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## Register before event fees jump

Register now for your event(s) and save at least \$10. Individual fees for the 35-plus sports and cultural events are scheduled to go up between \$10 and \$60 (depending on event) on 8 January 2014.

All event-specific fees are based on the cost of producing that particular event. For a complete fee schedule, visit the [registration page](#) or click [here](#) for a PDF of the registration fee chart.

[Register now to participate in the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation.](#) Make your plans today to be part of the world's largest gathering of LGBT sports!

*Note: You must complete general registration at the same time or prior to your event-specific registration.*

December 2013

Gay Games 9:  
9-16 August 2014



### SPORTS & CULTURE

Click on event for more information.

- [Badminton](#)
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- [Diving](#)
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- [Flag Football](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Ice Hockey](#)
- [Marathon/Half-Marathon](#)
- [Martial Arts](#)
- [Open Water Swim](#)
- [Pool \(Billiards\)](#)

From start to finish,



## Give the Gift of Games

Still need the perfect gift for your partner, family, friends or co-worker? Give that special someone the opportunity to march in opening ceremony, earn a participant medal, celebrate at closing ceremony - and participate in all the fun, sports and culture throughout 9-16 August 2014.



To order online, click [here](#). To add an event-specific fee to the gift certificate or if you prefer to order by phone, call +1.216.479.6470.

**SPECIAL SAVINGS:** Order one general registration gift certificate and save \$30. Order two or more general registration certificates and save \$45 each. (No additional discounts may be applied.)

## NEW Event: Rock Climbing

[Rock Climbing](#), also known as Sport Climbing, has been added to the sports lineup for the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation.

A fast-growing sport, climbing requires strength, balance and technique to tackle what seems improbable. The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation will include both climbing and bouldering competitions with divisions for men and women of all climbing abilities.

[Gay Games Rock \(Sport\) Climbing](#) runs 11 and 12 August 2014 (Monday and Tuesday of Games Week.)



Climbers do not have to watch weather reports. They will be competing at [Kendall Cliffs](#), a professionally designed and built

- [Powerlifting](#)
- [Racquetball](#)
- [Road Races \(5K & 10K\)](#)
- [Rock \(Sport\) Climbing\)](#)
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### Share Your Event

Have a sporting, fundraising or other event to share with Gay Games supporters? Email us [here](#). Please send by 15th of month for inclusion in the next e-newsletter (publishes early month.)

rock gym with a combination of textured plywood and "natural" rock surfaces. The gym has more than 7,000 square feet of climbing surface including a bouldering cave. The most unique feature of the facility is a 35-foot high arch traversing the span of the building.

To learn more about Rock (Sport) Climbing, visit [here](#).

To register to participate in Rock (Sport) Climbing, go to [www.GG9CLE.com/registration](http://www.GG9CLE.com/registration). The event fee is \$60 now and will be \$10 more beginning 8 January.

## Participant Spotlight: Marcquis Cash

Marcquis Cash of Atlanta, Georgia, will be a first-time Gay Games participant next August. He plans to participate in track and field, as well as the 10K road race.



"Competing in next year's Gay Games has been a commitment I made to myself following the Games in Cologne, Germany," he says.

"It will serve not only as an opportunity to promote awareness of LGBT in sport and achieve many personal best but to also live out my dream of competing in an Olympic-style competition ... the 2014 Gay Games will be a celebration of my fitness, sexuality, and competitive sportsmanship."

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Marcquis shared his story through the "Share Your Story" feature on our Facebook page. Tell us your story - whether you're a first-time participant too, someone who's competed in every Gay Games or fall somewhere in between. Use the "Share Your Story" tab on our [Facebook page](#) or email us at [info@GG9CLE.com](mailto:info@GG9CLE.com).

## Special Message from FGG

The Federation of Gay Games thanks you for your continued support and offers highlight of the year coming to a close and the great work that is to come.

An excerpt from FGG Co-Chair Kurt Dahl's letter: "As a founding member of the LGBT Sports Coalition and Pride House International, the FGG is engaged with other sports and human rights groups to bring about lasting change, as exemplified with our November meeting with the president of the International Olympic Committee, and with defending LGBT athletes competing in Sochi and our Russian friends who will continue to face oppression long after the Games are over.



