Spirit of the Game

The Pokemon Trading Card Game is a game of skill, enjoyed for its complex strategies, it's entertaining characters, and an unmatched atmosphere of friendly competition. A Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament is to determine the skill level of each player involved, the ultimate goal is to ensure that everyone participating is having fun.

Regardless of the size of the prizes of the tournament, adherence to the Spirit of the Game helps to ensure that all participants, players, spectators, and event staff at a Pokémon Trading Card Game event, have an enjoyable experience. This spirit of the game should guide the conduct of players as well as the tournament judges as they interpret and enforce the rules.

The Spirit of the Game is composed of the following:

- **Fun:** The Pokémon Trading Card Game is a game, and games are meant to be fun for all parties involved. When a game ceases to be fun, players find other things to do.
- **Fairness:** Games cease to be fun when players break the rules to achieve victory. A player should prefer to lose a game than to win by cheating.
- **Honesty:** Players of any game should strive to act honestly while playing that game. If a player inadvertently breaks a rule during a game and becomes aware of the error before his or her opponent or a judge, that player should make the opponent and the judge aware of the misplay.
- **Respect:** Players, spectators, and staff should be treated with the same respect that players would expect for themselves. Distracting an opponent or a judge to gain advantage shows disrespect to everyone involved in a Pokémon Trading Card Game event.
- **Sportsmanship:** Winning or losing with grace is vital to the enjoyment of a game. The desire to continue playing a game can be soured by players that berate their opponents after winning or losing a match.
- **Learning:** Players should strive to help each other increase their Pokémon Trading Card Game play skills. It is not a player's responsibility to make his or her opponent's plays for that opponent. However, discussing strategies, offering deck tips, or constructively critiquing game play decisions after the match has been completed helps both participants to become better players.

When players don't follow the Spirit of the Game it can make for an unpleasant gaming experience for everyone involved. Play!Pokemon organizers in our area are coordinating efforts to ensure that all participants in our Pokemon Trading Card Game tournaments are adhering to the Spirit of the Game philosophy. Those who violate the Spirit of the Game will be dealt with on a case by case basis. We ask that all of our players review the Spirit of the Game. Encourage each other and help us continue to make our Pokemon Community here in the Upstate of South Carolina, the best Pokemon Community in the World!

Pokémon Sword & Shield TCG Card Set

Pokémon TCG: Sword & Shield is the name given to the first main expansion of cards from the Sword & Shield Series of the Pokémon Trading Card Game. The set introduces Generation VIII and Pokémon-V in the card game. There will be 202 plus cards in the set. The release date is set for February 7, 2020. Pre-releases for Sword & Shield are planned for January 18-26, 2020. The new set introduces Pokémon V, powerful new cards that will apparently play an important role in players' strategies going forward. Both Zacian V and Zamazenta V - the two legendary stars of the upcoming video games - will be available in the expansion.



The first 'V Rising' expansion set, will be coming on February 7, 2020, and will include up to 70 new cards.





Pokémon At Build-A-Bear

Build-A-Bear has added a new Pokemon to the Pokemon line up. Pichu is now available for purchase at Build-A-Bear. A Pichu with all accessories cost around \$69. You can pick up just the plush Pichu for \$29. With Pichu's ear size it will not fit into the standard Cub Condo packaging. Pichu also comes with a special Pokemon TCG collector's card. Build-A-Bear also has Psyduck, Snubbull, Piplup, Vulpix, Meowth and more in the Build-A-Bear line up.

Get a Free Mewtwo For Pokemon: Let's Go

If you own a copy of Pokemon Let's Go Pikachu and Let's Go Eevee, you'll be able to download the mighty Mewtwo from Best Buy stores from November 4th through November 14th via Pokemon Pass for iPhone and Android devices. When you get the code from Pokemon Pass, you boot up your game, select communicate with from the main menu>mystery gift>get with code/ password and the select "YES" to save your game and connect to the internet. You enter the code and watch your gift arrive in the game.



Pokemon Video Game News



Begin your adventure as a Pokémon Trainer by choosing one of three new partner Pokémon: Grookey, Scorbunny, or Sobble. Then embark on a journey in the new Galar region, where you'll challenge the troublemakers of Team Yell, while unraveling the mystery behind the Legendary Pokémon Zacian and Zamazenta!

