



Buckeye Chapter

2026

Buckeye Wheelchair Games

The 15th Annual Buckeye Wheelchair Games
will take place from April 23-25, 2026
at SPIRE Academy in Geneva Ohio.



Who are we?

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Buckeye Chapter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving approximately 450 members in the state of Ohio. Our chapter is one of 33 chapters of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Membership is free to qualified individuals who are honorably discharged veterans with spinal cord injury, MS, or ALS. Most of our members are people with quadriplegia or paraplegia who use wheelchairs. Buckeye PVA focuses on improving the quality of life of our members, through competitive adaptive sports, research, and education. The chapter also offers individual sports associate memberships at \$50 per year to a small number of other wheelchair users who desire to participate in adaptive sports.

Why adaptive sports?

As a leading advocate for opportunities that maximize the independence of our members, the Paralyzed Veterans of America nationally is a significant proponent of adaptive sports, maintaining a robust schedule of sporting events throughout the year.

Sports is one of the ways that the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) helps members to engage with each other, challenge themselves and to regain independence after life-altering illness or injury. In the article, Impact of Adaptive Sports Participation on Quality of Life, authors, Dias, Miller, Kraus, and Fredericson state, "Once all rehabilitation services have been completed, it is not uncommon for there to be a gap left in obtaining functional skills for navigating the challenges at home and in the community. In the disabled population, adaptive sports can be **used as a bridge to complement typical rehabilitation**, (Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy Review, Volume 27, Number 2, June 2019. p. 73)

What is the Buckeye Wheelchair Games?














































Like national PVA, the Buckeye Chapter is a big proponent of adaptive sporting events. Since 2012, the largest and most inclusive event on our chapter's annual calendar is the Buckeye Wheelchair Games. The event is held at the SPIRE Academy in Geneva, Ohio, a world-class athletic training venue. The event is organized by the chapter and includes approximately 15 volunteer coaches, most of whom are rehabilitation staffers at Veterans Administration Medical Centers throughout the state. Each year, over 50 wheelchair athletes compete in a weekend-long series of **approximately a dozen different adaptive sports** including air rifle, billiards, boccia, bowling, disc golf, field events, pickleball, slalom, swimming, table tennis, track and weightlifting. Many of the participants go on from this competition to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. In fact, Ohio typically sends the second largest contingent of athletes to this event of any chapter. Of the athletes attending, most attend accompanied by caregivers.

How are sponsorship dollars used?

Typically, people coping with a life-altering injury or disease are living on a limited income. Thus, it is important that the cost of this 3-day event be born by the chapter rather than the participants. Full and associate members pay a \$75 refundable deposit but the chapter covers the full cost of full members' and approved caregivers' lodging and food; and half of nonapproved caregivers' lodging costs. The chapter also covers apparel, supplies and equipment rental costs. Sponsorships are crucial in helping the chapter to support this event. **We appreciate sponsorships of any size and hope that you can sign on to make the 2026 Buckeye Wheelchair Games the best games ever!**

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Investment Benefits	Presenting Sponsor \$10,000	Elite Sponsor \$5,000	Gold Sponsor \$2,500	Silver Sponsor \$1,000	Bronze Sponsor \$500	\$250 Sponsor an Athlete
Year-round advertising in the quarterly Buckeye Banner newsletter						
Identification as presenting /elite sponsor in event marketing						
Company logo and link on event web page						
Booth (table) availability at event						
Logo in event advertisements						
Display at event of your company's banner						
Listing in event advertisements						
Social media recognition						
T-shirt recognition						
Thank you email blast						
Recognition on event webpage						
Newsletter mention						
Complimentary Tickets to Award Banquet	8 (1 table)	6	4	2	1	—



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SPONSOR RESERVATION

Contact Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Company/Organization/Sponsor Name as you wish to have it appear in event communications:

Sponsorship Level

<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
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Payment Information

Check enclosed made payable to Paralyzed Veterans of America Buckeye Chapter

Please charge my credit card

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date (MM/YY) _____

Security Code on Back _____

Billing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Signature _____

Completed reservation forms may be returned via email to betseyk@buckeypva.org or mailed to: Buckeye PVA, 2775 Bishop Rd. Ste B, Willoughby Hills OH 44092. Questions? Call us at 216-731-1017.