



RAINBOWBALL WEEKEND

BUILDING COMMUNITIES, SAVING LIVES



MAY 2nd-4th, 2025

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

At OUT Maine, we have an ambitious goal: to **create more welcoming and affirming communities** for queer youth in all of their intersectional identities. Each year, we reach hundreds of **LGBTQIA2S+** youth directly to build self-esteem and skills. We also **seek to change the very systems** that serve them: schools, health care, foster care, community organizations, and more.



LIFTING UP MAINE'S QUEER YOUTH

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HISTORY OF RAINBOW BALL WEEKEND

Started in 2007, Rainbow Ball Weekend is larger than an event, it's a **3-day weekend of educational and social programming** for Maine lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+), and allied 8th-12th grade students. Rainbow Ball Weekend builds community and connections, opens youth to a wider world of more acceptance and opportunity, and encourages educational aspirations.

Rainbow Ball Weekend's programming and activities directly address the isolation, underdeveloped aspirations, academic challenges, health risks and lack of hope faced by many Maine LGBTQIA2S+ youth. Each year, youth look forward to this weekend, which includes a safe prom, workshops, and leadership skill building. Rainbow Ball Weekend is a **direct youth suicide prevention intervention**, giving participants a year-long sense of community, hope, joy, and motivation to complete high school that is supported by ongoing regional youth-connecting events in the ensuing months.

*"I found myself being completely carefree, and open about my sexuality. That's something I've never been able to do before."
- Rainbow Ball Weekend youth participant.*

OUT MAINE

At OUT Maine, we seek to change the very systems that serve diverse queer youth in all of their intersectional identities by creating more welcoming and affirming communities.

Our programming and training aims to **empower** youth in Maine's isolated and under-resourced regions to be their most authentic selves; **support** their network of family and allies; and **educate** health care providers, educators, clergy and other professionals to better understand the needs of queer youth and provide affirmative support. OUT Maine's work gives everyone a role in building resilience and life skills necessary to lift up queer youth in our state.

In FY 2024 our work reached many youth and adults.

- **13,620** youth engagements.
- **3,998** professionals trained including teachers, medical professionals, and camp counselors.
- **760** school engagements.

OUT Maine. Building welcoming and affirming communities urgently needed for Maine's LGBTQIA2S+ youth.





SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Recognition (optional)	\$100+ Biz/Org. Donor	\$1,000+ Event/Program Sponsor	\$2,500+ Rainbow Sponsor	\$5,000+ Major Sponsor	\$10,000+ Contributing Partner
Letter acknowledging your donation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on the event/program page.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo in E-Newsletter until May 2nd, 2025		✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on the home page for one year.		✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo in a social media thank you post.			✓	✓	✓
Press release about sponsorship					✓

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- By Check** - Payable to: OUT Maine.
 Memo: RBW'25 Sponsorship.
 Mail to: OUT Maine
 PO Box 1723
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- Online** - Scan the QR code to pay online.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!

**Making our communities welcoming and affirming is a team effort,
 and we are so grateful to all who support this important
 work to create hope and possibility for LGBTQIA2S+ youth.**



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