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## May 31 deadline nears ... [register today](#), avoid late fee

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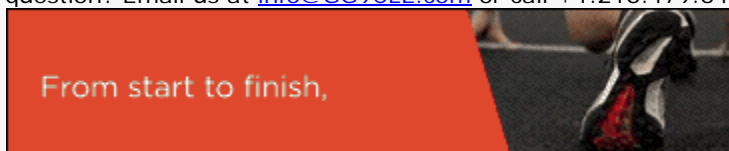
## Countdown to registration savings deadline 31 May

### General registration fee ends 31 May; late fee applies for June registrations

What could you do with an extra \$30? What about \$60? Keep money in your pocket and register by 31 May. You will not have to pay the \$30 June late fee, and if you use the code "GoAllOut", you'll save another \$30.

Don't miss the experience of the [2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation](#). Go All Out and get registered today.

To register click [here](#). Don't forget to use the code "GoAllOut" for an additional \$30 savings (one code per registration.) Have a question? Email us at [info@GG9CLE.com](mailto:info@GG9CLE.com) or call +1.216.479.6470.



**MAY 2014  
GAMES WEEK:  
9-16 August 2014**

### SPORTS & CULTURE

Click on event for more information.

- [Badminton](#)
- [Band](#)
- [Basketball](#)
- [Beach Volleyball](#)
- [Bodybuilding](#)
- [Bowling](#)
- [Cheer](#)
- [Chorus](#)
- [Cycling](#)
- [DanceSport](#)
- [Darts](#)
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- [Golf](#)
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- [Marathon/Half-Marathon](#)
- [Martial Arts](#)
- [Open Water Swim](#)
- [Pool \(Billiards\)](#)
- [Powerlifting](#)
- [Racquetball](#)
- [Road Races \(5K & 10K\)](#)
- [Rock Climbing \(Sport Climbing\)](#)
- [Rowing](#)
- [Sailing](#)

## Spectate and celebrate

Planning to spectate at the Games instead? Cheer on the thousands marching into Opening Ceremony, experience this once-in-a-lifetime event and welcome the world at Opening Ceremony, 9 August, featuring Lance Bass, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the Pointer Sisters, Gay Games band, community chorus, cheerleaders and much more. Purchase your tickets to Opening Ceremony (\$20-\$75) by clicking [here](#).

A few select events

**(Bodybuilding, DanceSport, Figure Skating, Band, Chorus, Pink Flamingo pool show and Closing Ceremony)** require tickets. To purchase

yours today or for more information, click [here](#). All other sporting events, plus Festival Village, are free and open to the public.



- [Soccer \(Football\)](#)
- [Softball](#)
- [Squash](#)
- [Swimming](#)
- [Synchronized Swimming](#)
- [Table Tennis](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Track and Field](#)
- [Triathlon](#)
- [Volleyball](#)
- [Water Polo](#)
- [Wrestling](#)

## Games Week Schedule

## Event Spotlight: Basketball

[Basketball](#) participants will be lacing it up at the Cleveland State University Woodling Gymnasium & Recreation Center.

Participants will be competing in a two round tournament. The tournament includes a pool round and a single elimination round.

Participants of all skill levels are welcome to register to compete in basketball.

To read more about the basketball competition specifics, click [here](#).

### DISCOUNT FOR TEAM

**REGISTRATIONS** (all team sports)

Want to learn more about incentives for team captains and additional team

discounts? Email Gay Games 9 Champions Coordinator [Tony Smith](#) for more information.



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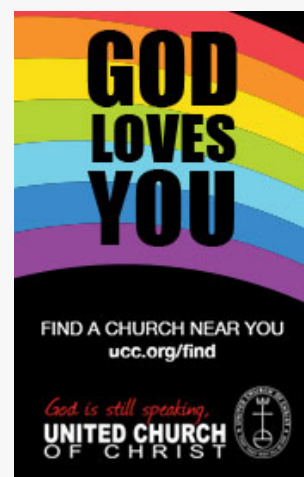
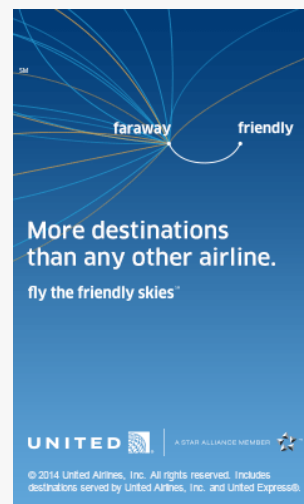
## Sponsor Spotlight: EY

### Building a better world means including yours

The Gay Games helps create the world we'd all like to see: one that celebrates our differences, while recognizing our similarities. Through sports, we experience firsthand the strength that comes from diversity.

EY has a long history of supporting diversity and inclusion in our global organization and beyond through uniting events like the Gay Games. Because we know that when you bring your entire self to everything you do, you're free to achieve your dreams.

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[ey.com/us/LGBT](http://ey.com/us/LGBT)

## Participant Spotlight: Caradee Tajalle, Volleyball, Guam

[Caradee Tajalle](#) will make her Gay Games debut this year. Caradee will be participating in the Mixed Division of Volleyball.

