



# 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.

July - August 2017

## Latest News



### Pokemon Leagues

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



### Major Pokemon Go Update

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### Sun & Moon - Burning Shadows Prerelease

We have four prerelease tournaments in our area for the next Pokémon TCG set, Sun & Moon Burning Shadows.

#### .League Spot Light...

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

The RBPL or Red Barn Pokémon 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...

**Planet Comics Pokémon League PCPL**  
See Jeff for Pokémon Information

PCPL meets at Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621 on Sundays from 230p-530p. They have a large selection of Pokémon products and games accessories. The league is growing. See you there.



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## Prerelease Tournament Season

### 2017 Sun & Moon—Burning Shadows Prerelease

**Easley Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, SC 29640**

Entry Fee: \$30

Dates: July 22, 2017 1:00p

**Planet Comics 2704 N Main St Anderson, SC 29621**

Entry Fee:

\$25 (plus tax) If you preregister

\$30 (plus tax) The day of the event

Dates:

July 22, 2017 - Midnight

July 23, 2017 - 230p

July 29, 2017 - 1p

July 30, 2017 - 230p



At each prerelease each player will receive:

Each Prerelease box includes:

- 22-card Evolution pack featuring key cards from current and prior sets
- 4 Sun & Moon—Burning Shadows booster packs
- 1 of 4 alternate-art promo cards
- 1 deck-building tip sheet

Every participating player will receive 3 Burning Shadows boosters at the conclusion of the event....

What To Bring:

You may bring dice or coin, sleeves (Pokemon related or solid colors), mat, damage counters, condition counters, and your Pokemon Organized Play (POP) ID. If you don't already have a Pokemon Player ID, please log into [Pokemon.com](http://Pokemon.com) and obtain a Pokemon Player ID and bring it with you to the prerelease.

Open to all players.



**Newsletter and Pokemon League Contact:**

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**Website: [www.easleypokemongym.tk](http://www.easleypokemongym.tk)**

## World Championship Tournament

August 18–20, the top players from around the globe will converge on the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California, to battle at the 2017 Pokémon World Championships. Only the Pokémon TCG and video game Trainers who battled at Championship Series events throughout the season and managed to earn enough Championship Points will qualify for this prestigious competition. Competitors will be battling for the title of World Champion and a share of over \$500,000 in prizes!

Pokkén Tournament players will also have the chance to show off their fighting skills at the Pokémon World Championships. On Friday, participants in the Last Chance Qualifier tournament will battle for the remaining seats in Pokkén Tournament World Championships. Then, the 2017 Pokkén Tournament World Championships will take place on Saturday, August 19, finishing with the grand finals on Saturday night, where the prize pool will be \$20,000. Players will be competing using the Wii U version of Pokkén Tournament.

<http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-news/get-details-on-the-big-summer-competitions/>

## A Major Pokémon GO Update Is On the Way

Get ready for a revamped Gym experience, cooperative fun with Raid Battles, and more.

Pokémon GO is about to get the biggest update since its launch! Starting soon, Trainers around the world will discover new fun at Gyms and a cool new Raid Battle feature where players can coordinate to take on very powerful Pokémon. Let's take a closer look at these two exciting new features.

Prepare for more exciting Gym battles and more ways to support your team! With this update, you'll be able to get items from Gyms like you do at PokéStops. And how you add Pokémon to a Gym is changing: Gyms will have six permanent slots that can be filled with the controlling team's Pokémon, and each Pokémon assigned to these slots must be unique. Opposing teams will battle the Pokémon in the order they were assigned to the Gym.

A new motivation system will further change how you battle at Gyms. Pokémon defending a Gym will lose motivation as they are defeated in battle. As their motivation decreases, their CP will also temporarily decrease, making them easier to defeat. It's up to you to keep your team's Pokémon motivated by giving them Berries! But if a Pokémon loses all its motivation, it'll return to its Trainer the next time it loses in battle.

New rewards are coming to Trainers when they interact with the many Gyms around the world. Cool Gym Badges demonstrate your accomplishments and your contribution to that Gym's success. As you level up these Badges by battling, giving Berries to Pokémon, and spinning the Photo Disc, you'll get opportunities to earn bonus items by spinning the Photo Disc and increased rewards by participating in Gym battles.

The other big news is the introduction of Raid Battles, cooperative gameplay features that



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encourage you to work with other Trainers to defeat extremely powerful Pokémon. Gyms all over the world will offer the chance to participate in Raid Battles. However, unlike Gym battles, Trainers on opposing teams can work together to complete them. When you defeat a Pokémon in a Raid Battle, each participating Trainer earns special items as well as the opportunity to catch the Raid Boss. Team up and catch tough Pokémon at Gyms soon with the new cooperative Raid Battle experience!

