

# What's New in Yokosuka

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Cosmos Festival** (くりはま花の国 コスモスまつり)

Kurihama is noted for its seasonal flowers. From mid-September to October, come see a world filled with one million vibrant cosmos flowers with family and friends. Cosmos flowers will be free to pick on the final day, October 30<sup>th</sup>, so bring a pair of scissors!

When: September 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) ~ October 30<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

Where: Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Flower World (くりはま花の国)

Fee: Free [Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni 046 (833) 8282]

ALSO! On the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from 10:00 ~ 15:00 there will be an event at the same location! Kurihama merchandises sold, dance and band performances by Kurihama junior-high and high school, and many more!

[Kurihama Sightseeing Association (Inside Kurihama Administration Center) 046 (834) 1111]



### **Kita-kurihama Fall Festival** (北久里浜秋まつり)

Greetings from the season of fall! The annual Kitakurihama Fall Festival is here! The festival will include bingo games, refreshment booths, flea markets, and various dance performances. A fun event for people of all ages!

When: September 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 9:30 ~ 16:30

Where: Negishi Traffic Park (根岸交通公園)

Fee: Admission is Free [Kitakurihama Fall Festival Committee (Inside Otsu Administration Center) 046 (836) 3531]

### **Oryo-san Festival** (おりょうさんまつり)

Are you familiar with Sakamoto Ryoma? He is one of Japan's historical figures who overthrew Tokugawa Shogunate. This event is in remembrance of his wife, Oryo, who is famous for rescuing Ryoma at the Teradaya Incident. Oryo spent the latter half of her life in Yokosuka, and today, her grave rests in Shingyoji Temple in Otsu.

When: October 6<sup>th</sup> (Thur) ~ 10<sup>th</sup> (Mon) \*note: Day and Time will vary depending on event\*

Details: **Oryo-san's Grave Celebration** / October 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 13:30 ~ 14:30 at Shingyoji Temple (信楽寺)

**Exhibition Stands** / October 6<sup>th</sup> (Thur) ~ 10<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 10:00 ~ 16:00 at Otsu Community Center 2<sup>nd</sup> flr Study Room (大津コミュニティセンター2階学習室)

Fee: Free [Otsu Sightseeing Association (Inside Otsu Administration Center) 046 (836) 3531]



## Y・Festa Oppama AT NISSAN (Y・フェスタ追浜 IN NISSAN)

This year, in celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nissan Motor Oppama Plant, the annual Oppama Festa will be held inside Nissan. There will be additional events such as a tour inside Nissan, live stage performances, refreshment booths, and various games for kids! At the end of the festival, there will be a fireworks event that will brighten the sky!

When: October 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 12:00 ~ 18:30

Where: Nissan Motors Oppama Plant General Ground (Marinos Site) and area next to Aicle (日産自動車追浜工場総合グラウンド (マリノス会場)・アイクル横広場 (アイクル会場))

Fee: Admission is Free [Oppama Sightseeing Association 046 (865) 1111]



## Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade (よこすかみこしパレード)

*Mikoshi* (portable shrine) will gather from all over Yokosuka to create an immense parade that will blow your mind! The combination of traditional Japanese event with an American vibe makes this Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade very fun and unique that only Yokosuka has!

When: October 16<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 ~ 15:30

Where: Starting from Yokosuka Chuo to the U.S. Naval Base along Clement Blvd (横須賀中央大通り～米海軍横須賀基地クレメント通り)

Fee: Free [Yokosuka Sightseeing Association 046 (822) 8301]

## Kids Festival (キッズ・フェスティバル)

Bring your kids to this exciting event with fun games and cool prizes! Have your kids dress up in a costume if they want to join the costume contest! Also, at the end of the festival, there will be a parade so don't miss out! This event is limited to 50 children between the ages of 1-12 years of age.

[Must RSVP to NPO Yokosuka International Association at 046 (827) 2166. English-speaking staff will be available]

When: October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun) 13:00 ~ 15:40

Where: 6<sup>th</sup> Flr of Werk Yokosuka (ヴェルクよこすか6階)

Fee: Free [Yokosuka International Association 046 (827) 2166]



## Kannonzaki Festival (観音崎フェスタ)

The annual Kannonzaki Festival is the best way to learn AND have fun at the same time! There will be refreshment booths, fun games, traditional Japanese dance, musical performances, and more exciting events to come all around Kannonzaki Park!

When: November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thur) 9:30 ~ 15:30

Where: **Main Stage** / Kannonzaki Picnic Area (観音崎園地)

**Sub Stage** / \*Various events in the park area\*

Kannonzaki Lighthouse, Kannonzaki Nature Museum, Kannonzaki Prefectural Park Visitor's Center, Yokosuka Museum of Art, Kannonzaki Keikyu Hotel, Tatarahama Picnic Area, and Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. Uruga Plant

Fee: Admission is Free [Uruga Administration Center 046 (841) 4155]

## Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri Specialty Festival 2011 (よこすか産業まつり2011)

Mikasa Park is the setting for this major event that introduces local industry, commerce, agriculture and marine products. There will also be several live stage performances!

