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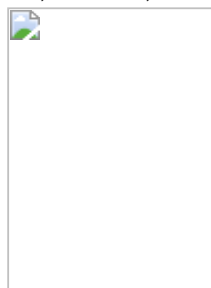
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Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of the Gay Games.

Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games has promoted equality in and by sport and culture and ensured that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best.

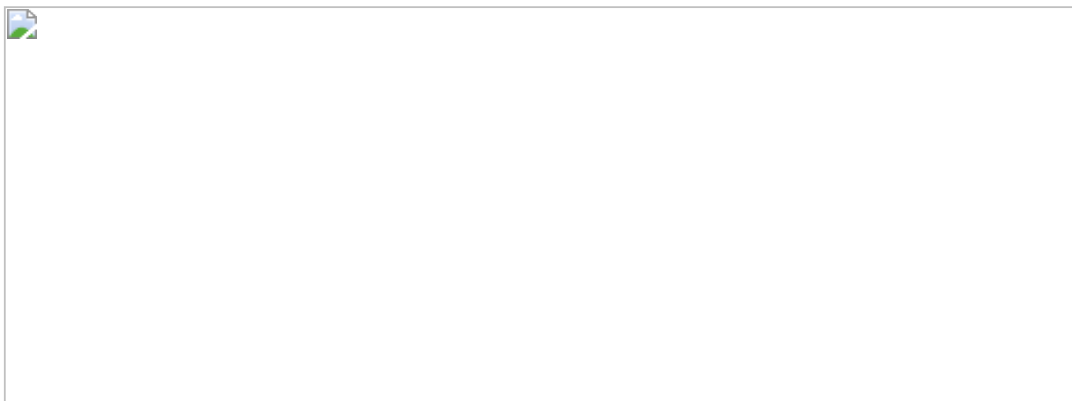


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Counting down to Cleveland+Akron



Last Chance to Register!

Registration for sports and cultural events is still open for most events and you can also register as a volunteer and buy tickets to spectate - [Click here](#)

If you register NOW you can benefit from a USD 30 discount on your fee. Just use the code GOALLOUT at checkout.

If you're already registered, check out the [Gay Games 9 Facebook](#) page to keep up with all the latest updates.

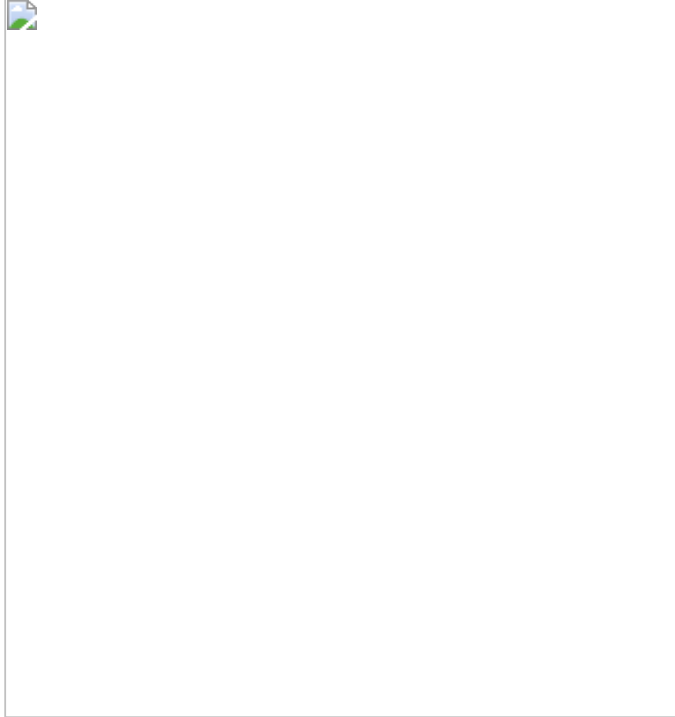
Plan Your Visit

If you've already registered - or if you need more information before you sign up - you'll find everthing you need to know in the Plan My Vist section of the GG9 website [here](#).

You'll find the full event schedule, entertainment offerings, what's on at Festival Village, and more. Some sport, culture and entertainment events are ticketed, so make sure you get your tickets now and avoid missing out on your favorite event!.

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Countdown to Opening Ceremonies has begun!



Only one month until Lance Bass, Broadway actress Andrea McArdle, the legendary Pointer Sisters, Alex Newell, best known for his role on Fox's Glee, and Olympic champion and LGBT advocate Greg Louganis will grace the stage!

Buy tickets today: <http://bit.ly/Vnp3iP>

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Rodeo a first for the Gay Games!



Rodeo is an affiliated event at Gay Games 9, representing a series of historic firsts. Learn more about competing in and attending the rodeo events at Summit County Fairgrounds here: <http://www.gaygamesrodeo.org/>
 There's more than sport at Gay Games 9 rodeo, with dancing, a saloon, and a whole lot of fun y'all!

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Give us a few minutes of your time!

The Federation of Gay Games is pleased to be partnering in an important survey.

Out On the Fields



Out On the Fields is a major study of homophobia in sport. The study is organized by the 2014 Bingham Cup, the world championship for gay rugby is the premier event of recent FGG member IGRAB. Researchers from top universities in the US, Australia, Canada, and the UK developed the survey and will be carrying out analysis. The study is an important baseline for efforts to fight homophobia in sport. Whether you take part in sport or not, whether you're gay or straight, whether you've been a victim of homophobia or not, your experience is important to share!

It takes 10-15 minutes, and you'll find it here:

www.outonthefields.com

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Other news from the FGG

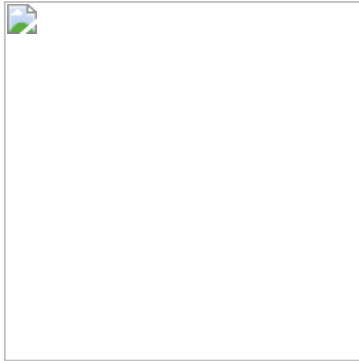
LGBT Sports Summit

Last month, the FGG was represented by Les Johnson at the 3rd Nike LGBT Sports Summit in Portland, Oregon, where Nike announced that up to USD 500,000 from the [#BeTrue collection](#) would be given to the LGBT Sports Coalition for joint projects to eliminate homophobia in sports. The FGG is proud to be a founding member of the Coalition and will be working with its partners on several projects to raise LGBT visibility in sport. The Coalition also launched its new logo and announced plans for a website. In the meantime, follow news from the Coalition here:

<https://www.facebook.com/lgbtsportscoalition>



Pride Houses



The FGG is pleased to support two Pride House initiatives. The first has just concluded in Brazil for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. FGG member organization CDG Brasil was hosting Pride Houses in Sao Paulo, Bahia, and Curitiba. Even if you're not in Brazil, it's not too late to support their efforts by posting a photo of yourself wearing your national team jersey to social media with the hashtag #PHBr (for Pride House Brazil).

Info here: <https://www.facebook.com/pridehousebrasil>

In just a few days, our friends at LEAP Sports Scotland will

be hosting Pride House Glasgow during the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Learn more on the Pride House Glasgow website: <http://www.pridehouseglasgow.co.uk/>



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