

## History-making starts: 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation

For the first time in Gay Games history, the event has a presenting sponsor. The [Cleveland Foundation](#) awarded Gay Games 9 a \$250,000 grant to become the presenting sponsor. The Cleveland Foundation also will create an LGBT-focused fund when the Games conclude in August 2014. The legacy of the [2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#) scheduled 9-16 August 2014 has begun. Read more about the news [here](#).



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## Ernst & Young goes Platinum

[Ernst & Young](#) further strengthened its commitment to inclusiveness by signing on as the first national Platinum sponsor of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation. With eight consecutive 100% HRC ratings, the leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services continues its diversity initiatives. Read the news [here](#).



## Participant Spotlight: Jerry Lewis

Three years after coming out at age 55, [Jerry Lewis](#) found himself on stage on Carnegie Hall, singing with the Seattle Men's Chorus and wearing a Gay Games gold medal around his



neck. Since the 1994, he has participated in every Gay Games and plans to be back on the track in Cleveland+Akron in 2014. [Read on for his inspiring story.](#)

## Spotlight on Sport: Bowling

For the first time since bowling's Gay Games popularity has grown, bowlers will compete in the same venue. [Freeway Lanes](#) in suburban Wickliffe (Gay Games is working to provide transportation) boasts 84 lanes. It's said to be one of the largest bowling venues in the United States. Learn more about Gay Games bowling [here](#).



Are you going to [IGBO](#) Annual Tournament in Tampa at the end of May? The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation will be there. Check out your program for Games discount offers.

## Register & save today

Register now to participate in the [2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#) and save. General registration is \$165 (increases to \$195 in September). You can start registration here: [www.GG9CLE.com/registration](http://www.GG9CLE.com/registration).

Event-specific registration can be completed after registration. Note: You do not have to participate in a sporting or cultural event to be a Gay Games participation. General registration is open to everybody and includes a participant medal and the ability to march in the opening ceremony.

**Reserve your hotel room now** and ensure a preferred rate and location. Participants already have begun reserving rooms through [our exclusive housing site](#). This is the only way to reserve a room this far in advance of the Games.

## Spotlight on Cleveland+Akron

It's a plane that may bring you to Cleveland. It's Superman who you will find in the airport's baggage claim area. Created in Cleveland by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, the superhero also known as the Man of Steel, has his own [exhibit](#). This month, Superman is 75. Check out how Cleveland celebrated [here](#).

To learn more about things to do in Cleveland, visit [www.positivelycleveland.com](http://www.positivelycleveland.com).

In Akron, you can see who blinks first - you or the Komodo dragon at the [Akron Zoo](#). The zoo also can put you eye to eye with a tiger and more than 700 other species.

To learn more about things to do in Akron

- [Table Tennis](#)
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## [Gay Games 9 Schedule](#)

### Upcoming Events

- **April 22:** [Games Buzz](#), Middleburg Heights, Ohio
- **April 24:** [Games Buzz](#), Beachwood, Ohio
- **April 26-28:** [Lake Erie Classic](#) NAGVA Volleyball Tournament, Cleveland
- **April 26-28:** [Surf & Turf Bowl](#), San Diego
- **April 27:** [Minority Business Forum](#), Cleveland
- **May 1:** [Dare2Care](#), Living the Change, Cleveland
- **May 4:** [Walk, Rock & Run](#): The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, Cleveland
- **May 4:** [Team CLE Dodgeball Tournament](#), Cleveland
- **May 22-27:** [Int'l Gay Bowling Organization Annual Tournament](#), Tampa
- **May 29:** Team San Francisco, [LGBT Night Out at the Ballpark](#) (SF Giants), San Francisco

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## Donate to the Gay Games

[Gay Games 9](#) is a non-profit organization that relies on individual and corporate support to put on the event. Donate today or learn more about individual donor premiums, click [here](#). Did you know the first [Give Out Day](#) is May 9? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what it's all about.

## Connect to Games

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