Pokemon Sword & Shield video game for the Nintendo Switch will be released on November 15th, 2019. Just in time for the holidays! The Sword & Shield games will be set in a new region called Galar. It will include three new starter Pokemon to choose from, Scorbunny (Fire Type), Sobble (Water Type), and Grookey (Grass Type). Check it out!

Pokemon Video Game Distributions

The Pokémon you get from them are usually quite different from any you can obtain in normal gameplay. Some may be Shiny Pokémon, while others may know moves that Pokémon of their species can't normally learn. They are also often found in a Cherish Ball, a special Poké Ball that can't be obtained by other means.

These Pokémon may be available via the Nintendo Network, a code card from a participating retailer, a QR Code, or by visiting a specific real world event.

You can also check out past Pokémon distributions.

Current Distributions

Pokémon: Mewtwo
Games: Pokémon: Let's Go, Pikachu! and Pokémon: Let's Go, Eevee!
Distribution Method: Pokémon Pass app at Best Buy stores
Distribution Period: November 4–14, 2019

Poké Ball: Cherish Ball
Level: 70
Moves: Amnesia, Psychic, Teleport, Recover

Pokémon: Shiny Lunala
Games: Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Sun
Distribution Method: Pokémon Pass app at GameStop stores
Event Period: October 21–November 10, 2019

Poké Ball: Cherish Ball

Pokemon Video Game Distributions - Continued

Held Item: Gold Bottle Cap
Level: 60
Nature: Random
Ability: Shadow Shield
Moves: Moongeist Beam, Psyshock, Moonblast, and Moonlight

Pokémon: Shiny Solgaleo
Games: Pokémon Ultra Moon and Pokémon Moon
Distribution Method: Pokémon Pass app at GameStop stores
Event Period: October 21–November 10, 2019

Poké Ball: Cherish Ball
Held Item: Gold Bottle Cap
Level: 60
Nature: Random
Ability: Full Metal Body
Moves: Sunsteel Strike, Zen Headbutt, Noble Roar, and Morning Sun

More information can be found at <https://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-distributions/>.

Pokemon On The Web

Pokemon Resources:

How To Play – (Great for Parents) - <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg/play-online/tutorial/>

Pokémon - <http://pokemon.com>

Easley Pokemon Gym Website: <http://easleypokemongym.wix.com/easleypokemongym>

League Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>

Pokebeach - <http://pokebeach.com/>

Bulbapedia - <http://bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net/wiki/>

Sixprizes - <http://www.sixprizes.com/>

Pokemon Bank - <http://www.pokemonbank.com/en-us>

Pokemon Card Sales - <http://trollandtoad.com>

Pokemon Banned Card List - <https://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg-banned-card-list/>

Operation Pikaclaus - Share The Love of Pokemon

Every year around Christmas time we try as a league to gather Pokemon Theme decks to give to organizations in our community to give to kids less fortunate during the holidays. We try and share the love of Pokemon with everyone in our community who love Pokemon. The Red Barn Pokemon League will host what is called



Operation Pikaclaus. We try and collect donations of Pokemon Theme decks and we hold a charity tournament to buy Pokemon Theme Decks. We usually start right after Thanksgiving through the first of December. We try and chose an organization that will distribute these Pokemon Theme decks to kids in the local area. So this year. I thought we would start earlier and collect Pokemon Theme Decks, Pokemon Toys and other Pokemon gifts to donate to our local Salvation Army in Easley, SC. It is my hope that we can gather these Pokemon related items before the end of Thanksgiving to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution by Christmas. If you can help in any way, by either donating a Pokemon related gift or helping with this project, please see Professor Jeff. It is my goal that we secure a number of Pokemon Theme decks that equal a case to donate to the Salvation Army this year. Donations of Pokemon related gifts will be accepted at our leagues. The Salvation Army has families that request for Pokemon items when they register for assistance for the holidays. Please, I ask that you consider donating a Pokemon Gift. It would brighten a child's holiday.



Pokemon GO Community Days

Pokemon GO is designed to get people out and playing together at a certain time, each limited-time event will offer featured Pokémon with a unique and exclusive move that will spawn for three hours, alongside a resource bonus - such as double XP, Stardust or Lure Modules - as incentives to get out there and playing.



The heightened player activity might make it easier to take on Raids and Gyms, so keep that in mind during the three hour period, as well as making savvy use of the resource multiplier in effect with things like Lucky Eggs and Stardust, too.

