

at last years event are among a fortunate few thousand with special privileges to attend Preview Night on Wednesday, July 20. Guests will be entitled to a sneak peek of the behemoth Exhibit Hall and will receive first dibs on free Comic-Con swag.

Come Thursday, July 21 — watch out. Monster lines for the infamous Hall H will spill onto Harbor Drive before (and likely during) the one hour panel discussion with the cast and crew of the Vampire ridden “Twilight” films. This year’s topic revolves around the first installment of the two-part finale — “Breaking Dawn Part I.” Since the extreme wait for this panel is expected to drain the life out of most, be prepared; this will be a perfect time to conjure up stimulating questions for the cast during the Q & A segment.

The excitement in Hall H further endures with filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, who will discuss his new film “Don’t Be Afraid of the Dark” with Katie Holmes and Guy Pearce. And Robert Rodriguez will discuss his upcoming films with Quick Draw Productions and present some exclusive material from a top-secret project. Later that day, Guillermo del Toro will join Jon Favreau of “Cowboys & Aliens,” “Iron Man,” and “Elf” for an engaging discussion on the “Future of Pop Culture;” both filmmakers will share their experience in turning the art of pulp fiction into blockbusters.

Fascinated by the world of makeup effects? Oscar winning makeup artist Rick Baker of such films as “American Werewolf in London,” “Men in Black,” and many others will be on hand to discuss his amazing career and provide a first look at his work for the upcoming movie “Men In Black 3.”

The TV genre has some surprising guests on tap as well. Those memorable characters from the film “Napoleon Dynamite” featuring Jon Heder and Efen Ramirez will be on the scene, along with brother Kip and Uncle Rico, and executive producer Mike Scully of “The Simpsons,” to present a sneak peak of the new FOX animated series based on the cult Indie film.

And action! Geoff Beckett and his creative team of [Shocker Toys \(http://www.shockertoys.com/\)](http://www.shockertoys.com/), a popular Action Figure line based on rock bands, comic book characters, and TV shows will discuss “A world of Action Figure possibilities,” plus share some free swag with the audience.

And the legendary Marvel Comics writer/editor/innovator Stan Lee will appear on multiple panels throughout Comic-Con weekend.

Whether you’re seeking entertainment or enlightenment through learning the history of “the Modern Zombie,” Thursday has it covered.

Friday’s program features special appearances in Room 6BCF by Noah Wyle and Will Patton of the new TNT drama “Falling Skies;” along with “The Big Lebowski” himself — Jeff Bridges who will be on the scene promoting his upcoming picture “Seventh Son,” due in theatres in 2013. Bradley Cooper of “The Hangover” will also make a special appearance to introduce his new film project “Paradise Lost.”

Ballroom 20’s macabre line-up includes the cast, crew, and creator of “The Walking Dead” — the bone chilling new series on AMC. Fans will receive an exclusive sneak peek of Season II — set to premiere in