



## Yonezawa Uesugi Festival 4/29~5/3

During the biggest and most spectacular festival in Yonezawa, armor-clad warriors walk the streets of the city and recreate the historic Battle of Kawanakajima.

<b>4/29 (Wed)</b>	10:30~	<b>Uesugi Shrine Festival</b> ( <i>Uesugi Shrine</i> )
	10:00~	<b>Opening Festival</b> ( <i>Around Denkoku No Mori</i> ) Stage events featuring traditional music and dance performances, a parade, and a procession of historical Yonezawa figures.
<b>4/30 (Thu)</b>	10:00~	<b>Matsugasaki Shrine Festival</b> ( <i>Matsugasaki Shrine</i> )
<b>5/2 (Sat)</b>	18:30~	<b>Buteishiki</b> ( <i>Riverside of Matsukawa River</i> ) A re-enactment of the ceremony that was conducted by Lord Uesugi Kenshin before he went into battle to pray for victory.
<b>5/3 (Sun)</b>	9:30~	<b>Portable Shrine Procession</b> ( <i>Begins at Nanbu Elementary School</i> ) A parade featuring portable shrines (mikoshi), floats, and musicians playing drums and whistles.
	10:20~	<b>Uesugi Warriors Parade</b> ( <i>Begins at Machi no Hiroba</i> ) A parade featuring a full Uesugi clan army of armor-clad warriors on horseback.
	14:00~	<b>The Battle of Kawanakajima</b> ( <i>Riverside of Matsukawa River</i> ) A re-enactment of the battle between the Uesugi and Takeda armies which is said to be the most hard-fought battle of the Warring States period. Featuring smoke, fire, booming matchlock guns, and over 700 participants, it is definitely a sight not to be missed!



**Reserved Bleacher Seating  
for the Battle of Kawanakajima**

Cost: ¥1,500 (souvenir included)

\* Only 1,500 seats available

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### Did You Know ??

#### Uesugi Kagekatsu

上杉景勝  
(1555~1623)

Uesugi Kagekatsu was the first Uesugi clan leader of the Yonezawa domain. The son of Nagao Masakage and Sentoyin (the sister of Uesugi Kenshin) he was later adopted by his uncle, Kenshin. After Kenshin's death, he became head of the Uesugi clan after defeating another adopted son, Uesugi Kagetora, in a battle over the inheritance of the clan.

Kagekatsu took part in Siege of Odawara and Invasions of Korea that were led by Toyotomi Hideyoshi and later received the domain of Aizu Wakamatsu worth a huge 1.2 million koku (bushels of rice) to become one of the most powerful daimyo (clan leader) in Japan. However, since Kagekatsu allied with the losing side in the Battle of Sekigahara, he was transferred to the much smaller Yonezawa domain with 300,000 koku and became head of the Uesugi Castle.



## Information about Supplementary Income Payment from Yonezawa City

The government of Japan will be distributing a one-time supplementary income payment to all residents. Foreign residents who are registered with Yonezawa City prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 are also eligible to receive this payment. In general, eligible persons will each receive 12,000 yen, or 20,000 yen for persons age 18 and under or age 65 and over. An application is required to receive the supplementary income payment. Please fill out the necessary information on the application form that is sent by the City and use the enclosed envelope to send in the application. (Only forms that are postmarked before October 1<sup>st</sup> will be valid).

In general, the supplementary payment will be deposited in to the financial account of the registered person. Please attach a copy of the applicant's identification (such as the alien registration card) and a copy of a bank booklet or cash card that shows the name of the financial institution, account number, and name of the account holder (written in katakana) of the financial account where the deposit will be made. For further details, please view the information that is sent along with the application form.

## Other Events & Information

### ○Light-Up of Cherry Blossoms at Matsugasaki Park

To commemorate the NHK Taiga Drama Tenchijin, the Matsugasaki Park will be lit up at night beginning in mid April. Come enjoy the illuminated cherry blossoms at night.  
Period: 4/15 (Wed)~5/6 (Wed) 18:30~22:00  
Where: Matsugasaki Park (Uesugi Shrine Area)  
Parking: Please use the parking spaces at Omatsuri Hiroba, Uesugi Jyoshien, or Denkoku No Mori.  
Parking on the street is strictly prohibited!  
Inquiries: Yonezawa Chamber of Commerce TEL 22-5111

### ○Opening of Narushima Waku Waku Land Park

Period: 4/16 (Thu) ~11/14 (Sat)  
Time: 10:00~17:00  
Closed: Tuesdays (Except when it falls on holidays)  
Inquiries: Waku Waku Land Office TEL 37-2121

### ○Yonezawa Wind Instrument Group 31<sup>st</sup> Spring Concert

Date: 4/19 (Sun) 14:00~  
Place: Yonezawa Shimin Bunka Kaikan  
Cost: 800 yen general, 300 yen junior/senior high school, free for elementary school students and younger (200 yen extra for at-the-door tickets)  
Inquiries: Yonezawa Shimin Bunka Kaikan TEL 23-8510

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

## 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: 4/9 (Thu), 4/22 (Wed) 14:30~16:30  
Where: Yonezawa City Hall 7F 701 Meeting Room  
Cost: Free

## YIRA Hanami Party

Join YIRA for a cherry blossom viewing hanami party and make new friends!



When: 4/25 (Sat) 12:00~14:00  
Meeting Place: In front of Denkoku No Mori  
Cost: Members 400 yen, Non-Members 600 yen  
E.S. Students 100 yen, Jr HS Students & Older 400 yen (Includes Lunch)  
\* Event will be cancelled if it rains.

Sign Ups/Inquiries: YIRA Office TEL 22-5111  
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### ☆Message from the CIR☆

Hello! I am Daniel Smiley, the Coordinator for International Relations for Yonezawa City. It has already been two years since I began the YONEZAWAJIN. I have enjoyed creating this newsletter each month and will do my best to make it more useful and enjoyable for everyone. If you have any opinions or suggestions, please feel free to contact and tell us any time. Yoroshiku onegaishimasu!

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**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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