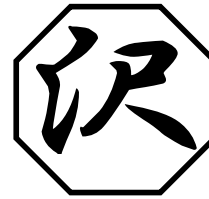




YONEZAWAJIN



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Summer Festivals in Yonezawa

Many festivals continue to be held in Yonezawa during August. Go check them out and enjoy the summer in Yonezawa!

Costume Bon Odori Dance

Wear a costume and join a Bon Odori dance!
Date: August 14th (Thu)
Time: 18:45~
Place: Yonezawa Station Square

Noryo Citizen's Bon Odori Dance

Wear a yukata and enjoy Bon dancing!
Date: August 15th (Fri) & 16th (Sat)
Time: 19:30~
Place: Machi no Hiroba (Town Square)



Tsunagi Lion Dance

Three "lions" perform three powerful dances in which they pray for an abundant harvest.
Date: August 15th (Fri)
Time: 10:00~
Place: Tsurugi/Enshoji Temple Ruins

Yonezawa Lantern Floating Festival

Paper lanterns are lit and float in the river to pray for the spirit of one's ancestors.
Date: August 16th (Sat) Time: 19:00~
Place: Hottate River

Zusayama Lion Dance

This traditional dance has been carried down and performed in the Bansei area of Yonezawa for several hundred years.

Shimogumi Dance

Date: August 15th (Fri) Time: 14:00~
Place: Shorinji Temple in Bansei-cho Zusayama

Kamigumi Dance

Date: August 16th (Sat) Time: 15:00~
Place: Hoshoji Temple in Bansei-cho Zusayama

Aramachi Samba at the Dramatic Ebisu Festival

Dancers and musicians in elaborate costumes perform in an exciting samba parade!
Date: September 14th (Sun) Time: 10:00~
Place: Aramachi Shopping District

Meet KANETAN

the Yonezawa "Naoe Kanetsugu Mascot Character"!

In 2009, the historical drama Tenchijin, which will depict the life of the wise Uesugi Clan general Naoe Kanetsugu, will be broadcasted on NHK TV. After receiving 438 applications and undergoing two initial screenings, the "Naoe Kanetsugu Mascot Character" was finally chosen after the final screening on June 10th.

Kanetsugu supported the first lord of the Yonezawa Clan, Uesugi Kagekatsu, and is known to have been a promoter of virtue.

A dog was chosen as the mascot because of their loyalty and how they are loved by people. Kanetsugu was also said to have been very handsome, so the character also has manly eyebrows even though he is a dog!



DID YOU KNOW???

Yonezawa Textile

米沢織物



Yonezawa textile (commonly known as Yoneori) has a history and tradition of over 200 years. It was originally developed as a local industry by Lord Uesugi Yozan to rebuild the finances of the Yonezawa Clan. Today, Yonezawa is nationally famous as a production center for silk fabrics.

Yonezawa textiles are mainly yarn-dyed silk fabrics where the yarns are dyed before they are weaved into fabrics. Fabrics dyed using natural dyes including safflowers known as kusakizome (plant dyeing) are particularly famous. Artificial silk also originated in Yonezawa and the city was the first in the country to develop production technology for synthetic fibers. In addition to traditional Japanese fabrics, a variety of women's wear made using both natural and chemical fibers are also produced. Yonezawa also produces over 90% of all hakamas (a formal trouser-skirt that is traditionally worn by men) in Japan. Yonezawa textiles are sold abroad under the YONETEX brand.

Sukoyaka Health Information

Inquiries: Sukoyaka Center TEL 24-8181



Detect Cancer Early by Getting a Cancer Screening!



With recent medical advancements, survival rates for cancer have increased if the cancer is detected early. If you have never had a screening for cancer, be sure to get one starting this year. If you have already been screened, be sure to continue to get periodic screenings!

Screening	Who Are Eligible
Gastric Cancer	Men and women age 40 and over
Colon Cancer	
Lung Cancer	
Breast Cancer	Women age 40 and over (every other year after age 40)
Cervical Cancer	Women age 20 and over

Be careful of Food Poisoning between June and September!

Make sure to do the following to prevent infectious diseases:

- Be sure to cook food thoroughly!
- Cut back on using well water!
- Always wash your hands before eating!
- Go see a doctor right away if you have symptoms of food poisoning!



Other Events & Information



Machi No Hiroba Events

Mototachi Morning Market

Dates: Every Sunday in August

Time: 6:00~7:00

Place: Machi no Hiroba

Inquiries: City Culture Division TEL 22-5111

Special Exhibit: "Ge Ge Ge No Kitaro and the Mysterious World of Monsters"

Date: 7/19 (Sat)~9/15 (Mon) Closed 8/27 (Wed)

Place: Denkoku No Mori Yonezawa City Uesugi Museum

Contents: Exhibit of different monsters in Japan and around the world, including a collection of works by Mizuki Shigeru who is also known as "Dr. Monster".

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori Tel 26-2666

Ichchu Middle School Pool Open to the Public

Dates: 7/26 (Sat) ~ 8/23 (Sat)

Time: 9:00~17:00

Cost: Elementary and Middle School Students 100 yen

High School Students 210 yen, General 310 yen

(for each morning/afternoon/or evening period)

Inquiries: City Social Education Department TEL 23-6535



Donate Today

Iwate•Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake Relief Fund

Place: City Hall Main Entrance (inside the donation box)

Inquiries: Japan Red Cross Yonezawa District

TEL 22-5111

Jazz Café Live 2 ~Akiko Nakanishi Group~

Date: 8/29 (Fri) 19:00~

Place: Museum Café (Inside Denkoku No Mori)

Cost: Advanced 800 yen, At-the-door 1,000 yen

Tickets: Available at Denkoku No Mori

Limit: 100 people

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

Yamagata Prefecture Noh Festival

Date: 9/7 (Sun) 9:30~16:30

Place: Denkoku No Mori

Cost: Free

Performers: Noh clubs of Yamagata prefecture,

Kids Kyogen Club

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

Yoji-Jukugo of the Month

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(one time, one encounter)

Meaning: A once in a lifetime meeting.

Treasure every meeting, for it will never recur.

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