



A Yonezawa Newsletter for Foreign Residents

# Yonezawajin

## Yonezawa Uesugi Festival

The biggest festival of the year is here once again! Get transported back in time with the wonderful Uesugi Festival.

### Opening Ceremony/ Denkoku no Mori - 4/29 (Sun)

- 9:00~ Opening Ceremony Begins
- 10:00~ Uesugi Shrine Festival/Stage Events
- 11:15~ Folk Dance Parade (Yonezawa Shincho & Hanagasa)
- 13:00~ Stage Events

### 4/30(Mon)

- 10:00~ Matsugasaki Shrine Festival



### Buteishiki Ceremony - 5/2 (Wed)

- 18:30 ~ A reenactment of the ceremony Uesugi Kenshin held before setting off for battle. Witness history unfold as bonfires light up the night sky.

**Location:** Denkoku no Mori Plaza

### Uesugi Procession - 5/3 (Thur)

- 9:30 ~ **Elem. School Drum & Fife Band** Starting from Nanbu Elementary
- 9:30 ~ **Portable Shrine Procession** Starting from Nanbu Elementary
- 10:20 ~ **Uesugi Army Parade Opening Ceremony Uesugi Army Parade** Starting from Kojo Elementary

### Battle of Kawanakajima Reenactment – 5/3 (Thur)

- 14:00 ~ A reenactment of the most important battle of the warring states period, every year this spectacle sees over 800 participants in full warrior armor fight at the Matsuakwa River bank. Enjoy the full power of the Uesugi and Takeda clans clashing.

◆**Enquiries:** Yonezawa Uesugi Festival Committee ☎22-9607

## Rice Paddy Art Planting!

### Participants Wanted

Help plant the colored rice plants that will turn into magnificent art. This year the art will feature Naoe Kanetsugu.

■ **Date** : Sun.27<sup>th</sup> May 9:00-13:00

■ **Starts At** : Misawa Community Centre

■ **Rice Paddy Location** :

Yanasawachi Rice Field

■ **Max** : 200 People

■ **Fee** : SHS Student ¥2,000,

JHS Student & Under ¥1,500

■ **Included** : Lunch is provided, all participants will receive 2kg of 'Tsyahime brand rice' & 5kg if they also participate in the Rice harvesting event (9/30)

■ **Please Bring** : Sandals, Towel, Change of Clothing, Rain Gear etc.

※Please note rice planting is done barefoot in mud, please bring appropriate clothing.

■ **Applications** : Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri. May 18<sup>th</sup>.

※Applications will close with max participants

■ **Other** : Please write your address, name, age, sex and phone number when applying.

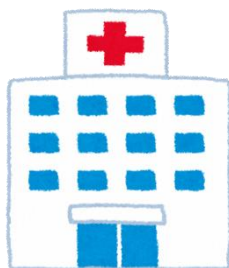
■ **Applications/Enquiries:** Tourism Department/ Agricultural Department 22-5111



## Emergency Hospital Rotation for April

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1 Fu	2 Shi	3 San	4 Shi	5 San	6 Shi	7 Fu
8 Shi	9 San	10 Shi	11 San	12 Shi	13 Shi	14 Shi
15 San	16 Shi	17 San	18 Shi	19 San	20 Shi	21 San
22 Shi	23 San	24 Shi	25 Shi	26 Shi	27 San	28 Shi
29 San	30 Shi					

Shi : Shiritsu  
City Hospital  
☎ 22-2450  
San : Sanyu  
Hospital  
☎ 24-3700  
Fu : Funayama  
Hospital



### Emergency Hours

- 8:30 – 8:30 (Next Day)
- 17:00 – 8:30 (Next Day)

## Uesugi-jinja Shrine Cherry Blossom Illumination

The area around Uesugi Shrine will be lit up to view the beautiful Cherry Blossom at night time.

- **Period** : Dependant on blooming  
(Mid – Late April)
- **Location** : Matsugasaki Park/Kitamura Park
- **Enquiries** : Urban Development Department



Yonezawa International Relations Association

## YIRA CORNER

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### English/Chinese/Korean Lunch

Come enjoy a relaxed chat with YIRA over lunch.  
(Please bring your own lunch)

- ◆ **Date** : English Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Chinese Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> April  
(New) Korean Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 12:00-13:00
- ◆ **Location** : YIRA Plaza 'Arcus'
- ◆ **Fee** : Free (Please bring your own lunch)

### English Café

Why not come practice English with YIRA members?

Theme : 'The Future'

- ◆ **Date** : Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> April 11:00-12:00
- ◆ **Location** : YIRA Plaza 'Arcus'
- ◆ **Fee** : Members Free Non-members ¥500

### KIDS CLUB Easter Egg Painting

Come paint your own cute Easter egg in this fun kid's event!

- ◆ **Date** : Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 10:30-11:30
- ◆ **Location** : YIRA Plaza 'Arcus'
- ◆ **Fee** : ¥300 per Child
- ※ Please make sure to apply



**YIRA will also be holding a 'hanami' cherry blossom viewing event**

**Check Facebook for more details!**

[facebook.com/yonezawa.yira](https://facebook.com/yonezawa.yira)



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**Please contact us with your comments, concerns, and questions**

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