

OPENING CEREMONY - AUGUST 9

WELCOME TO THE PARADE OF PARTICIPANTS



We can't wait to officially welcome you to 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation on **August 9** when you parade during the Opening Ceremony (OC) into **Quicken Loans Arena**. As the largest event of the Games, this is your chance to celebrate your participation and show your pride! Join 6,000 other participants from 50 countries and get ready to rock.

We aim to make your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible, so please read the information below and follow the instructions of your friendly volunteer Parade team on the day.

#GoAllOut

Your friendly Parade team x

Official GG9 Parade Schedule

- 4.30PM** Pre-Ceremony Participant Party at Progressive Field
- 5.45PM** **All Parade Participants must be at Progressive field**
- 6.00PM** Parade staging/preparation
- 7.00PM** Start of Opening Ceremony At Quicken Loans Arena
- 7.00PM** Start of Parade
- 10.00PM** End of Opening

Tickets

[Click here for ticket information](#) for spectators, family and friends

Show your pride

Bring along country flags and banners, wave them high!*

Important points

- **Be on time**
- **Wear your badge credentials* to gain entry**
- **Leave all bags at home or hotel**
- **Food and drink will be available for purchase**
- **Follow the directions of the volunteer team**
- **Get ready to rock!**

Know your color

- On your badge credentials you will find a dot.
- This will be your color group for the Parade.
- Know your color.
- Wait for your cue.
- Go Go GO!

Good clean fun

The OC is a family friendly event. Alcohol is available to purchase, but please drink responsibility. GG9 is a smoke- and drug-free event.

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Badge Credentials

Every Participant must wear their individualized badge credential to gain entry to Progressive Field, the pre-Parade party and staging zone for the Opening Ceremony. Additional tickets to the Ceremony are not required for Participants. All Parade Participants must arrive at Progressive field by 5.45pm. Only Parade Participants are to enter Progressive Field. All other family members, friends and spectators should purchase a Ceremony ticket [here](#).

Each Participant must pick up their badge credential at an accreditation site prior to the Opening Ceremony. Accreditation sites are at the Cleveland Convention Center and the John S. Knight Center in Akron. More information will be emailed to you shortly.

Ceremony Banner and Sign Requirements

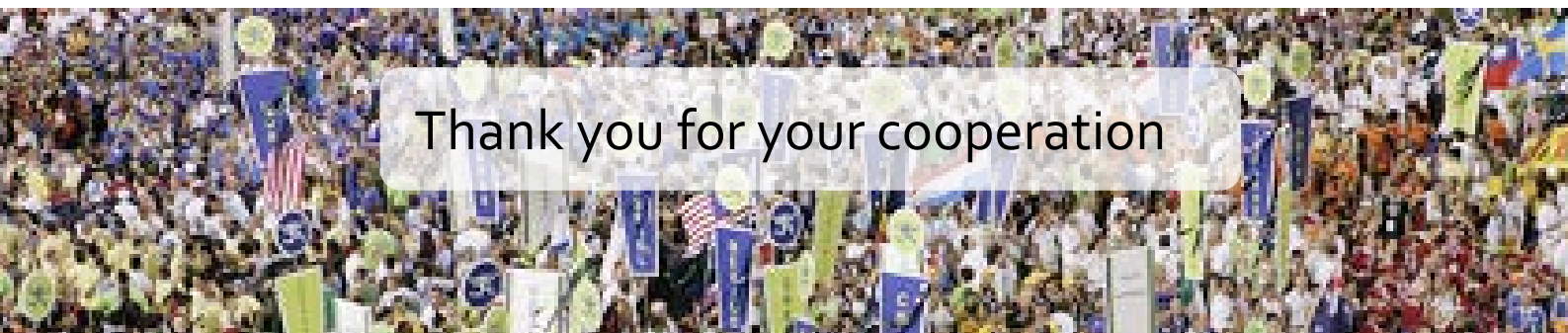
Participants are encouraged to carry flags and banners in the Parade of Participants at the 2014 Gay Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Banners, flags, placards, posters, signs, or other visible representations must be appropriate for the family audience at the Ceremonies. Therefore, no profanity or words or pictures that would be deemed obscene or offensive are permitted.

Please refrain from bringing any noise-making device that will disrupt performances during the Ceremonies. Participants may not throw any items into the crowd.

Please refrain from distributing any literature, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, flyers or any other written or printed material to participants or spectators.

Participants must carry their items with them through marshaling and take the items with them to their seats in the Quicken Loans Arena, so please plan accordingly. **No bags or backpacks will be permitted, and there are no storage facilities.**



Thank you for your cooperation