



2026 Pokémon TCG Conventions Focus on Community Spirit

Description

Since 2021, unofficial Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) conventions have appeared across the United States. This growth follows a recent boom in interest. Before the pandemic, large Pokémon TCG events were rare and did not attract many fans. Many of these shows focus on buying and selling cards, appealing to collectors and investors.

However, "Card Party" is different. It promotes community interaction rather than just sales. While card trading is still part of the event, it puts more emphasis on fans connecting through their shared love for Pokémon. Now in its fourth year, Card Party is the only convention that brings together many well-known Pokémon TCG community members for games and activities with fans.

The next event will take place in San Diego. The last show in Seattle attracted over 8,000 fans. During the convention, attendees are divided into two teams, Red and Blue, competing in games, trivia, and more. This teamwork creates a lively atmosphere. At night, everyone gathers for live shows, with opportunities to meet other fans and creators.

Card Party fills a gap left by official events, which have become bigger and more corporate. It offers a more friendly and intimate experience for Pokémon TCG fans. The next Card Party shows will also be held in Fort Lauderdale and Dallas later this year.

Vocabulary List:

1. **unofficial** //ˌʌnə'fɪʃəl// (adjective): not made or approved by the main organization
2. **convention** //kən'venʃən// (noun): a large meeting where people share an interest
3. **investors** //ɪn'vestərz// (noun): people who give money hoping to earn more
4. **promotes** //prə'moʊts// (verb): helps something grow or become more popular
5. **attendees** //ə'tendiz// (noun): people who are present at an event
6. **intimate** //ɪntə'mət// (adjective): small and friendly, not big or formal

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What is the main focus of the 'Card Party' event?
 - Option: Buying and selling cards
 - Option: Community interaction
 - Option: Competitive gaming
 - Option: Official Pokémon tournaments

 2. How many fans did the last show in Seattle attract?
 - Option: 5,000
 - Option: 8,000
 - Option: 10,000
 - Option: 12,000

 3. In which city will the next Card Party event take place?
 - Option: Los Angeles
 - Option: San Diego
 - Option: New York
 - Option: Houston

 4. How many years has Card Party been running?
 - Option: Two
 - Option: Three
 - Option: Four
 - Option: Five

 5. What colors are the teams divided into during the convention?
 - Option: Red and Yellow
 - Option: Red and Blue
 - Option: Blue and Green
 - Option: Red and Green

 6. What type of atmosphere does the teamwork during the event create?
 - Option: Competitive
 - Option: Lively
 - Option: Silent
 - Option: Chaotic

True-False



7. Before the pandemic, large Pokémon TCG events were common.
8. Card Party only focuses on card sales.
9. The next Card Party events will also be held in Fort Lauderdale and Dallas.
10. The attendees at Card Party compete in trivia games.
11. Card Party provides a corporate experience for fans.
12. Live shows are part of the Card Party convention events.

Gap-Fill

13. Since 2021, unofficial Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) conventions have appeared across the United States, following a recent boom in _____.
14. Before the pandemic, large Pokémon TCG events were rare and did not attract many _____.
15. Card Party promotes community interaction rather than just _____.
16. During the convention, attendees are divided into two teams: Red and _____.
17. Card Party fills a gap left by official events, which have become bigger and more _____.
18. The next Card Party shows will be held in Fort Lauderdale and _____ later this year.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Community interaction 2. 8,000 3. San Diego 4. Four 5. Red and Blue 6. Lively

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

Gap-Fill: 13. interest 14. fans 15. sales 16. Blue 17. corporate 18. Dallas

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