



Yonezawa Uesugi Festival 4/29~5/3

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

4/29
(Thu/Holiday)

9:30~ **Opening Festival** (Around Denkoku No Mori)
Stage events featuring music and dance performances, a parade, and a procession of historical Yonezawa figures. (Parade from 13:10)

10:00~ **Uesugi Shrine Festival**

4/30 (Fri)

10:00~ **Matsugasaki Shrine Festival**

5/2 (Sun)

16:30~ **Buteishiki Warriors Parade** (Uesugi Shrine → Uesugi Mausoleum)

18:30~ **Buteishiki** (Matsukawa Riverbed)
A re-enactment of the ceremony that was conducted by lord Uesugi Kenshin before he went into battle to pray for success.

5/3
(Mon/Holiday)

9:30~ **Portable Shrine Procession** (Begins at Nanbu Elementary School)
A parade featuring portable shrines (mikoshi) and musicians playing drums and whistles.

10:20~ **Uesugi Warriors Parade** (Begins at Machi no Hiroba)
An exciting parade featuring over 1,000 participants including armor-clad warriors of the Uesugi clan.

14:00~ **The Battle of Kawanakajima** (Matsukawa Riverbed)
A re-enactment of the battle between the Uesugi and Takeda armies, 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 a sight not to be missed!

Reserved Bleacher Seating for The Battle of Kawanakajima
¥1,500 (includes souvenir)
Inquiries: TEL 21-6226
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Did You Know??

Maeda Keiji

Maeda Keiji, a samurai warrior during the Warring States Period, was famous for his various unusual antics. He was skilled in both the literary and martial arts and was also an excellent warrior in many battles. He became a chief retainer of Uesugi Kagekatsu through his friendship with Naoe Kagekatsu, and lived in Yonezawa and spent the last days of his life there.

Although there are various theories, it is believed he was buried at Domori Zenkoji Temple in Yonezawa. Numerous relics believed to have been owned by Keiji and a memorial tower dedicated to him can still be found in Yonezawa.



Domori-Zenkoji Temple

Sengoku No Mori

~The Age of Warriors~

Open on April 17th (Sat), 2010!



Sengoku No Mori is a new tourist facility in Yonezawa where guests can come and have fun with history. Here you can dress up as a samurai with the help of computer technology, make paper samurai helmet crafts, learn about famous samurai of Yonezawa during the Warring States Period, and enjoy the history of the Uesugi clan and Yonezawa.

Period: April 17th (Sat), 2010 ~ March 2012

*Closed Wednesdays (Open if Wednesday is a Holiday)

Hours: 10:00~18:00

Cost: Free Admission (Fee for some activities inside)

Place: Popolo Building 1F (1-9-20 Chuo)

Inquiries: City Tourist Division TEL 22-5111

Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots in Yonezawa

Between mid April to the beginning of May is cherry blossom (sakura) season in Yonezawa.
The following places are several popular areas for cherry blossom viewing in Yonezawa.

Matsugasaki Park

Over 200 cherry blossom trees line the moat of the castle ruins and beautifully reflect off the water. The blossoms will be lit up at night between mid April and early May (18:30~22:00).

Mogami (Matsukawa) Riverbank

The cherry trees that line the river near the City Hospital are also very beautiful.

Tateyama Park

Over 1,000 cherry trees are planted in this park which overlooks the city.
Many people from the city visit the park during the hanami season.



Other Events & Information

○National Noh Collection Exhibit

When: 4/17 (Sat)-5/23 (Sat) 10:00~15:00

Where: Denkoku No Mori Uesugi Museum

Cost: General 400 yen, High School & University Students
300 yen, Elementary/Jr. High School Students 200 yen

Hours: 9:00~17:00 (Last entry at 16:30)

Related Events

●Noh/Kyogen Performance (Free for Everyone)

When: 4/17 (Sat) 13:00~, 5/2 (Sun), 5/15 (Sat) 13:00~

●Kyogen Workshop (Kyogen Experience and Viewing)

When: 4/18 (Sun)

13:00~15:00 Elementary Students and Parents

15:30~17:30 Jr. High School Students and Older

Limit: 30 people (registration required)

Cost: Free

●Noh Instrument Workshop

When: 5/9 (Sun)

13:00~14:00 Elementary 3rd-6th Grade and Parents

15:00~17:00 Jr. High School Students and Older

Limit: 20 people (registration required)

Cost: Free

●Hands on Learning 4/17 (Sat)~5/23 (Sun) (Closed 4/23)

Anyone can participate for free.

- Design a Noh Costume

- Touch Noh Instruments

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-8001

○Yonezawa City Musical "Faith"

Story: This is the first city musical in Yonezawa.

It tells the life story Hata Itsuzo, the man who dedicated his life to the development of rayon silk in Yonezawa during the Taisho period in the early 1900's.

Main Performance: 5/4 (Tue·Holiday) 18:00~

5/5 (Wed·Holiday) 18:00~

Additional Performance: 5/5 (Wed·Holiday) 14:00~

Where: Denkoku No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Tickets: Adults- Advanced 1,000yen (1,200yen at-the-door)

Children - Advanced 500yen, (600yen at-the-door)

Tickets Available at: Denkoku No Mori, Onuma Yonezawa Store, Yonezawa Saty, etc.

Inquiries: City Culture Division TEL 21-6111

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: 4/21 (Wed) 14:30~16:00

Where: City Hall 7F Meeting Room 701

Cost: Free

Recruiting New YIRA Members!

*Let's work together to spread
International exchange!*

Members will receive information about international events several times a year as well as discounted prices for YIRA events.

1 Year Membership: Individual - 1,000 yen
Group - 5,000 yen



Inquiries: YIRA Office TEL 22-5111

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Homepage: <http://www.omn.ne.jp/~yira>

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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