



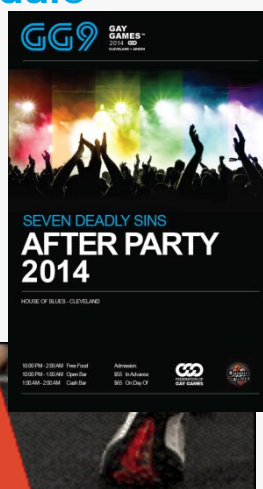
To read a PDF version of the e-newsletter, click [here](#).

## More fun added to schedule

After Closing Ceremony wraps up Saturday, August 16, on Mall C in downtown Cleveland, head over to the House of Blues for the [7 Deadly Sins After-Party](#).

The party dedicates areas with music, staging and more for each sin: wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy and gluttony. Let loose for one last night and indulge in the vices.

Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.



From start to finish,

## Did you hear about White Party?

### Boy George to headline

Boy George will be joined by Marc Vedo and Evan Evolution for the Gay Games White Party on Monday, 11 August, for a night of electronic music. Expect a massive sound, light and visual stage production as Boy George brings his unique brand of dance music to Jacobs Pavillion. Pre-sale [tickets](#) are now available.

For more on Boy George and other GG9 events, click [here](#).

### Festival Village: Entertainment and celebration every night

[Festival Village](#) is the hub for all Gay Games participants, their friends and families, visitors and more. Whether you're looking to gather after the day's competition, to be entertained, or to visit sponsors and vendors, Festival Village offers an enticing experience that will keep guests returning night after night.



June 2014

GAMES WEEK:

9-16 August 2014

### SPORTS & CULTURE

Click on event for more information.

- [Badminton](#)
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- [Marathon/Half-Marathon](#)
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- [Open Water Swim](#)
- [Pool \(Billiards\)](#)
- [Powerlifting](#)
- [Racquetball](#)
- [Road Races \(5K & 10K\)](#)
- [Rodeo \(Affiliated\)](#)
- [Rock Climbing \(Sport Climbing\)](#)
- [Rowing](#)

Pandorra Box of RuPaul's Drag Race hosts the Sunday through Friday events. Each night, the stage celebrates medal winners of the day before turning it over to some of the most energizing headliners of the week, including internationally known DJ/producer Joe Gauthreaux, JD Samson and MEN, Bright Light Bright Light, Jenny Owen Youngs, Detox and Ana Matronic. For more information and schedule, click [here](#).

#### Vending Opportunities

Being a [vendor during Gay Games 9](#) is an amazing opportunity to connect your business or nonprofit with 20,000 to 30,000 participants and visitors. Limited space is still available for two opportunities- Accreditation (7-9 August) and Festival Village (10-15 August). Gain access to a community with significant buying power and influence! Apply to be a vendor [here](#).



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#### Spotlight: Thompson Hine

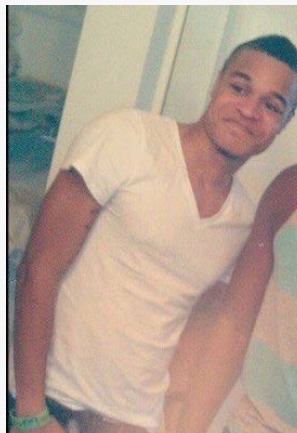


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#### Participant Spotlight: Kenney Coleman

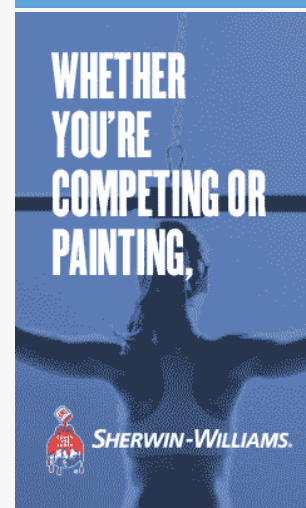
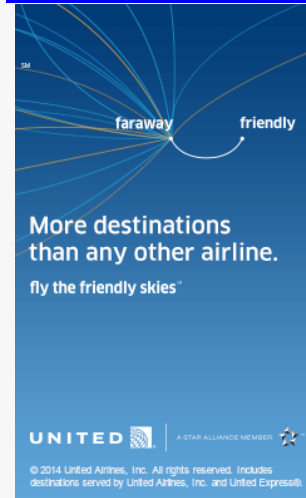
[Kenney Coleman](#) may not have been able to attend Gay Games 8 in Cologne, but he has made it his mission to win double gold in hurdles at Gay Games 9 Cleveland+Akron.

Kenney was the subject of bullying from a young age. He joined track & field in order to redefine his image, and it blossomed into a passion. "My goal is to show everyone that your orientation does not affect you as an



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#### Games Week Schedule



athlete," he said.

To read more of Kenney's inspirational story, click [here](#).