When: November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 9:00 ~ 16:00 and November 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 9:00 ~ 15:00

Where: Mikasa Park (三笠公園)

Fee: Admission is Free

[Commerce and Tourism Division 046 (822) 9672]



## Dobuita Bazaar (どぶ板バザール)

Flea Market with over 100 stalls! An annual fun Dobuita event with performances and live music to enjoy!

When: November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:00 ~ 18:00

Where: Dobuita Street area (どぶ板通り周辺)

Fee: Admission is Free [Honcho Merchants Association 046 (824) 4917]

## Let's learn about Disaster Prevention!

### • Introducing Anshinkan

The Yokosuka Municipal Disaster Prevention Center uses the latest simulation and multimedia technologies to provide you with the information you need on how to protect your family and yourself. Please come and heighten your ability to prepare yourself against a crisis by challenging your knowledge and studying about disaster prevention.

### • What to do when an earthquake hits!

Become an expert in disaster prevention! This lesson is aimed for non-Japanese residents to experience and learn what to do in case of an earthquake. You will first try our earthquake simulator, then there will be a lecture by a Fire Department representative. You are welcomed to invite anyone who will be interested!

[To attend please call the NPO Yokosuka International Association at 046 (827) 2166]

When: October 22 (Sat) 10:00 ~ 13:30

Where: Yokosuka Municipal Disaster Prevention Center (あんしんかん)  
Near city hall

Fee: Free



### • Preview for January Disaster Prevention Program

Every January, Yokosuka holds a two day program at a local school to experience the life of those living in evacuation centers. It is also a great place to meet new people. Non-native speakers of Japanese are more than welcome to join! Details are to come in the next issue of "What's New in Yokosuka"

When: January 14 (Sat) ~15 (Sun)

Where: Hirasaku Elementary School



## Japanese Survival Tips

The September weather in Japan can still be hot and humid, but it is nothing compared to the summer heat experienced in August. Although the temperature will gradually cool down, it is also the time to be on a look out for hurricanes, or also known as typhoons. The typhoon season reaches its peak in late August early September and brings forth strong wind and heavy rain especially along the coast of Japan. It is very important to know what risks your area may have including floods, landslides, and high tides. So, what are some actions you can take to minimize damage?

First, bring any outdoor items inside such as toys, plants, chairs, and tables to prevent any kind of damage to the house. Next, close curtains and window shades to prevent flying glass if windows break. Lastly, have an emergency kit ready!

Although everything has been about typhoons thus far, it does not mean there is nothing to look forward to in September. In Japan, *kouyo* are to autumn as cherry blossoms are to spring. From late September to November, Japan's fall foliage, or *kouyo*, is enjoyed every year by many people and is a great way to spend time outdoors with family and friends!

Another way to enjoy the cool weather is moon-viewing or *tsukimi* which is a festival celebrating the autumn moon. Traditionally, people eat rice dumplings or *Tsukimi dango* while watching the full moon. According to the lunar calendar, full moon is on August 15<sup>th</sup> but is celebrated on September 13<sup>th</sup>. As a child, I was told that a rabbit lives in the moon and makes rice dumplings at the time of the full moon!

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## Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER				NOVEMBER	
10	• Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Cosmos Festival (-Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> )	2	• Yokosuka Fish Festival (7:00 -12:00, Yokosuka Fish Market)	3	• Kannonzaki Festival
17	• Kitashitaura Bokusui Festival (10:00-, Kitashitaura Administration Center)	6	• Oryo-san Festival (~10 <sup>th</sup> )	5	• Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri Specialty Festival (-6 <sup>th</sup> )
24	• Kita-Kurihama Fall Festival (~25 <sup>th</sup> )	8	• Kurihama Hana-no-Machi Fair (-9 <sup>th</sup> )		• Dobuita Bazaar (-6 <sup>th</sup> )
25	• Animal Festival Yokosuka 2011 (10:00-15:00, Mikasa Park)	15	• Y • Festa Oppama	12	• Verny - Oguri Memorial Ceremony
		16	• Mikoshi Parade	27	• Japan Festival in Yokosuka (10:00-16:00, Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall)
		22	• What to do when an earthquake hits!		* <i>What's New in Yokosuka comes out again on November 10<sup>th</sup>!</i>
			• Fall Rose Festa (-23 <sup>rd</sup> , Verny Park)		* <i>The schedule posted may be subject to change.</i>
		23	• Kids Festival		
			• Wanpaku Festival 2011 (10:00 -15:00, Kanagawa University of Human Services)		
OCTOBER					
1	• Fall Yokosuka Curry Festival (10:00-16:00, JAMSTEC)				

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