Caradee is one of the first, if not the first, transgender participant in the Gay Games from the island Guam. "I am most excited because I always dreamed of competing in something, so exciting as this whole event. I am truly honored to be part of the FIRST team ever to represent our beautiful Island of Guam."

To read more about Caradee, 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

My, what a big chandelier Cleveland has

[Band](#) and [Choral](#) participants and spectators will capture Cleveland' newest glow during the week of the Games. On May 2, [The PlayhouseSquare](#) unveiled what is considered to be the largest outdoor chandelier, hanging 20 feet tall with 4,200 crystals.

"We believe this is going to be transformative for the district in so many ways," PlayhouseSquare President and CEO Art J. Falco told [The Plain Dealer](#). "I can't tell you how excited people are about it, they ask me about it everywhere I go."



To read more of the article, click [here](#). The Chandelier even has its own Twitter handle: [@phschandelier](#).



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

### ARTS IN AKRON!


Akron does theater too. With several diverse venues, Akron offers plenty of theatrical choices.




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During Games Week, "My Mother's Lesbian, Jewish, Wiccan Wedding" will be performed by [Actors Summit Theatre](#), Greystone Hall, 103 High St.  
For more information on Akron-area attractions, visit [www.visitakron-summit.org](http://www.visitakron-summit.org).

## Plan Your Visit: Register, reserve lodging, flights and day trips

### 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. General Registration is open through 31 May 2014. Late fee assessed beginning 1 June. Once you have completed general registration, you can complete registration for your particular event(s). Click [here](#) to register today. Use code "GoAllOut" and save an additional \$30.

### BOOK A ROOM - BEST AVAILABLE RATES

Have you reserved your lodging? The Gay Games has negotiated special rates that are the lowest available for 30-plus hotels in Cleveland+Akron. Make your reservations (no payment needed today) through this [exclusive Gay Games lodging site](#). It includes featured accommodations from [Marriott](#), the Games' official lodging sponsor.

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.

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.

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.

Want to reserve a block of rooms for your team?

Contact [housing@positivelycleveland.com](mailto:housing@positivelycleveland.com).

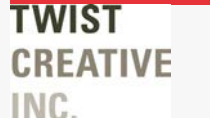
### PLAN AIR TRAVEL

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



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the region. It offers a discount code to Gay Games registrants. The code is emailed to all participants upon completion of general registration.

### **TAKE A TRIP in THE TRIP BEER & BOURBON TOUR**

Tuesday, August 12 6-11 p.m.  
Cost: \$79



[Discover My Cleveland](#) is offering exciting tours the week of the Gay Games. Taste the new trend in Northeast Ohio. Tour the fast-growing micro-distillery sector and spend an evening drinking award-winning craft beers and bourbons. Dinner, drinks and a designated driver! Tour highlights:

- Beers at Market Garden Brewery
- Beers at Indigo Imp Brewery
- Bourbons at Cleveland Whiskey
- Multiple libations at each stop
- Brew pub dinner included

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

## **Volunteer Spotlight: Joshua Sims**

[Joshua Sims](#) is a native of Northeast Ohio and will be volunteering at the Gay Games. Joshua has been promoting the games and is thrilled that the Games will be in Cleveland+Akron.

"I love people; I love my region and I'm very proud of it and the work it took to get the games and I feel like I owe it to my home to show it off and give people a good time. Also I believe in the idea of the Gay Games in general. It allows the world to see that LGBT people are many things that have nothing to do with their sexuality, and I think bringing the games to a city like Cleveland just showcases that."

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

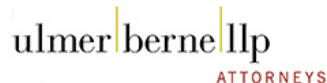
**To volunteer during Games Week, click [here](#) to sign up.**

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.



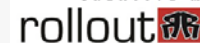
## **Merchandise and Team Uniforms**

Want to purchase the cool blue Gay



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Games 9 shirt with each event listed to form the "9" on the back? What about "Keep Calm and Go All Out"? Pins and sweatshirts also available. Visit [www.GayGames9.com](http://www.GayGames9.com) today.

Planning for a team uniform to wear marching into Opening Ceremony? The Federation of Gay Games, Nike and Lids Team Sports are offering a unique program with savings off retail prices. Click [here](#) for more information. **DEADLINE: You must register your team online by 12 May to participate in team uniform program.**

## Special appreciation for sponsors

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 (identified at right).

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

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## Social and Team 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.

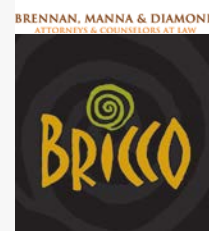
Like the 2014 Gay Games

on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/GayGamesCleveland](http://www.facebook.com/GayGamesCleveland) and follow us on **Twitter** [@GG9Cleveland](#).

### FIND A TEAM OR ASK A SPORT QUESTION

Visit [2014GayGames.proboards.com](http://2014GayGames.proboards.com) to share your search for a team or to find a teammate, plus ask sports-specific questions.

**#Go All Out.**





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