



# **RPG Research & RPG.LLC**

Wheelchair Accessible RPG Bus & RPG  
Trailers Live Online Tours & Q&A



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- Therapeutic since 2004
- [www.rpgresearch.com](http://www.rpgresearch.com)
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- **& much more!**

# Speakers / Trainers

- Hawke Robinson, Founder/President, TRS(R), GM 19. RPGs since 1977. CS, nursing, habilitation therapy, neurosciences, research psychology, music & recreation therapy.
- John Welker, Vice President, TRS(R), GM 5. RPGs since 1979. US Army veteran, nursing, home care.
- Danielle Whitworth, Student TRS(R), GM 3. RPGs since 2017. Sports training.



# Audience/Participants Assessment

- Using the text chat, answer the following questions please.



# Primary Reason

- What is the primary reason you are attending this session?
- What are you hoping to learn from attending?



# What is your profession

- Relevant to the topic of this session, what is your profession?



# RPG Experience?

- Have you played role-playing games before?
- If so, for how long?





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- Have you been a Game Master for RPGs?
- For how long?



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# Why the RPG Bus & Trailers

- Evolution of issues leading to trying to find solutions.
- Game stores noisy, dirty, uncomfortable, need high population density to stay in business, inaccessible, temperature, smells, etc.
- Rehabilitation & medical facilities, difficulty booking space for more than 45-60 minutes, noise, space for groups in wheelchairs
- Sain Luke's rehab the catalyst in 2013



# Research & Evolution

- Researched for 2 years.
- First trailer destroyed
- Second trailer less than ideal
- Third trailer great
- Bus nice but limited space and lift vs. ramp
- Insurance far more for bus than trailers



# Started Accessibility, now much more

- RPG Parties
- Long road trips staff
- RPG & Accessibility advocacy
- Mobile broadcast spaces
- Even during COVID, safe spaces for one-on-one for those in half-way houses and others with no private space



# Expands reach to those that need it the most

- Those needed services in under-served, and especially un-served areas, such as low population density or even remote rural locations.
- Providing services where nobody else does.
- Can control all sensory stimuli, colors, noise, temperature, lighting, smells, etc.



# Outdoor Events

- MDA Camp
- Toilets, showers, exterior showers
- Support weekend events where no other services
- Can turn “fleet” into square with courtyard between for even more usable space





