# KAMPING KITBASH EVENT BIBLE

A guide built from what we've learned and dreamed, not a rulebook, but a compass.

# Purpose

Kamping Kitbash is about collectiveness, experimentation, collaboration, community, and artistic exploration.

It's a space to make things together, to play, and to explore creativity without hierarchy or pressure. We want to create a space for anyone who has felt excluded from the hobby in any way and highlight the artistic capabilities of our hobby.

# Logistics

#### Venue

A good venue offers:

- A shared creation space big enough for everyone to work together.
- A communal dining area.
- At least one separate room for workshops.
- A quiet room for rest and recovery.
- Sleeping accommodations.
- Accessibility by public transport.

### **Participants**

Kamping Kitbash is open to everyone. The goal is to keep participation affordable and to offer reduced or free options for those with lower incomes.

#### Tools and Materials

No one should be left out because they lack tools or supplies. Everything needed to join in should be available on-site.

#### Food

Meals are provided with care. We consider allergies, sensitivities, and dietary choices. Vegetarian or vegan food is encouraged for ecological reasons and inclusivity.

### Local Guidelines

Check what's needed locally; permits, insurance, or other requirements, and make sure everything is covered.

### Communication and Inclusion

Aim to make communication inclusive, clear, and predictable. We consciously consider neurodiverse and queer participants at every step.

# Essence of the Event

#### Kitbash

It's in the name. Every event needs a kitbashing space with basic materials, but also the *spirit* of kitbashing: creative chaos, co-creation, and joyful experimentation. We don't follow manuals. We merge ideas and people to make something new.

Activities should include at least three of the following:

- Crafting
- Collaborating
- Role-play
- Artistic experimentation
- Miniature tabletop gaming
- Skill sharing
- Kitbashing
- Togetherness

### Inclusivity

Everyone should feel welcome and able to participate. Affordable entry, food, and accommodation make that possible. Provide low-stim spaces, gender-neutral bathrooms, and name cards with pronouns. Offer accessible vegan/vegetarian food options.

To reach the right crowd, collaborate with *key figures*: people who are meaningful in the community through influence, knowledge, or representation (ideally all three).

### Togetherness

Make it easy for everyone to belong. The group should be small enough that names can be learned and connections made. Plan activities that encourage collaboration and conversation. Help new people feel at home, especially those new to the hobby.

When celebrating achievements, focus on community and experimentation:

- People who helped others.
- People who tried something wild.
- People who shared, collaborated, or made others feel welcome.

### Bottom-Up

Encourage people to bring their own ideas. Kamping Kitbash grows from the ground up; everyone can add something, host an activity, or share a skill.

Whenever possible, include a local touch: explore traditions, local food, or nearby culture.

Keep the tone punk, playful, and down-to-earth. No jargon, no pretension, just creative rebellion and joy.

Volunteers are vital. Give them a clear task list, but also time to rest and join in.

### Accessibility

Pay attention to disabilities, identities, and class. Special care for trans participants, autistic participants, and those with ADHD is essential.

Keep the financial barrier low and provide all essential materials so everyone can join, no matter their background.

A low-stimulus space is crucial. Provide clear schedules and regular updates. Share photos and detailed descriptions of the venue in advance. Ensure wheelchair access and let people opt out of activities without pressure. Gender-neutral toilets are a must. Collect information on health needs and food preferences. Be transparent about the menu and daily plans so everyone can prepare.

All volunteers should know who handles emergencies:

- Who's responsible for first aid.
- Where medical supplies are kept.
- Where quiet spaces are located.
- How to respond to anxiety attacks or meltdowns.
- Who the "safe person" is someone trained and available to listen and help.

#### Silliness

Never forget the fun. Kamping Kitbash thrives on silliness: funny names, fairy lights, flags, absurd signs, and cozy chaos. Playfulness breaks the ice and invites authenticity. Lead by example: be silly, be kind, be unafraid to look ridiculous. Cringe is for weenies.

# Heart-Warming

The goal is friendship and creative joy, not competition. Keep the space collaborative, cozy, and full of warmth. Competitive events are discouraged, unless it's us against the world.