



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 14th (Sat) & 15th (Sun) / Lighting from 17:30

*Pre- Lighting Ceremony Feb 13th (Fri) 17:30~

Place: Uesugi Shrine · Matsugasaki Park



Main Events	14 th (Sat)	15 th (Sun)
①Chinkon No Oka (Requiem Hill) *Next to Uesugi Shrine		
• Chinkon Festival (Rifle salute · Taiko Drumming Performance)	17:00~	
• Requiem Tower (Sweet sake and konnyaku to those who make 100 yen offering)	18:00~	13:00~
②Denkoku No Mori Square		
• Candle Making	12:00~21:00	12:00~20:00
• Stage Events (Opening ceremony, music performances, etc.)	13:00~20:30	12:00~20:00
• Flower Arrangement in the Snow, Ice Sculptures	All Day	All Day
③Festival Square		
• Tent Market (Various winter foods from Yonezawa and other locations.)	12:00~21:00	12:00~20:00
• Snow Play Area	12:00~21:00	12:00~20:00
• Snow Lantern Making	13:00~20:00	13:00~20:00
Other Locations		
• Snow Lantern Lighting at various stores around the city	17:00~	17:00~
• Fireworks in the Snow (launched above Kojo Elementary School)	19:30~	
Related Events		
Uesugi Memorial Hall: Yukimi No Zen (Snow-Viewing Meal) *Reservations required/5,000 yen	Lunch/Dinner	Lunch/Dinner
Za No Bunka Densho Kan: Snow Lantern Festival Tea Ceremony (1,000 yen)	16:00~20:00	
Uesugi Mausoleum: Free Admission/Snow Lantern · 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

Okitama Sogo Sicho ↔ Festival Site

(Branch Adminst. Office)

Cost (One Way): Adult (Jr. HS Students and above) 100 yen
Children (Elem. School Students) 50 yen

Times(Both Days): Yonezawa Station 10:00~21:00
City Hall 8:45~21:00
Okitama Sogo Sicho 13:00~21:00

*Buses leave approximately every 15~20 minutes.

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

*Free parking available at City Hall & Okitma Sogo Sicho.



Make a Snow Lantern with YIRA!

Date/Time: February 12th (Thu) 19:00~
February 14th (Sat) 10:30~

(It will take approximately 2hrs. each day
Free to come either or both days)

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



Plastic Shopping Bags Will be Charged Beginning February 1st, 2009

Beginning February 1st, plastic shopping bags that were previously given away for free will now be charged at select stores.

Why Will They Be Charged?

By charging the plastic shopping bags, it will encourage people to use their own shopping bags and reduce the number of plastic bags that are given out. This will reduce the amount of trash and prevent wasteful spending of resources. It will also reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that is given off during the creation and disposal process of the plastic bags.

Which Stores Will Charge for the Bags?

Stores which have registered with the city for this new policy will charge for the plastic bags. Stores will be notified on the city home page.

How Much Will Plastic Bags Cost?

The price for the plastic bags are decided by each store so each store may have a different price. For reference, bags cost around 3-5yen each at stores in nearby cities.

To reduce the number of plastic shopping bags, please bring your own shopping bags when you go shopping. There are many shopping bags available including personal shopping baskets and bags that can fit onto shopping baskets at stores. It may be convenient to own several different shopping bags that can be used for different types and amounts of items you purchase.



Other Events & Information



Tenchijin Expo 2009

Period: 1/24 (Sat) ~ 1/11 (Mon), 2010

Place: Denko No Mori Yonezawa Uesugi Museum

Contents: Experience the world of the Tenchijin Period Drama and the life of Naoe Kanetsugu, the protagonist of the drama through various artefacts and displays.

Tickets: General 700 yen, Students 500 yen

Elem/Jr High Students 300 yen

Inquiries: City General Policy Division TEL 22-5111

Kyogen (Traditional Japanese Comic Theatre) Performance

Date: 2/18 (Wed) Time: 18:30~

Place: Denko No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Tickets: Reserved Seating 5,000yen

Free Seating 3,500 yen Students 2,500yen

(500yen extra for tickets bought at-the-door)

Available at: Onuma Yonezawa Store, Yonezawa SATY, Denko No Mori.

Inquiries: Denko No Mori TEL 26-2666

YIRA Café

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

When: 2/19 (Thu) 14:30~16:30

Where: City Hall 3F Room 303 Cost: Free

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

Citizens Ski Class

Date: 2/22 (Sun) Registration begins from 9:30

Place: Onogawa Ski Slope

Class Contents:

Kids Course (Elem. School 4th~6th Graders) Advanced

Kids Course (Elem. School 4th~6th Graders) General

Course (Beginner/Intermediate men and women)

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

Limit: 40 people total Sign Up Deadline: 2/18 (Wed)

Other: Please bring your own lunch.

Inquiries: City Physical Education Division TEL 23-6535

Kids Ski Day

Every Sunday in February is Kids Ski Day at Tengendai Ski Area. The ropeway/lift cost will be free for children elementary school aged and younger and 20% off for families.

Inquiries: Tengendai Plateau TEL 55-2236

Amateur Musicians Festival

Date: 3/1 (Sun) Time: 14:00~

Place: Denko No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Contents: Various musical performances including gospel, jazz, and rock by amateur musicians.

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

Available at Denko No Mori.)

Inquiries: Denko No Mori TEL 26-2666

Yoji-Jukugo of the Month

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Meaning: With utmost effort. Very hard.

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