We encourage you to join us and become a crucial component in the ongoing and important work of the FGG by making a year-end donation. This will enable us to continue to change the lives of men and women throughout the world." Read [the complete message from the Federation of Gay Games](#), including how to get involved in its valuable mission.

## Spotlight on Cleveland+Akron

Gamblers don't have to double down in one place in Cleveland+Akron. The [Horseshoe Casino](#) sits on Public Square in downtown Cleveland with 96,000 square feet of tables, slots, World Series of Poker room and more. It's worth a stop just to see how they converted an old department store into a modern center of fun, entertainment and great dining.



In Akron's home of Summit County, Hard Rock got into the game this week with the opening of the [Hard Rock Rocksino](#) in Northfield Center (northeast of Akron). In addition to entertainment, gambling and dining, this Rocksino also has live horse (harness) racing too.

Horse racing enthusiasts also have another option in Cleveland with the [Thistledown Racino](#) offers live and simulcast racing plus video terminals.

For more information on Cleveland-area attractions, visit [www.positivelycleveland.com](http://www.positivelycleveland.com).

For more information on Akron-area attractions, visit [www.visitakron-summit.org](http://www.visitakron-summit.org).

Check out the tourism tab on the Gay Games 9 Facebook page [here](#).

## Plan Your Visit: Register, reserve lodging and more

### REGISTER TODAY

Have you registered to participate in the [2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#)? Register [here](#).

General registration is required of all participants and enables you to march in opening and closing ceremony, receive the Official 2014 Gay Games Program, access to public and GG9-provided transportation and a participant medal.

Once you have completed general registration, you can complete registration for your particular event(s).

Click [here](#) to register today. **NOTE: Event-specific fees increase 8 January 2014.**

### BOOK A ROOM

Have you reserved your lodging? Special Gay Games rates are available at more than 30 hotels in the Cleveland+Akron area. Make your reservations (no payment needed today) through this [exclusive Gay Games lodging site](#).

The [Gay Games website](#) also has a helpful drop-down menu so you can pick your event and see the distance of each hotel to your event venue (some event venues have not been finalized but all are expected to be completed this fall.)

Please note that payment is not due for your hotel reservation through this site until July 2014.

[Marriott](#) is the official lodging sponsor of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation.

The [Renaissance Cleveland](#) is the official host hotel.



Hosted housing and dormitory lodging options are expected to be

available in January. Visit [Plan Your Visit](#) at [www.GG9CLE.com](http://www.GG9CLE.com) for the latest information.

## PLAN AIR TRAVEL

Cleveland+Akron offers two destination airports ([Cleveland Hopkins International](#) and [Akron-Canton Regional Airport](#)) with easy and affordable access from hundreds of cities in the United States and one-stop connections for international travelers.

[UNITED](#) is the exclusive airline partner for [the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#). It serves both airports in the region. It offers a discount code to Gay Games registrants. The code is emailed to all participants upon completion of general registration.



## Support the Games

It takes the world to put on the Gay Games. And the Gay Games show the world the true value of LGBT participants and their allies competing on an open and inclusive playing field.

Individual donors, business sponsors and others are encouraged to support the 2014 Gay Games through financial contributions as well as show their appreciation to the sponsors.

To donate, click [here](#).

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit this [page](#).

And please support and say thanks to all sponsors of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation, including the following platinum-level and higher supporters:

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## CIVIC FUNDERS

A special acknowledgement and appreciation of the [civic funders](#) of the 2014 Gay Games, including:

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[Cuyahoga County](#)

[City of Akron](#)

[Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)

[Summit County](#)

## Volunteer: Now and/or Later

No matter where you live, you can volunteer now to help the 2014 Gay Games. Be a Gay Games Champion, an advocate in your city, region or event who promotes and helps get the word out about the Gay Games. To join the program, which includes some nice thank-you's, visit [here](#).

To volunteer during Games Week, click [here](#) to register. The Gay Games expects to post the schedules so you can sign up in the first quarter of 2014. You will receive an email when that time comes. (Participants in the Games also can be volunteers at the Games ... volunteers can select their own schedules.)

## Social Talk

Be part of the Gay Games buzz on social media. Special opportunities to save, engage and connect with your fellow Gay Games participants are posted weekly.

Like the 2014 Gay Games on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/GayGamesCleveland](http://www.facebook.com/GayGamesCleveland) and follow us on **Twitter** [@GG9Cleveland](https://twitter.com/GG9Cleveland).

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