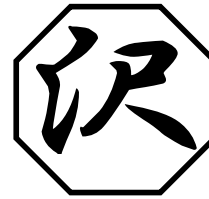




YONEZAWAJIN



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Tenchijin Pre-Event 2008 9/27 (Sat)・28 (Sun)

To celebrate next year's NHK period drama "Tenchijin", various events will be held to rediscover Yonezawa, the city that General Naoe Kanetsugu built the foundation for.

● Kanetsugu Don-Don Bowl Festival

Come taste and compare the different foods of the Aizu and Okitama regions!

Date: 9/27(Sat) & 28 (Sun)

Place: Denko No Mori Square

Food Battle

- Yonezawa Beef Bowl vs. Sauce Cutlet Bowl
- Yonezawa Imoni (beef/soy sauce base) vs. Aizu Imoni (pork/miso base)

Local products will also be sold!



● Bokkui-Ichi Unattended Market

Date: 9/28 (Sun) Time: 10:00~16:00

Place: Denko No Mori Square

Contents: Items by citizens/special groups will be sold, other events.

● Tenchijin Castle Town Walk

Go back in time 400 years! Join us for a historical walk through the castle town that Kanetsugu loved and built the foundation for.

Date: 9/28 (Sun)

Registration begins 11:30 Depart 13:00

Meeting Place: Denko No Mori

Course:

① Tenchijin Course About 7km (80 people limit)

Denko No Mori→(bus)→Kanetsugu Stone Levee→Hosen Machi Town→Rinsenji Temple→Denko No Mori

② Castle Town Easy Course About 4km

(200 people limit)

Denko No Mori→Rinsenji Temple→Uesugi

Mausoleum→Senshoin Temple→Denko No Mori

Cost: 500yen (includes insurance・admission fees)

Gifts: Tenchijin commemorative gift, imoni ticket

Inquiries: City General Policy Planning Division

Notice: Please make sure to prepare for hot weather and bring your own beverages. Please follow traffic rules and walk safely.

Tanbo Art Rice Harvesting Experience

Come and harvest rice at a rice field near Onogawa Hot Springs which depicts an image of Naoe Kanetsugu, the famous Uesugi Clan General who will be the protagonist of next year's NHK period drama, "Tenchijin"!



Date: 10/5 (Sun) Time: 9:00~13:30

Meeting Place: Misawa Community Center
(near Onogawa Hot Springs)

Cost: Adults (SHS students and older) 1,500 yen
Children (Jr. HS students and younger) 1,000 yen

Limit: First 150 people to apply

Registration Deadline: 9/24 (Wed)

What to Bring: Long sleeve shirt, rubber boots, gloves, change of clothes, towels, rain gear. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Gift: 2kg of harvested rice and kodai mai (ancient rice)
(Free rice balls and imoni will also be served afterwards.)

Inquiries: City Tourism Division TEL 22-5111

DID YOU KNOW???

Uesugi Shrine

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Uesugi Shrine is located in the former site of Yonezawa Castle which is said to have been originally built in 1238 and housed the Date and Uesugi Families (Today the castle remains have been transformed into Matsugasaki Park). The shrine is dedicated to Uesugi Kenshin, the first lord of the Uesugi Clan. It was originally built in 1872 but burnt down in the Yonezawa Fire of 1919. The current shrine was reconstructed in 1923 and was designed by the famous Yonezawa architect, Dr. Ito Chuta, who also designed the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo and the Heian Shrine in Kyoto.

The Keisho-den (Treasure Storehouse), which houses and displays over a 1,000 cultural assets and artworks related to the Uesugi Clan is located near the shrine. The building was also designed by Ito Chuta and opened in 1923.

Living Information

Inquiries: City Environment & Living Division TEL 22-5111

Please be Responsible for Throwing Away Your Own Garbage

1. **Don't throw away household garbage at supermarkets or convenience stores!**

There have been problems with people throwing away food scraps and electronic appliances at stores. Please throw away electronic appliances that are less than 5kg and less than 50 cm wide each as non-combustible waste.

2. **Don't throw away garbage/grass/branches in rivers or waterways!**

It may cause clogging and bad smells downstream.



3. **Don't abandon garbage from imonikas outside!**

Crows may eat and scatter the garbage and spoil the scenery.

Make a Paper Craft Warrior Helmet!

To get men and women of all ages interested in history, five paper craft warrior helmets have been created. The templates can be downloaded from the Tenchijin homepage.

<http://www.yonezawa-naoe.com>



Other Events & Information



Motodate Morning Market

Dates: Every Sunday in September

Time: 6:00~7:00

Place: Machi no Hiroba

Inquiries: City Tourism Division TEL 22-5111

Wind Orchestra Concert Day '08

Date: 9/21 (Sun) Time: 10:00~17:00

Place: Denkoku No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Contents: Musical performances by various wind orchestras.

Cost: Free

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

YIRA Café

If you are interested in international exchange or want to chat with people in Japanese or English, bring your friends along and come join us for a cup of tea!

Date: 9/10 (Wed) & 9/25 (Thu)

Time: 14:30~16:30 (Feel free to come and go any time!)

Place: City Hall 7F Room 701

Cost: Free (Beverages and snacks will be provided)

Inquiries: Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) TEL 22-5111

The 10th Nishi Azumayama Citizen's Trekking

Date: 9/28 (Sun) Meet at Tengendai Lodge 8:50

Cost: Adults 2,000 yen · Children 1,500 yen

(Includes guide, ropeway/lift, insurance cost)

Course: Ningyo Ishi Course, Nishi Azumayama Course

Inquiries: Tengendai Plateau TEL 55-2236

The 8th Oshoshina Half Marathon

Date: 10/19 (Sun)

Time: Starts 9:20 at the City Athletic Sports Ground

Cost: Adults (High School Students and older) 2,000 yen

Children (Jr. High School Students and younger) 1,000 yen

Family (Elm. School 1~3 graders and parent) 2,500 yen

Registration Deadline: 9/19 (Fri)

Inquiries: City Social Education Division TEL 21-5111

9/20 (Sat) City Bus Free Service Day!

The fare for all routes of the city bus will be free on this day. Please take this opportunity to use the city bus!

Inquiries: City Environment & Living Information TEL 22-5111

Yoji-Jukugo of the Month

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(Four sufferings and eight sufferings)

Meaning: To be in dire distress.
Have difficulty.

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