# RPG Tours

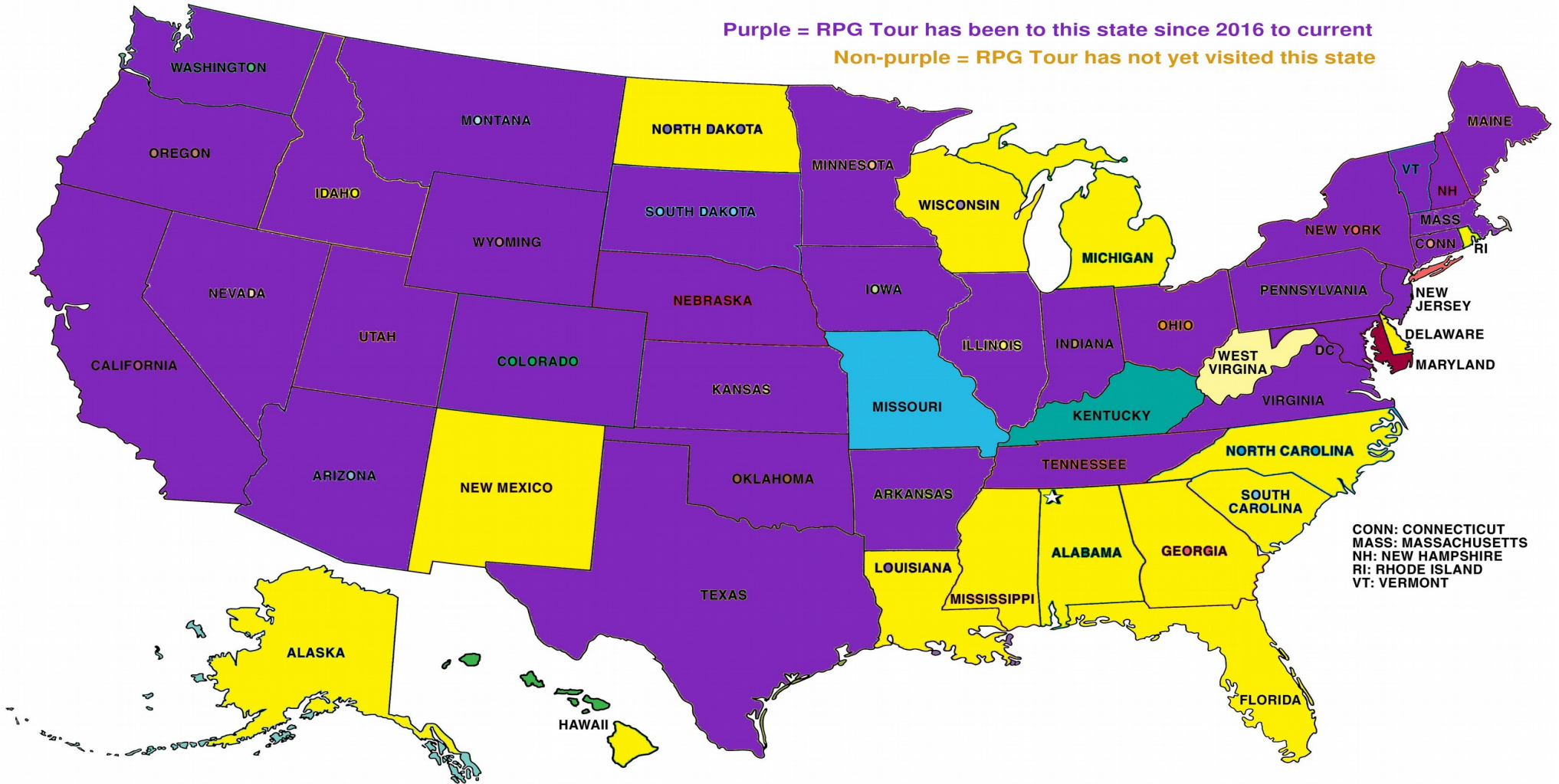
- [Rpgtour.com](http://Rpgtour.com)
- 1 to 2 per year since 2016
- Usually around key events
- Raises awareness
- Very expensive for gas (6 MPG), but keeps other costs down
- Bring accessibility equipment to entire conventions lacking



# RPG Museum

- Complete history of role-playing games
- With permission and participation from Shannon Appelcline of “Designer’s & Dragons” as outline.
- Donation of unique material from Paul Cardwell of the CAR-Pga
- Experiential learning
- Starting online
- With donations will get warehouse and offer hands-on experiential museum immersive experience

# RPG Tour States Visited since 2016





# Volunteer at RPG Research

## [www.rpgresearch.com/volunteer](http://www.rpgresearch.com/volunteer)

- RPG Research Volunteers, over 100 volunteers across 5 continents, wide range of backgrounds and interests.
- Especially need administrative staff such as:
  - Volunteer Coordinator
  - Community outreach & development (fundraising)
  - Grant writer
  - Marketing manager



# Employment at RPG.LLC

## rpg.jobs

- Wanted:
- Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (CTRS) with at least level 3 RPG Training from RPG Research or RPG Therapeutics.
- \$35 to \$120/hr
- Need at least 3 more.



# Donate to RPG Research

## [www.rpgresearch.com/donate](http://www.rpgresearch.com/donate)

- Patreon – special early access to content
- Paypal – one-time or monthly
- Amazon Smile
- Benevity (corporate supporters)
- Grants
- Amazon Wish List
- RPG Museum items