Pokemon GO Community Days:

The November Community Day will take place on November 16th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in your local time. This Pokemon GO Community Day will feature Chimchar. Bonus will be 1/4 Egg Hatch Distance, 3 hour Lures, and Shiny Chimchar Family will be released.

The December Community Day will take place on several days. December 14th and 15th from 11 AM to 2 PM Local Time. The feature Pokemon during the December Pokemon Go Community Day are usually all Pokemon released during previous Pokemon GO Community Days. We will update you when we have more information.

Our website and Facebook pages will have the latest information when announcements are made by Niantic.

What's Next With Pokemon GO?

GO Battle League

Niantic has announced that a new feature called GO Battle League will be coming to the game in early 2020. It will build on the current trainer battles system and will encourage players to get out and explore. According to Niantic, players will walk to earn entry into the Battle League. Once they're in they'll be able to battle players from around the world through an online matching system. Win and lose, they'll rise and fall in the ranks of the worldwide league. We'll keep updating with more information on Battle League as it's announced.

Niantic Wayfarer beta

Niantic will soon launch a beta of its Wayfarer tool which will allow players to review nominations for Gyms and Pokéstops, giving them a say in new places to play. Over the next few weeks the beta will roll out to a select playerbase with larger rollouts to come at a later time.

Pokemon Sword & Shield Starters

Since Grooky, Scorbunny, Sobble are Starter Pokemon, you will most likely obtain them from Professor Magnolia at the beginning of Sword and Shield.

Grooky

Grooky's evolution is currently unknown.

A stick that has special effects

The stick held by Grooky was originally a branch from the forest where troops of Grooky live, but it's no longer a simple branch. The stick has gained special powers after being exposed to the energy within Grooky's body. It can give energy to plants



Its green fur creates energy from sunlight. Wilted flowers and leaves have been seen to regain their color when Grooky drums with its stick near them.

Pokemon Sword & Shield Starters - Continued

Scorbunny

Scorbunny's evolution is currently unknown.

Its powerful legs are its pride

Scorbunny uses its powerful legs to run and jump around its opponents, confusing and disorienting them. *The soles of its feet can become very hot, and Scorbunny can kick opponents to damage and burn them, too!



Scorbunny's second heart—its "fire sac"

Scorbunny has a fire sac in its chest, which contains viscous fire energy. If Scorbunny is able to increase its heart rate and body temperature by running around and warming up properly, the true power of its fire energy will be awakened and its physical capabilities will greatly increase.

Sobble

Sobble's evolutions are still unknown.

It disappears when it touches water

When Sobble touches water, its body changes its pattern and color, allowing it to blend into its surroundings. Sobble is a bit timid, and so if it gets nervous or embarrassed, it will secrete the water within its body like sweat and disappear into the surroundings.



Tears as potent as 100 onions

Sobble's tears are capable of making others cry. This effect is so strong, it is said that its tears are as potent as 100 onions. If Sobble feels threatened, it will start to bawl and spread its tears around the area, causing everyone around it to start crying uncontrollably. Sobble will then use this distraction as a chance to escape.

Leagues Supported By The Following:

The Red Barn
2333 N. Pleasantburg
Dr, Greenville, SC 29609
(864) 412-7887

The Red Barn located across from Home Depot on N. Pleasantburg Dr carry's a great selection of Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, War Hammer, Dragon Ball Super, Jewelry and Art. Coffee and snacks as well. Safe and clean. Very family friendly.

Planet Comics
2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621

Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and TCG Merchandise

Boardwalk
1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC 29607
(864) 2976924

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

Open World Gaming
1120 N Pleasantburg Dr #302,
Greenville, SC 29607
(864) 421-2535

Open World Gaming provides the premiere gaming experience in the Upstate. Rent time on their stations (Xbox, Playstation, PC, Retro, VR and more). Now playing Tradings Card Games as well.

EMPIRE GAMES
118 N McDuffie St, Anderson, SC 29621
Phone: (864) 3289418

We provide a well lit, well stocked, clean environment to enjoy your favorite tabletop games with your friends!

Platform 42
104 Middleton Way, Suite 3 Greer, SC 29615
(864) 416-1293

Pokemon TCG Merchandise

The Pickens County Library system, Captain Hampton Memorial Library staff, we thank you for all that you do and have done for the league over the years. May we continue to find more Pokemon adventures into the future.