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## 2026 'Card Party' Pokémon TCG Conventions Focus on Community

### Description

Since 2021, unofficial Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) conventions have emerged across the United States, driven by growing interest in the hobby. Prior to the pandemic, large Pokémon TCG events were uncommon and lacked today's commercial appeal. Many of these newer shows mainly focus on buying and selling, attracting a segment sometimes referred to as "investor bros."

Conversely, "Card Party" distinguishes itself by prioritising community interaction over commerce. While it does allow card trading, the convention promotes connections among fans who share a passion for Pokémon. Combining elements of a card show, fan convention, and creator conference, Card Party offers much more than mere vendor browsing.

Now in its fourth year, Card Party is unique as it brings numerous notable Pokémon TCG community members together for games, activities, and live events. The upcoming event in San Diego is set to attract fans after a recent Seattle show that welcomed over 8,000 attendees and hundreds of vendors. Organiser Pat Flynn (Deep Pocket Monster) works alongside community members to develop the programme.

Participants engage in friendly competition by joining either Team Red or Team Blue, earning points through live shows and various activities. The convention creates a lively, competitive atmosphere, where attendees forge friendships and share experiences.

As night falls, attendees gather for live performances featuring creators and audience members. The overall atmosphere is vibrant, fostering a true celebration of the Pokémon TCG community while ensuring a family-friendly environment.

Card Party successfully fills a gap left by official events, providing an intimate and community-driven experience for Pokémon TCG enthusiasts. Upcoming events will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Dallas, Texas, later this year.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What has driven the emergence of Pokémon TCG conventions since 2021?

- Option: Increased commercial appeal
- Option: Growing interest in the hobby
- Option: Pandemic restrictions



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Option: Decreased community interaction

2. What distinguishes 'Card Party' from other Pokémon TCG events?

- Option: Focus on buying and selling
- Option: Community interaction over commerce
- Option: Elaborate vendor browsing
- Option: Lack of community members

3. How many years has 'Card Party' been running?

- Option: Two
- Option: Three
- Option: Four
- Option: Five

4. Who is the organiser of the 'Card Party' event?

- Option: Pat Flynn
- Option: Pikachu
- Option: Investor Bros
- Option: Deep Pocket Monster

5. What competitive teams can participants join at 'Card Party'?

- Option: Team Green and Team Yellow
- Option: Team Red and Team Blue
- Option: Team Black and Team White
- Option: Team Gold and Team Silver

6. Which city is the upcoming 'Card Party' event set to take place?

- Option: Seattle
- Option: San Diego
- Option: Fort Lauderdale
- Option: Dallas

### True-False

7. Since the pandemic, large Pokémon TCG events have become more common.

8. 'Card Party' is primarily focused on commerce and trading.



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9. The first 'Card Party' event took place in 2020.
  10. The recent Seattle show had more than 8,000 attendees.
  11. 'Card Party' incorporates elements of a card show, fan convention, and creator conference.
  12. The atmosphere at 'Card Party' is family-friendly.

### Gap-Fill

13. Card Party is unique as it brings numerous notable Pokémon TCG community members together for games and activities while promoting \_\_\_\_\_ interaction.
14. Since 2021, \_\_\_\_\_ Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) conventions have emerged across the United States.
15. Participants can earn points by joining either Team Red or Team \_\_\_\_\_ during the event.
16. The recent Seattle show welcomed over 8,000 \_\_\_\_\_ and hundreds of vendors.
17. The upcoming events will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.
18. Card Party fills a gap left by official events, providing a \_\_\_\_\_ and community-driven experience.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Growing interest in the hobby 2. Community interaction over commerce 3. Four 4. Pat Flynn 5. Team Red and Team Blue 6. San Diego

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. community 14. unofficial 15. Blue 16. attendees 17. Dallas 18. family-friendly

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