



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.

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Latest News



Pokemon Leagues

See our list of Pokemon Leagues in our area. Feel free to visit them when you get the chance.



League Halloween Party

Our annual League Halloween party is fast approaching. October 27th, 2016 from 530p-830p we'll have our party. See our league leaders if you would like to volunteer for this event.



Pokemon Championships

Lots of changes to the 2017 Pokemon Championships. Pokemon has announced the 2017 Pokemon World Championships will be held in Anaheim, CA. Stay tuned for tournament updates.

League Spot Light...

Boardwalk League

League Owner - Heather Sauer-Hart

The league meets at Boardwalk 1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC 29607. They have a casual play on Tuesdays starting at 5p. On Saturdays they have tournaments starting at 6p. They have a great play area thats safe and clean. Pokemon products and snacks are available for purchase. They have a wonderful staff. Check them out!

League Spot Light...

The PCPL (Planet Comics Pokemon League)

League Owner Keith Thomas

PCPL is a great and up coming league. Located at Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. The league meets every Sunday from 230p-530p. The league growing. The play area has been expanded and it's a safe for families to play Pokemon. Planet Comics has a wealth of Pokemon products and snacks for purchase. Check them out!



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Season And Tournament Schedule

Season List

Gear Season - September 1st - September 30th

Season TBA - October 1st - October 31st

Tournament List

September 17th - Easley League Challenge. Registration 9:30a till 10:30a.

Easley Library, Main Meeting Room, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640.

October 15th - Easley League Challenge. Registration 9:30a till 10:30a. Easley

Library, Main Meeting Room, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640.

October 22nd - Evolutions Pre-release - Anderson County Library, 300 N Mc Duffie St, Anderson, SC 29621. Registration at 1p. Cost \$30 preregister, \$35 day of event.

October 29th - Evolutions Pre-release - Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. Registration 1p. Cost \$30 preregister, \$35 day of event.

(This event is tentative, see our Facebook page for more information.)

Event

September 24th - Anderson County Library - Meet and Greet event, 202 E Greenville St, Anderson, South Carolina 29621. 11a - 2p.

October 27th - The Easley Pokemon Gym Halloween party, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640. 530p-830p. Come dressed as your favourite Pokemon character. See our Facebook and website (www.easleypokemongym.tk) for more information.

League Promos

Every week that you come to league and check in with the leader table, you receive a league promo or code card. Checking in also ensures you being listed as attending the league season.

Pokemon Trainer Accounts

Have you activated your Pokemon Trainer Account? The Pokemon Trainer Account is an option at Pokemon.com. With an active trainer account you can receive special league prizes for participating in league events, track your points by attending leagues and other official Pokemon events. For more information

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Mythical Pokemon Download

September Download

Receive Victini via Nintendo Network beginning September 1, 2016, for your Pokémon Omega Ruby, Pokémon Alpha Sapphire, Pokémon X, or Pokémon Y game. The Pokémon will be available only until September 24, 2016, so don't miss this opportunity!

October Download

Get Keldeo via a Nintendo Network event, once again in Ordinary Form in Pokémon Omega Ruby and Pokémon Alpha Sapphire! Then, seek out the Move Tutor in Mauville City to teach Keldeo its signature Secret Sword move.

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League Halloween Party




Captain Hampton Memorial Pokemon League
Halloween Party
October 27, 2016
5:30p - 8:30p

We are planning our annual Pokemon League Halloween party. The League Halloween party will be on October 27th, 2016 from 530p until 830p. While we plan another fun filled event we need volunteers again this year. Those interested in helping with our party please see Mr. Jeff.

We'll need volunteers for games, food or snacks, decorations, etc. This year I hope that we can gather materials for some Pokemon related decorations.





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Pokemon Go!

You may or may not have heard that Pokemon GO is an augmented reality game to catch Pokemon in our world, either on the Android phone or iPhone.

Pokémon Go is a free-to-play, location-based augmented reality game developed by Niantic for iOS and Android devices. It was initially released in selected countries in July 2016. In the game, players use a mobile device's GPS capability to locate, capture, battle, and train virtual creatures, called Pokémon, who appear on the screen as if they were in the same real-world location as the player. The game supports in-app purchases for additional in-game items.

Pokémon Go was released to mixed reviews, with critics praising the game's concept and the incentive to be more active in the real world, while criticizing frequent technical issues apparent at launch. Despite such reviews, it quickly became a global phenomenon and was one of the most used mobile apps, reportedly having been downloaded by more than 100 million people worldwide. It was credited with popularizing location-based and augmented reality gaming, as well as for promoting physical activity and helping local business grow. However, it has also attracted controversy for contributing to accidents and becoming a public nuisance at some locations. Multiple governments expressed concerns over the game's security, with legislation regarding it being passed in some countries as a result.

Overall the Pokemon GO mobile game has been very popular. We want all of our players to be safe while they go out into the real world and catch Pokemon. Here are some safety tips to remember.