#### SHARE YOUR STORY

Whether you're a first-time participant or someone who's competed in every Gay Games, we want to share your story and inspire others. Use the "Share Your Story" tab on our [Facebook page](#) or email us at [info@GG9CLE.com](mailto:info@GG9CLE.com).

If you are interested in sharing your story with the media, let us know. GLAAD, a national Gay Games 9 partner, is eager to help participants learn how to tell their story and work with the media.

## Spotlight on Cleveland+Akron

#### Circle of Wildlife Carousel is new to Cleveland

The [Cleveland Metroparks Zoo](#), which will host the [Gay Games 5K](#), recently unveiled its latest attraction. Sporting 64 exotic creatures, the carousel represents animals in the collections of the Zoo, divided by habitat. The carousel was a 15-month project for Carousel Works. Each animal was hand carved from Mansfield basswood and then hand painted. Want a chance to check it out? "The folks at the Carousel Works in Mansfield assure that their hand-crafted wonder should be good for a century, so there's plenty of time to hitch a ride," says [The Plain Dealer](#).



To read more of the article, click [here](#).

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

#### OUTrageously INViting Akron

Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau recently launched an "Out In Akron" website.

Whether you consider yourself a foodie, art enthusiast or power shopper, experience Akron hospitality in an LGBT-friendly way.

Click [here](#) to see "Out in Akron."

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




## 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-

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provided transportation and a participant medal. **All registrations must be complete by 15 July.** Register by the end of the month to avoid the July \$50 free increase. And use the code GoAllOut to save \$30.

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

Click [here](#) to register today.

#### **BOOK A ROOM - BEST AVAILABLE RATES**

Have you reserved your lodging? Make sure to do so by 15 July to take advantage of the special Gay Games rates - the lowest available for 30-plus hotels in Cleveland+Akron. 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.)

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

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

Limited campus housing is available. For more information or to reserve a bed, click [here](#).

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](#) Airlines 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.

#### **DAY TOURS - TAKE A TRIP in THE TRIP**

[Discover My Cleveland](#) is offering exciting tours the week of the Gay Games. Click [here](#) for a list of all the offerings and read on for one of the many special tours.

#### **The Farm to Table (to Tummy) Tour**

Monday, August 11 9 a.m.-1p.m.

Cost: \$79

Farm-to-table is on the rise in Cleveland. Explore urban farms where folks are raising animals and growing vegetables for use in the local food scene while contributing to the sustainability of the planet. Follow an item from the farm to the kitchen where you'll learn to prepare it during a classroom-based cooking demonstration. Learning culinary techniques and enjoying the fruits of your labor? What a tasty treat. Bon Appetit! Tour highlights:





- Participation in the farm-to-table movement
- Visit thriving urban farms
- Touch real-life livestock
- Follow fresh ingredients from farm to class
- Cooking demonstration/tasting

Discover My Cleveland is offering a number of tours in addition to "Farm to Table (to Tummy)." To read more, click [here](#).

## Volunteer Spotlight: Ms. P. Brown

[Ms. P. Brown](#) of suburban Garfield Heights is overwhelmed that Cleveland, Ohio, was chosen for Gay Games 9. She isn't a talented athlete, but she has a long history of serving others.

"I have been a foster mom of over 40 kids. I also volunteer with inner city youth, trying to keep them away from violence and teaching them a positive way of expressing themselves. A lot of my foster kids fought with their identity. I taught them to love who you are. Now I have the opportunity to be a part of the Gay Games, an even bigger family. Something that is very important to me."



To read more about Ms. Brown, click [here](#).

**To volunteer during Games Week, click [here](#) to sign up.** Schedules have begun to be posted online so registered volunteers can start signing up for shifts. (Participants in the Games also can be volunteers at the Games ... volunteers can select their own schedules.) There is no charge for volunteering.

## Buy your GG9 merchandise before Games Week

Want to purchase the cool blue Gay Games 9 shirt with each event listed to form the "9" on the back or one of the other great options? Pins and sweatshirts also available.

Visit [www.GayGames9.com](http://www.GayGames9.com) today.



## Researcher wants your opinion on LGBT community and sports

Wish the "sport world" was more open to the LGBT community? Inspired by stories of athletes "coming out"? How do you view



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sports as an LGBT athlete?

Dr. Greg Place of Shepherd University (and Gay Games participants) wants to hear and share your voice. He asks Games participants past and present to take a few minutes to complete this anonymous and voluntary survey. The research is designed to create a greater openness in all sports realms, at all levels for LGBT athletes. Please click [here](#).

## Special appreciation for supporters

Individual donors, business sponsors, and others are encouraged to support the 2014 Gay Games through financial contributions as well as their support of the 2014 sponsors and civic funders. 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 (listed at right), click [here](#).

### CIVIC FUNDERS

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## 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

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