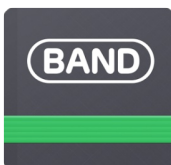
Before you can battle the Raid Boss, you'll need a Raid Pass. You can get one free Raid Pass per day by visiting a Gym, and you can hold only one at a time. After you use your pass to join the battle, you and up to 20 other Trainers work together to defeat the Raid Boss. If you successfully defeat the Raid Boss within the five-minute time limit, you'll have the chance to catch a stronger-than-normal Pokémon of your own! You'll also receive fantastic rewards, including new items only obtained for defeating a Raid Boss: Rare Candies, Golden Razz Berries, and Fast and Charged Technical Machines. A Rare Candy is an item that turns into the Pokémon's Candy when used on a Pokémon. A Golden Razz Berry will greatly increase your chance to catch a Pokémon you encounter in the wild; it can also be given to a Pokémon assigned to a Gym to fully recover its motivation meter. Technical Machines are items you can use to permanently teach a Pokémon a new Fast Attack or Charged Attack at random.

In preparation for these changes, all Gyms will be disabled in Pokémon GO for a brief time. Once this update has been rolled out in every region, Gyms will come back online. Trainers will be able to begin entering Raid Battles over the next few weeks following the update.

Have fun battling at Gyms and joining up for challenging Raid Battles with Pokémon GO's biggest update—coming soon!

## 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

## A New APP For The Pokemon Leagues - Continued

are posted to the app.

- Access your group on any device including your phone, tablet or laptop by going to <http://band.us>

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/>

## Rock Your Battles with Lycanroc

This Midnight Form Lycanroc was distributed to players who inserted a serial code that was given away at various stores in select countries. The serial codes could be used to obtain Lycanroc from May 15 to August 4, 2017. It was distributed to celebrate the release of the Guardians Rising TCG expansion.

#745	Lycanroc
Midnight Form	♂/♀
Cherish Ball	Level 50
Type:	Rock
Ability:	No Guard
Held item:	Life Orb

If you have the codes from Gamestop you can still enter them into your game.

## Pokémon-GX Power Awaits at GameStop

Add Pokémon-GX to your Pokémon TCG Online collection with codes available at GameStop.

For a limited time, when you purchase select Pokémon TCG products at a participating GameStop, you'll get a code to unlock a cool Pokémon-GX in the Pokémon TCG Online. Codes for some products also unlock the Pokémon-GX's full Evolution chain! With this powerful line of cards, you'll have a quick way to create a foundation for your next winning deck.

Depending on which product you purchase, you'll be eligible to receive certain Pokémon-GX cards. When you purchase a Legends of Alola Tin, Island Guardians Tin, Lycanroc-GX Box, Tapu Koko-GX Box, or Bewear-GX Box, you'll get a code that will add one of seven possible Pokémon-GX to your online card collection. If you purchase



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## Pokémon-GX Power Awaits at GameStop - Continued

a Decidueye-GX, Incineroar-GX, or Primarina-GX Premium Collection, you'll receive a code that will unlock one of those three Pokémon, along with its Evolution chain, in the Pokémon TCG Online.

To get the code, stop by your local participating GameStop store between June 19 and July 10 and purchase one of the listed products. Your code and redemption instructions will be printed on your receipt.

Prepare for bigger battles with Pokémon-GX live and online with codes available at GameStop.

<http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-news/pokemon-gx-power-awaits-at-gamestop/>

## RBPL - Red Barn Pokemon League Is On The Move

The Red Barn is in the process of moving locations. The Red Barn will be moving in September to a location not far from its current location across from the Home Depot next to Window World. The league will also make this move with the Red Barn. The new location will have a dedicated Pokemon area and will be very spacious. The Red Barn will eventually rename to Nerdville Cafe. With the move we'll be renaming the Pokemon League at the Red Barn. So we are asking for Player input to our new name. If you have an idea, please submit your ideas to Mr. Jeff. We'll have more information at a later date.

## Pickens County Painted Rocks

We are planning to do some Pokemon rock painting for this event happening in Pickens County. We'll be painting some rocks at league. If your intested please let us know.

After we paint the rocks, we'll be ready to hide them! We can hide anywhere in Pickens County! Remebr to be respectful of peoples' property and do not trespass.

Post in the group Pickens County Rocks Facebook page and/or our Facebook page clues, or a picture, to help people find where the rock is hidden. Exact location is not required.

When hunting please let the group know if you are keeping, leaving, or rehiding the rock.

There are not a lot of rules in the Pickens County Rocks program as of yet. Anythig can be painted on the rocks, as long as it's good taste. We will be painting Pokemon related art onto these rocks.

Should be lots of fun.

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/249627245509963/>.

## 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.***