



# YONEZAWAJIN



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## Yonezawa Snow Lantern Festival

Over 300 snow lanterns and 3,000 snow candles are lit up at night to create an enchanting fantasy world!



**When:** February 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) & 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) / Lighting from 17:30 **Place:** Uesugi Shrine · Matsugasaki Park  
\*Pre- Lighting Ceremony Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 18:30

Main Events	9 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	10 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)
<b>①Chinkon No Oka (Requiem Hill)</b> *Next to Uesugi Shrine		
· Chinkon Festival (Rifle salute · Taiko Drumming Performance)	17:00~	
· Requiem Tower (Sweet sake and konnyake serving, 100 yen donation)	18:00~	13:00~
<b>②Denkoku No Mori Square</b>		
· Tent Market (Various winter foods from Yonezawa and other locations.)	17:00~20:00	17:00~20:00
· Candle Making	17:00~20:00	17:00~20:00
· Stage Events (Opening ceremony, lighting ceremony, music performances, etc.)	13:00~20:00	12:30~19:00
· Flower Arrangement in the Snow, Ice Sculptures	All Day	All Day
<b>Other Locations</b>		
· Snow Lantern Lighting at various stores around the city	17:00~	17:00~
· Fireworks in the Snow (launched above Kojo Elementary School)	19:30~	
<b>Related Events</b>		
<b>Uesugi Memorial Hall</b>		
· Yukimi No Zen (Snow-Viewing Meal) *Reservations required/5,000 yen	Lunch/Dinner	Lunch/Dinner
<b>Za No Bunka Densho Kan</b>		
· Snow Lantern Festival Tea Ceremony (1,000 yen)	16:00~20:00	
<b>Uesugi Mausoleum</b>		
· Free Admission 17:00~20:00 · Snow Lanterns/ Snow Candle Lighting	17:00~20:00	17:00~20:00

**There are No Parking Spaces at the Festival Site!  
Please Use the Shuttle Bus**

Yonezawa Station ↔ Festival Site  
Yonezawa City Hall ↔ Festival Site



**Cost:** (One Way)

Adult (Jr. HS Students and above) 100 yen  
Children (Elementary School Students) 50 yen

**Times(Both Days):** Yonezawa Station 15:00~21:00  
City Hall 11:00~21:00

\*Buses leave approximately every 15~20 minutes.

\*The last bus from the festival site is at 21:30.

\*There are free parking spaces at City Hall, Yamagata Univ.

## Make a Snow Lantern with YIRA!

**Date/Time:** February 7<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 19:00~  
February 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 10:30~

(It will take approximately 2hrs. each day)

**Meeting Place:** In front of Denkoku No Mori  
(Next to Uesugi Shrine)



**Cost:** Free

**What to Bring:** Shovels, gloves, and warm clothing.

**Sign Ups/Inquiries:** Yonezawa City International  
Relations Association (YIRA)

TEL 22-5111

Email: yira@omn.ne.jp



# Beware of the Norovirus!



## What's the Norovirus?

The norovirus, commonly known as the winter vomiting disease or stomach flu, is a highly contagious virus that affects many people during the winter between December and March.

## What happens when you are infected?

The incubation period is usually 24~48 hours. Common symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pains, and a slight fever. Although there is no cure, symptoms usually go away in one or two days. However, young children and the elderly may become dehydrated as a result of diarrhea so they should be especially careful.

## How you can get infected

- ① When eating thoroughly uncooked shellfish that are infected with the virus.
- ② When a person preparing food is infected with the virus, and you eat the food that the person made which was also infected.
- ③ Infection by the stool or vomit of someone who is infected.

## How to Prevent Infections

- ① Be sure to wash your hands before meals and after using the toilet.
- ② Use gloves when disposing stool and vomit and avoid direct contact.
- ③ Clothing soiled by stool or vomit should be washed with chlorine bleach.



## Other Events & Information



### White Festa 2008 ~Happiness Comes in Winter~

Date: 2/15 (Fri) Time: Doors open 18:30, Starts 19:00

Place: Tokyo Daiichi Hotel Yonezawa

What: An exchange event for working youth in Yonezawa, organized by youth.

Cost: 3,000 yen (Tickets available at Yonezawa Saty, Onuma Yonezawa Store, Acty Yonezawa, City Hall)

Inquiries: City Commerce & Tourism Division Tel 22-5111

### Citizens Ski Class

Date: 2/24 (Sun) Registration begins from 9:30

Place: Onogawa Ski Slope

Class Contents:

Kids Course (Elementary School 4th~6th Graders)

Advanced Kids Course (Elementary School 4th~6th Graders)

General Course (Beginner/Intermediate men and women)

Cost: 3,000 yen (includes lift and insurance cost)

Limit: 40 people total

Other: Please bring your own lunch

Sign Up Deadline: 2/20 (Wed)

Inquiries: City Physical Education Division TEL 23-6535

### Kids Ski Day

The ski lift cost for elementary and junior high school students will be free on the following days at the Onogawa Ski Slope.

Dates: 2/10 (Sun), 2/24 (Sun)

Inquiries: Onogawa Ski Slope TEL 32-2076

## Yonezawa-Ben of the Month

かえちや (kaecha)

Meaning: Inside out

Example: 服をかえちやに着たでっしや。

(Fuku wo kaecha ni kitta dessha.)

(I wore my shirt inside out.)

### Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) Event



## Experience Japanese Culture ~Mochi Making~

Try using a mortar and pestal to make mochi (rice cakes)!  
We will be using the mochi to make mochi soup and various other types of mochi dishes.

Date: 2/24 (Sun)

Time: 10:00~14:00

Place: Seibu Community Center

Cost: 300 yen YIRA Member/ 500 yen Non-Member

Sign-Ups/Inquiries:

YIRA Office TEL 22-5111 email yira@omn.ne.jp



### Spring Concert

Date: 3/9 (Sun) Time: 14:00~

Place: Denko No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Performers: Yonezawa Philharmonic Orchestra,

Academy Strings volunteers, Yonezawa Higashi Senior High School String and Wind Group

Cost: Free (A numbered ticket is required for admission.)

Available at Yonezawa Music Store, Denko No Mori, and Ongaku Azm Kan)

Inquiries: Denko No Mori TEL 26-2666

*If you would like to be put on our mailing list, or if you have any feedback for the newsletter, please contact us at:*

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