

Tartan makes sailing possible

[Tartan Yachts](#) is building 20 boats so sailors can compete in the [2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#) between 9-16 August 2014. It's the first time in Gay Games history that an entire fleet of boats is being built by a single manufacturer specifically for use at the Gay Games.



Tartan Yachts is the Official Presenting Sponsor of Sailing and a Platinum Sponsor of the Gay Games.

Steve Malbasa, owner of [Tartan Yachts](#), says, "When you think about it, sailing is about taking a headwind and turning it into something that will propel you forward. It's a great metaphor for life and one that we think the Gay Games mission represents." To read more about Tartan's commitment and new boat design, click [here](#).

To learn more about sailing at the Gay Games, visit our [site](#). Registration is expected to sell out so make your plans and register today: www.GG9CLE.com/register.

Register in next 3 months & save

Early registration savings ends 1 September 2013. Register now (\$165) and save \$30 off the full general registration price. Registrants now represent 19 countries, 34 states and 32 events. Is your name on the list? Click [here](#) to register.

General registration includes admission to opening and closing ceremonies, a participant medal, participant bag and more. Once general registration is complete, event-specific registration (optional) can begin. [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

YearOUT Celebrations

The 365-day countdown begins 9 August 2013. What are your team's plans to celebrate?

On that day, the 2014 Gay Games will be hosting a [YearOUT](#)

May 2013

The 2014 Gay Games are being presented by:



SPORTS & CULTURE

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- [Pool \(Billiards\)](#)
- [Powerlifting](#)
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- [Road Races \(5K & 10K\)](#)
- [Rowing](#)

[Celebration at the Cleveland Indians ball game.](#)

If you're in the area, make sure to plan this great event.

GayGames will be in the Terrace Club before, during and after Indians take on the Los Angeles Angels. There will be auctions, raffles, buffet dinner, snack, a bar and more. Attendees also will receive an upper-level seat ticket and the chance to catch the post-game fireworks celebration.



Visit [this page](#) to learn more about special opportunities and to order your tickets (\$50 each) today.

It's a great time to get your city or sport team together to celebrate, raise money and make your plans for Cleveland+Akron in 2014. Send us an [email](#) and we can send some fun trinkets, and add you to the YearOUT Celebrations calendar.

- [Sailing](#)
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Participant Spotlight: Ted Wammes

Ted Wammes works for equality and inclusion professionally and personally. Earlier this month, Ted was recognized for his professional and community service work by the U.S. Department of Education and Cleveland Federal Executive Board.

Ted participates as chair of the Operations Committee for the 2014 Gay Games and serves on the board of directors. He spends his weekdays working for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, which enforces federal civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in schools.



Read on to learn which event Ted may do if his volunteer role permits him the time. Click [here](#) for Ted's story.

Cleveland+Akron Spotlight

A La Cart, Al Fresco Dining

More than 30 mobile restaurants (aka food trucks) are roaming Cleveland's streets once again this summer. With delectable delights, the diverse specialties will suit almost everybody's tastes, from tofu kimchi and fried brussels sprouts to Korean barbecue and Cubano sandwiches (and sweet treats too). Read this [Fresh Water article](#) to learn more and plan which trucks you plan to visit when you're in Cleveland for the Gay Games next year.

For more information on Cleveland-area attractions, visit www.positivelycleveland.com.

Lock Up the Fun in Downtown Akron

It's always been a place for fun. In its early days, a factory stood in its place and created the first mass-produced toy in the United

[Gay Games 9 Schedule](#)

Upcoming Events:
Look for Gay Games
and Your Regional
Team

- **June 7-9:** [GIFT Bowling Tournament](#), Cleveland, Ohio
- **June 7-8:** [Youngstown Pride Festival](#), Youngstown, Ohio
- **June 8:** ["Take the Flame" movie showing](#), Toledo, Ohio
- **June 8-9:** [Motor City Pride](#), Detroit, Mich.
- **June 16:** [Pittsburgh Pridefest](#), Pittsburgh, Pa.
- **June 17:** [Gay Games Buzz](#), [Gervasi Vineyard](#), North Canton, Ohio
- **June 17:** [Team Cleveland Night in the Stands](#), Cleveland
- **June 21-23:** [Columbus Pride](#), Columbus, Ohio

States. Today, **Lock 3** is home to Akron summer fun, from concerts and festivals to a weekly farmers market. Visit www.lock3live.com for all the fun details. For more information on Akron-area attractions visit www.visitakron-summit.org.

Preparing for 2014 and beyond

New program supports LGBT culture competence

[The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio](#) with the support of the 2014 Gay Games has created a new LGBT culture competence program that will help organizations prepare for 2014 and beyond.

The new LGBT cultural competence program includes both evaluation and training opportunities for businesses, nonprofits and government agencies. Read more about the initiative [here](#). Want to learn more about you or your organization can get involved? Contact Christen DuVernay at CDuVernay@diversitycenterneo.org.

Last Call for Northeast Ohio LGBT Health Survey

Today (31 May) is the last day for Northeast Ohioans (18 and older) to help the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland by completing [this survey](#) about health and human services for the LGBT community.

Give OUT Day donation success

The first-ever national Give OUT Day on May 9 raised more than \$500,000 for LGBT-focused organizations and projects. Gay Games supporters made a big impact, putting us in 11th place for most donors. The 116 donors contributed more than \$12,000 for the Games that day and helped the Games earn a \$10,000 matching grant. And the Gay Games also won \$500 twice (\$1,000 total) during the hourly giveaways by Give OUT organizers.

If you didn't get a chance to support the Gay Games on Give OUT Day, consider this Give NOW Day and donate [here](#).

Exclusive: Reserve Games rooms

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](#). (Hotels and their websites do not accept reservations more than a year out from your stay.)

Sport Spotlight: Billiards

A center of fun will be the home of Gay Games 8- and 9-ball fun. Being announced here first, Billiards will be hosted at

- **June 22-23:** [Chicago Pride](#), Chicago, Ill.
- **June 27-30:** [Pride Bowl VI](#), Chicago, Ill.
- **June 29:** [25th anniversary Cleveland Pride](#), Cleveland, Ohio
- **June 29-30:** [San Francisco Pride Celebration](#), San Francisco, Calif.

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 third week of each month.)

Cleveland's [Dave and Buster's](#) where the motto is Eat, Drink, Play. Both male and female divisions can compete on recreational or competitive levels during the event. To learn more about Billiards competition specifics, click [here](#).

Are you a Games Champion?

More than 40 people have signed up to become official Gay Games Champions. Do you want to be a Champion before the Games even begin? The Gay Games Champions Program is a grassroots outreach effort to recruit geographic- or event-specific participants. To learn more about how to volunteer and be a Champion, visit the [Champions Program page](#).

To read a PDF version of this e-newsletter or one of the past 2014 Gay Games e-newsletter, click [here](#).

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