Some safety tips to remember when playing the Pokémon Go game:

1. Keep Your Eyes Open - Walking with eyes glued to screens can pose serious risks like falling and running into other people, or even walking into traffic. Keep eyes up at all times and stop in a safe area when you gotta catch 'em all.
2. Do not enter private areas: Catch Pokémon only in public areas within hours of operation and ask for permission when a rare creature is located in private areas like restaurants and homes. Respect others and their property.
3. Remain cautious of oncoming traffic: Being hit by a car feels worse than being sat on by a wild Snorlax. Look both ways before crossing streets to catch Pokémon.

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Evolutions Prerelease



When you come to the pre-release you will get

One pre release box containing...

- 1 22-card Evolution pack featuring key cards from current and prior sets
- 4 XY—Steam Siege booster packs
- 1 of 4 alternate-art promo cards
- 1 deck-building tip sheet

Each player gets 1 Pre-release box, and allow 20–30 minutes for deck building.

You will build a 40 card deck and play in a three round tournament. During the tournament, games are played with 4 Prize cards rather than the usual 6.

Basic Energy cards included

At the conclusion of the tournament, each player receives 3 additional booster packs as a participation prize.

Our pre-release schedule is as follows:

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Leagues Supported By The Following...

<p>Boardwalk 1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 297-6924</p> <p>Boardwalk offers a large selection of games and has a great selection of Pokemon TCG and related products.</p>	<p>Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621</p> <hr/> <p>Comics, Games, Pokemon TCG Merchandise</p> <hr/> <p>Geek Out Games 1276 Eighteen Mile Rd, Central, SC 29630 Pokemon TCG Merchandise</p>
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Changes In The Championship Series

Check out the major revisions coming to the world of competitive Pokémon gaming.

Get ready for an epic year of competitive Pokémon TCG and video game battling at all levels—including the Championship Series—with all-new events in the 2017 Play! Pokémon season. We're making significant changes to the program to improve players' chances to compete and win across the world. Take a look.

This year, we're introducing a new Championship Series event in each of the four core rating zones. The European Championships, North American Championships, Latin American Championships, and Asia Pacific Championships will take place throughout the season and are open to all players worldwide. These amazing events will feature high Championship Point payouts and a total prize pool of nearly \$250,000 per event. In addition, Travel Awards and Stipends will be available to players worldwide based on Championship Point performance in their home rating zone. Travel Awards and Stipends available for each of these events may vary by rating zone and by age division. Stay tuned for more details closer to the events.

Pokémon Regional Championships will now be more accessible to players around the world and will feature bigger prizes. Every Regional will offer more than \$50,000 in prize money, scholarships, and Travel Certificates based on attendance. These competitions will be spread more evenly throughout the 2017 Championship Series season instead of clustered over several weekends during the year, making it easier for players to attend multiple Regional throughout the season. There are no residency restrictions for 2017 Pokémon Regional Championships; players are free to travel to foreign events. Travel Certificates earned at Regional will be deposited to a travel account that winners may use as they wish.

City Championships will now be known as League Cup events. Participating hobby stores will be eligible to host one League Cup event per quarter, giving Pokémon TCG players more opportunities to play in their local area. The Championship Points structure for top finishers at a League Cup event will be the same as for the former City Championships. Also, Pokémon League Challenges will return as entry-level events, giving Pokémon TCG players a great place to get started and even more opportunities to compete in local events.

The Premier Challenge and Mid-season Showdown events will return in the 2017 Championship Series season as local events for Pokémon video game players. Premier Challenges will provide

players with frequent opportunities to play at local events and to try out new strategies in smaller events. Mid-season Showdowns are larger events that will give players the opportunity to compete for a greater number of Championship Points in their local area.

At every event listed above, players can earn Championship Points to qualify for the most prestigious event in the Championship Series: the Pokémon World Championships. Championship Point totals needed to qualify for the 2017 World Championships will be announced in September.

Play! Pokémon will no longer host Pokémon State or National Championships. The Play! Pokémon team may approve independently operated National Championships on a case-by-case basis. The Championship Points and prizes available at these events will vary.

We look forward to seeing you at Play! Pokémon events during the 2017 season. Good luck throughout the year on your climb toward the title of Pokémon World Champion.

Stay tuned for more information on specific events during the 2017 Championship Series season.

Source: <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-news/big-play-pokemon-changes-on-the-way-for-2017/>

Pokemon GO! - Continued

4. Stay cool in summer weather: Catching Pokémon is an arduous activity during the summer. Dress appropriately for the hot weather and stay hydrated. If you're taking your pets with you on adventures, remember to bring water for them, too.

5. Keep children within view: Parents and guardians should follow their children or use the buddy system when embarking on Pokémon GO adventures. It is likely players will encounter strangers, particularly when battling others at PokéGyms.

6. Avoid driving and throwing Poké Balls: Playing Pokémon GO while driving is as bad of an idea as texting and driving. Park your car before playing the game.

7. Stay alert at day and night: While entering a new area in the hopes of catching a Pikachu seems thrilling, users should be cautious of unfamiliar areas.

Source for article:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pokémon_GO