

3xtremeLAN

DarkZone Midnight Till Dawn
Friday, April 20th.

Congratulations and thanks for your interest in attending the 3xtremeLAN DarkZone night. Myself and other 3xtremeLAN admins will be gathered at The Blackburn Hotel, located at 111 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn, for dinner and light refreshments from 9pm. Anyone, including those not continuing on to DarkZone, are more than welcome to join us. Those under the age of 18 can enter the bistro on the condition they be having a meal, they cannot however, enter the gaming area, sports lounge or consume alcohol at any point. I need to stress here that the idea is not to over do it on the beverages, it is both DarkZone's policy, and mine, that should you be under the influence you will not be admitted and your payment not refunded (and being a bartender, I have an eye for those attempting to disguise their intoxication.)

At 11:30pm, we shall head up the road to DarkZone via cars, failing that, if there are too few drivers, four people to a taxi, for the 3 minute drive up the road, should cost less than \$2 per person. If you are unable, or don't wish to attend the The Blackburn, then it is at this point you should meet up with the admins out the front of DarkZone. The games start at 12:00am, it would be advisable to be 10 to 20 minutes early to allow time to check everyone in and for DarkZone's prep talk.

If you wish to drive, there is ample parking available along both Whitehorse road and in the center median, by the tram stop. Both these zones do not start timing until 8:30am.

At this point it would be advisable to produce your 'event ticket' that can be printed from the registrations page of the 3xtremeLAN website, to speed up the checking in process. You must be registered to attend and paid up in full prior to checking in, places are extremely limited and preference must be granted to those that have gone through the proper process. Additionally, if you're under 18, DarkZone requires a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian. Slips are attached, if you are over 18, you don't need to worry about those.

DarkZone has a collection of arcade machines and a café attached to the foyer that will be selling drinks and packaged snacks all night and hot food until 2am. For this reason, it may be advisable to bring along some extra cash and coins. However, unless you wish to take a break from laser games (it can be physically intensive after all) there won't be a lot of time spent waiting.

The night is a 'lock in' session, this literally means that the doors will be locked. Smoking breaks can be had between games, but once a player leaves, they don't come back in. Anyone under 18, that wishes to leave before 7am, needs to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Those that have played before can testify that it can be a physically demanding exercise, it would be a good idea therefore to bring along a water bottle and stay hydrated, try to avoid caffeinated drinks, or at least drink equal amounts of plain water. DarkZone has no problem with player bringing in their own drinks or snacks, but hot food is frowned upon. It would also be worth giving thought to what to wear, light clothing would be ideal, shorts not such a good idea as they don't provide protection for your knees, and good footwear is essential. It would also be wise to pack a jumper, the games run all night to 7am, and stepping outside at that time of morning can be quite a system shock wearing only a t-shirt.

The great thing about these private sessions is the opportunity to explore all of the available games the DarkZone system has to offer. The staff on the night will have a good idea of what's popular and what works for our group size, but if there is game you wish to play, or play again, please do not hesitate to ask either myself, any of the other 3xtremeLAN admins, or the DarkZone staff, it is after all, your night.

Finally, I must say that DarkZone have a set of rules that must be adhered to at all times, however as you're all representing 3xtremeLAN and we'd like the option to return one day, I'll add that should I feel that anyone is acting in a manner that might jeopardize that, they may be asked to leave.

I personally look forward to a night of entertaining DarkZone action and to see members of the 3xtremeLAN community enjoy the same.

Dave
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