

Come Visit "Sengoku No Mori"!

On April 17th (Sat), Yonezawa's newest tourist attraction, Sengoku No Mori ~The Age of Warriors~, opened on the 1st floor of the Popolo Shopping Building. Sengoku No Mori is a facility where you can have fun while learning about history and famous samurai warriors who have connections with Yonezawa like Naoe Kanetsugu and Maeda Keiji. Please go check it out!



Maeda Keiji & Matsukaze

Located to your left as you enter the front entrance is a life-size statue of Maeda Keiji riding his horse, Matsukaze. Don't forget to take a picture!

Digital Samurai Experience

In this exciting section, an image of your face is scanned and digitally incorporated into a short movie that makes it look like you have become Naoe Kanetsugu or Maeda Keiji.

(Free to experience, 500 yen for 7-piece photo set, 500 yen for personalized DVD movie)

Warring States Giftshop "Gifudo"

Various Yonezawa mascot character items as well as books and items related to the warriors of the Warring State Period are sold in this section.

Activity Workshop "Takumi-an"

Guests can currently make original buttons (32 different designs, 100 yen each) in this section. Various paper-craft activities are also planned for the future.

Warring States History Scroll

Historical facts and background information regarding the tumultuous historical period which Naoe Kanetsugu and Maeda Keiji lived in are introduced here on a large timeline. Various stories regarding Kanetsugu and Keiji are also introduced through 10 different quizzes that can be found along the wall.

Hana No Keiji Warring States Library

Here guests can sit down and read "Hana No Keiji," the popular manga series about Maeda Keiji, and other books about the Warring States Period.

Sengoku No Mori ~ The Age of Warriors~

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

Did You Know ??

Starting this month, this section will introduce various Japanese seasonal events and customs.

Koromogae

Koromogae is the custom of changing clothing with the change of the seasons. With its four distinct seasons, Japan has long had a custom of changing clothing in specific times of the year. The custom originally began among the members of the imperial court during the Heian Period over 1,000 years ago. During that time, people were required to change their clothes to summer clothing on April 1st and winter clothing on October 1st.

Although people can now generally wear whatever clothing they prefer depending on the weather, people still follow this custom when wearing traditional Japanese clothing such as kimonos. In addition, uniforms for government and business offices and schools also usually change to summer clothing on June 1st and winter clothing on October 1st.



The 30th Onogawa Firefly Festival

Every year in early summer, several thousand fireflies can be seen around the Omono River near the Onogawa Hot Springs. During this time, the Onogawa Firefly Festival is held and features many different events.

Festival Period: June 19th (Sat) ~ July 31st (Sat)

Firefly Tea House: June 19th (Sat)~July 19th (Mon)
(Provides cold drinks and snacks. During this period the outdoor bath Komachi-No-Yu will be open until 21:00)

Firefly Viewing 20:00~21:00 (Best viewing time)

Opening Ceremony

6/19 (Sat) 19:30~



Special Events

7/3 (Sat) 19:00~ (Various slipper activities, etc.)

7/4 (Sun) 18:00~ (Concert, taiko performance, etc.)

7/19 (Mon/Holiday) "Neruton" Dating Party

Inquiries: Onogawa Hot Spring Ryokan Association

TEL 32-2740

Or City Tourism Division TEL 22-5111

Child Allowance System Confirmation Form

A form has been mailed to those who need to confirm their current child raising conditions (Sent on May 31st). If you do not submit this form, you will not be able to receive the Child Allowance even if you are qualified. Please make sure to come submit the form at City Hall. However, those who already submitted the] nintai-seikyusho form after April do not need to send in this confirmation form so it has not been sent.

Submission Period: June 7th (Mon) ~ 13th (Sun)
Submission Time: 9:00~17:00 *form will also be accepted on the 12th (Sat) and 13th (Sun).
Place: Yonezawa City Hall 6th Floor Conference Room

June is Child Allowance Payment Month

The new Child Allowance (Kodomo-teate) for April and May, and the previous Jido-teate Child Allowance for February and March will be deposited into the previously specified bank account on June 10th (Thu). The actual deposit times may differ depending on each financial institution.



Other Events & Information

○**Narushima Fureai Petting Zoo**

When: 6/12 (Sat), 6/13 (Sun), 6/19 (Sat), 6/20 (Sun)
Where: Narushima Wakuwaku Land
* The event may be cancelled if it rains.
Inquiries: Narushima Wakuwaku Land Office TEL 37-2121

○**Piano Quintet Concert**

When: 6/13 (Sun) 16:00~
Where: Denkoku No Mori Okitama Cultural Hall
Cost: 2,000 yen General (2,500 yen for tickets bought at-the-door) 1,000 yen Students (1,500 yen for tickets bought at-the-door)
Tickets Sold At: Denkoku No Mori, Yonezawa Gakki-ten, Ongaku Azm-kan, Onuma Department Store, Saty
Inquiries: TEL 070-5477-3004 Contact Ono-san

○**The 19th Citizens Tea Ceremony**

When: 6/20 (Sun) 10:30~15:00
Place: Za No Bunka Densho Kan
Cost: Free (tea ticket required)
Tea Ticket: Available at Za No Bunka Denshokan, Denkoku No Mori, City Hall Information Desk
* Please wear socks inside the building.
Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

○**Jazz Café Live ~Takafumi Suenaga Group ~**

When: 6/26 (Sat) 19:00 ~
Where: Museum Café Culture (Inside Denkoku No Mori)
Cost: Advanced Tickets – 800 yen,
At-the-Door Tickets – 1,000 yen (All reserved seating)
* Includes one drink. Please refrain from bringing children younger than elementary school age.
Limit: 100 people
Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) Information

Come and Meet Youth from Colorado, USA!

Come and meet a group of youth from the State of Colorado in the US who will be visiting Yonezawa. There will be an introduction of Colorado by the youth members, games, and an American style lunch. Children are welcome to come too!
When: 6/12 (Sat) 11:00~14:00
Where: Okitama Sogo Bunka Center
Cost: Jr. HS Students & Older 200 yen
Elementary School Students 100 yen
Limit: 30 people (please sign up in advance)



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: 6/24 (Thu) 14:30~16:00
Where: City Hall 7F Meeting Room 701
Cost: Free

Sign Ups/Inquiries: YIRA Office TEL 22-5111
Email: yira@omn.ne.jp
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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