

The 33rd 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 13th (Sat) & 14th (Sun) / Lighting from 17:30

* Lighting Ceremony on Feb 12th (Fri) 17:30

Place: Uesugi Shrine · Matsugasaki Park



Main Events	13 th (Sat)	14 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 konnyake serving, 100 yen donation)	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.)	17:00~21:00	13:00~20:00
· Flower Arrangement in the Snow, Hill of Love (Valentine's Day event)	All Day	All Day
③Festival Square		
· Tent Market (Various winter foods from Yonezawa and other locations.)	11:00~21:00	11:00~20:00
· Snow Play Area	11:00~21:00	11:00~20:00
Other Locations		
· Fireworks in the Snow (launched above Kojo Elementary School)	19:30~	
Related Events	13 th (Sat)	14 th (Sun)
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	17:30~20:00	17:30~20:00

There are No Parking Spaces at the Festival Site!
Please Use the Shuttle Bus

Yonezawa Station ↔ Festival Site
Yonezawa City Hall ↔ Festival Site



Cost: (One Way)

Adults (Jr. HS Students and older) 100 yen
Children (Elementary School Students) 50 yen

Times: Yonezawa Station 14:00~21:00
City Hall 8:45~21:00

*Buses leave approximately every 15~20 minutes.

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

*There are free parking spaces at City Hall & Okitama Sogo Sicho

Make a Snow Lantern with YIRA!

Date/Time: February 10th (Wed) 18:00~
February 12th (Fri) 18:00~

(It will take approximately 1 hour each day.
It's ok to come and help just for one day!)

Meeting Place: In front of Uesugi Shrine
(Look out for the YIRA flag!)

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



Winter Travel Information

Mahoroba Snow Peony Festival

Takahata Town 2/6 (Sat)~2/14 (Sun)

Peonies are lit up at night in the snow during this festival to create an enchanting atmosphere.

Where: In front of JR Takahata Station

Inquiries: Takata Town Tourist Association TEL 57-3844

National Ramen Festival

Kitakata City 2/21 (Sun)

You will be able to taste ramen from all across Japan during this festival. There will also be a tour bus from Yonezawa to the festival.

Tour Bus Schedule

Yamako Travel Yonezawa Office (10:00)⇒Yonezawa City Hall(10:05)⇒Yonezawa Chuo Bus Stop (10:10)⇒Kitakata Ramen Festival Site (11:30)⇒Sightseeing in Kitakata City (14:30)⇒ Leave Kitakata (15:00)⇒Return to Yonezawa (16:00)

Cost: 1,600 yen per person

(Includes 600 yen ramen ticket)

Limit: 80 people (minimum 20 people needed)

Inquiries: Kitakata City Tourist Division

TEL 0241-24-5200

*Please contact Yamako Travel for details/sign ups for the bus tour. TEL 22-1022



Other Events & Information

○Free Daruma (Dharma) Doll Present

The large good luck Daruma (Dharma) Doll that is on display in the first floor of City Hall (a gift from the mayor of Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture) will be given away to anyone who wants it. A lottery will be held if there are many applications.

Application Deadline: 2/12 (Fri)

Inquiries: City Hall Secretarial & Public Relations Division
TEL 22-5111

○White Festa 2010 & The 6th Wai-Wai Wine Party

Come have an enjoyable time while tasting delicious wine. (Must come with a partner of the opposite sex.)

When: 2/11(Thu) 18:30~

Where: Tokyo Daiichi Hotel Yonezawa

Limit: 300 people (150 men, 150 women)

Ticket: Men 4,000 yen, Women 2,000 yen

(Available at Yonezawa Chamber of Commerce, City Hall Industry Division)

Inquiries: Yonezawa Chamber of Commerce TEL 22-5111

○Soba Making Class

When: 2/20 (Sat) 10:00~14:00

Where: Yonezawa Sukoyaka Center

Cost: Adults 500 yen,

Jr. High School Students and Younger Free

Limit: 50 people (sign ups will close once it reaches limit)

Inquiries: Okitama Sogo Shicho TEL 26-6035

○Citizens Ski Class

Date: 2/28(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: 2/17(Wed)

Other: Please bring your own lunch.

Inquiries: City Physical Education Division TEL 23-6535

Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) Information



YIRA CAFE

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: 2/17 (Wed) 14:30~16:00

Where: City Hall 7F Meeting Room 701

Cost: Free

Hinamatsuri (Girls' Day) Cooking Class

Come learn how to cook food that's traditionally eaten during the Japanese Hinamatsuri festival!

When: 2/27 (Sat) 10:30~14:00

Where: Okitama Sogo Bunka Center

Menu: Temari-sushi, clam soup, salad with tofu dressing, dessert

Cost: YIRA Members 500 yen

Non-Members 800 yen

Limit: 20 people



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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