

Early Savings Ends This Month

Want to keep \$30 in your pocket? Complete your general registration for the [2014 Gay Games](#) by the end of the month.

The lowest general registration fee for the Games (\$135) is available through 31 December 2012.

Registering for the Games is a two-part process. You can complete both steps or simply the first one to benefit from the early registration savings.

Step 1: Complete your general registration form and submit payment online through www.GG9CLE.com/registration (Register Now button at bottom of page).

Step 2: Register and pay for each separate event in which you want to enter. (This step can be completed now or later.)

The [Gay Games](#) happen 9-16 August 2014 in Cleveland+Akron, Ohio, United States. More than



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35 sports and 3 cultural events are expected to draw more than 11,000 participants to America's heartland.

Give a Gift of the Games

With the holidays, you may be looking for a unique gift. Consider a 2014 Gay Games registration. Contact Ann Gynn at agynn@GG9CLE.com for information on how to pay for a general registration and receive a special certificate to give to the recipient (who can register online at a later date.)

Requests must be received by 23 December 2012, to ensure electronic certificate delivery by 25 December.

Spotlight on Sports

Basketball players will take to the court in [Woodling Gymnasium](#) on the [Cleveland State University](#) campus in the heart of the city's downtown campus (where the indoor swimmers and divers will be using the championship swimming facilities.)



Open water swimmers will appreciate one of the best views of Cleveland from Lake Erie. They will dive in at [Edgewater Park](#) for their "Great Lake" competition (during the day of course).

Hey batter, batter, batter ... swing in Akron. **Softball** players will enjoy the professional [Firestone Stadium](#), home to the National Pro Fastpitch Softball League's Akron Rangers.



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Upcoming Events

13 January: [MidSumma Carnival](#), Melbourne, Australia

17-20 January: [Sin City Shootout](#), Las Vegas, Nevada

19 January: [NAGVA Mardi Gras Classic](#), New Orleans, Louisiana

10 February: **Mardi Gras** [Fair Day](#), Sydney, Australia

Share Your Event

Have a sporting, fundraising or other event to share with Gay Games supporters? Email us [here](#). Please send by 5th of month for inclusion in the next e-newsletter (publishes mid-month.)

Say Hello When You See Us

Gay Games Champions will be out and about this season to talk about the Games, secure registrations and play on the fields with everybody else.

In Australia, catch Games volunteers at the [Midsumma Festival](#) in Melbourne in January and [Mardi Gras Fair Day](#) in Sydney on February 10.

Playing in the [Sin City Shootout](#) January 17-20? So are we. Stop by the Gay Games registration table on opening night and make sure to see the special discount code in the Sin City Shootout program.

Spotlight on Cleveland+Akron

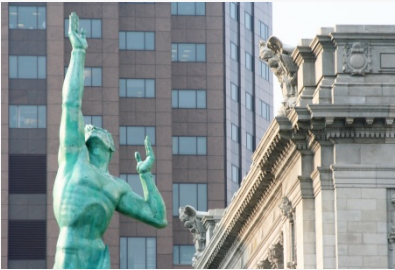
When you visit Cleveland in 2014, you'll be able to learn about the legends of rock at the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum](#). They will include the recently announced Class of 2013 (Heart, Albert King, Randy Newman, Public Enemy, Rush, Donna Summer).



Deep sounds for the holiday in Akron (and around the world). Have you ever attended Merry Tuba Christmas? Each year, Akron, Ohio, is home to one of the largest in the world—hundreds of tubas ([University of Akron's E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall](#)) playing the songs of the season. Check out www.tubachristmas.com for an event near you.

Reserve Your Room?

You will not be the first to reserve a room, but you do not want to be the last. Make your reservation at one of the more than 30 Cleveland+Akron hotels offering special Gay Games 9 rates (you also will receive local discounts when you show your GG9 hotel key card.) Online lodging registration is open through the housing link on [our site](#). This is the only way to reserve a room this far in advance of the Games.



Seeking Master Merchandiser

Do you know a merchandise company looking for a new client? The 2014 Gay Games is sending out requests for proposals from companies interested in working with the Games to create, sell and distribute 2014 Gay Games merchandise

Proposals are due mid-January. For a copy of the official request for proposals, contact Ann Gynn at agynn@GG9CLE.com or +1.216.479.6469 prior to January 10, 2013.

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