



The 15th Azuma Festival

This is the joint school festival between the Yamagata University Engineering Department and the Yonezawa Women's Junior College. Enjoy various food stalls, games, musical performances, and much more!

October 9th (Fri)

Place: Yonezawa Women's Junior College Campus

Main Events:

Free Konnyaku Balls 11:00~
Traditional Craft Making 11:00~14:00
FLOW Live (Concert) 18:00~

October 10th (Sat)

Place: Yamagata Univ. Engineering Dept. Campus

Main Events:

Free Imoni 11:00~
Flea Market 12:00~17:00
Haunted House 16:00~19:00
Night Festival 17:00~19:00

October 11th (Sun)

Place: Yamagata Univ. Engineering Dept. Campus

Main Events:

Traditional Craft Making 10:00~14:00
Live of harmony 12:30~14:00
(impersonations, comedy show, bingo, etc.)

Did You Know ? ?

Miyasaka Archaeological Museum

This museum is located in Higashi Ichome of Yonezawa and opened in 1957. It displays and stores over 700 valuable cultural artefacts and documents of the Yonezawa and Okitama area that the original museum keeper, Sensuke Miyasaka, collected over his lifetime. Miyasaka was engaged in researching local history from a young age. He lamented how documents and objects related to the former Yonezawa domain were being scattered and lost and devoted his life to collecting and preserving them.

The museum holds many artefacts related to the former Yonezawa domain including swords, spears, matchlock rifles, folding screens, and ancient documents. It is particularly famous for its valuable collection and displays of armor worn by Uesugi Kenshin, Uesugi Kagekatsu, and Naoe Kanetsugu, along with cultural artefacts unearthed from the Okitama region. The armor worn by the famous samurai Maeda Keiji, can also be seen.



Yonezawa Lifetime Learning Festival

The Lifetime Learning Festival is an event where various groups in the city will be presenting their activities and where guests can expand their own knowledge. There will be numerous attractions including art displays and hands-on exhibits, music/song/dance performances on stage, and food and drink tents. Please come visit with your whole family!



When: October 10th (Sat) 9:30~17:00
11th (Sun) 10:00~16:00

Place: City Gymnasium and Parking Lot

Meet People From Around the World at the YIRA Tent!

The Yonezawa International Relations Association (YIRA) will be having a tent during the Lifetime Learning Festival again this year. They will be selling Korean chijimi pancakes and also having various fun activities including English games, Chinese paper cutting, Halloween mask making, and world quizzes! Please come by!



Place: Outdoor Tent in City
Gymnasium Parking Lot

The 15th Yonezawa City Industrial Festival

There will be many fun events and activities including displays and sales of various industrial and agricultural products by local industries and citizens. There will be various food and drinks available as well!

Date: October 17th (Sat) 10:00~16:00
18th (Sun) 10:00~15:00

Place: Around and in Bansei Community Center



These Events will also be Held during the Festival:

- The 22nd Yonezawa Rice Festival: 17th only
Free rice will be giving away during the drawing.
- Yamagata Prefecture Invention Exhibit: 16~18th
Exhibits of different creative ideas for daily living.
- Flower Festival: 17~18th
Events include a flower arrangement demonstration.
- Okitama Food Fair: 18th only
Sale of Okitama area foods & health booth.

A Special Allowance for Child-Rearing will be distributed to eligible households to lessen the burden of raising school-aged children.

*This allowance distribution is implemented by the city under national guidelines and will only be distributed this year.

Eligible Person: Children who were born between April 2nd, 2003 and April 1st, 2006 are eligible to receive the allowance.

Allowance Amount: 36,000 yen for each eligible child

How to Receive: The allowance will be deposited into your bank account after the head of household has made an application.

Base Date: October 1st, 2009 (People who have eligible children as of this date can receive the allowance.)

How to Apply:

An application form will be sent to eligible households in October of 2009.

Warning:

Beware of bank transfer scams!!

You will never be asked to deposit money through an ATM for the Special Allowance for Child-Rearing!



Other Events & Information

○Narushima Fureai Petting Zoo

Date: 10/3 (Sat), 4 (Sun), 10 (Sat), 11 (Sun), 12 (Mon)

*Animal feeding will be held on the 11th.

Place: Narushima Wakuwaku Land

*The event may be cancelled if it rains.

Inquiries: Narushima Wakuwaku Land TEL 37-2121

○Machi No Hiroba (Town Square) Events

Motodate Morning Market

Date: Every Sunday in October Time: 6:00~7:00

Flea Market

Date: 10/11 (Sun) 9:00~16:00

Inquiries: City Commerce Division TEL 22-5111

○Russian National St. Petersburg Academy Ballet: Gizelle

When: 10/23 (Fri) 18:30~ Where: Shimin Bunka Kaikan

Cost: Advanced tickets S-Seats 5,000 yen, A-Seats 4,000 yen, Students (HS Students & younger) 3,000 yen, Family Seats (One adult seat, one child (4 year old to elementary school age) seat) 5,000 yen

*500 yen extra for tickets bought at-the-door

Tickets: Sold at Onuma Yonezawa, Yonezawa Saty, Denko No Mori, Yonezawa Shimin Bunka Kaikan

Inquiries: Yonezawa Shimin Bunka Kaikan TEL 23-8510

○HAPA JAPAN TOUR ~ Hawaiian Music & Hula~

When: 10/27 (Fri) 19:00~

Where: Denko No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Cost: General 4,000 yen, Students 2,000 yen

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

Inquiries: Denko No Mori TEL 26-2666

○International Exchange Tour

When: 11/1 (Sun) (Meet at Yonezawa City Hall 8:30~ Go to Aizu-Wakamatsu by microbus, return to Yonezawa 17:00)

Content: Visit Aizu-Wakamatsu International Exchange Festival, Tsuruga Castle, Laquerware making center

Cost: Free (please prepare you own lunch)

Limit: 20 people Sign-Up Deadline: 10/26 (Mon)

Inquiries: City Secretarial & Public Relations Div. TEL 22-5111

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 join us for a cup of tea!

When: 10/19 (Mon) 14:30~16:00

Where: City Hall 7F Meeting Room 701

Cost: Free

YIRA Members Party: IMONIKAI

Come meet new and old friends at the Imonikai Party while enjoying the autumn breeze!



When: 10/24 (Sat) 11:00~14:00

Where: Matsukawa River Bank

Cost: Members 500 yen, Non-Members 800 yen, Elementary School Students 100 yen

Other: Please bring your own bowl and chopsticks.

Sign-Up Deadline: 10/21 (Wed)

Sign Ups/Inquiries: YIRA Office

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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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