

Announcing National Games Week

National Games Week started in 2004. Last year over 2,600 events took place, and 31,800 web pages worldwide noted it. NGW's™ founder is Mark Simmons, publisher of *Games Quarterly* and longtime advocate of games as positive, social entertainment. Mark says, to anyone who will listen, "Games are a great entertainment alternative. In today's electronic world, where people have less face to face interaction than they used to, games play their small but important part in regaining our sociability while challenging us to think." You, our members, of course, already know this.

National Games Week has become an international celebration of non-electronic games—the social kind, that you play with family and friends, including board, card, party, family, educational, traditional, miniatures and many more types of games. Major sponsors include Wizards of the Coast (a division of Hasbro), Eagle Games, Nintendo of America and Pokemon USA.

This year NGW kicks off at the official game convention of NGW, Gencon SoCal, at the Anaheim convention center in California. Many of the NGW's™ 120+ participating game publishers will attend and showcase their games at Gencon.

NGW 2005 takes place November 20-26. we hope you will start planning for your event(s). at home, school, church, or community center. You could also find events at your local specialty game store- they will log them on the web site (these are the only events listed on the web site).

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