

What's New in Yokosuka

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Come and join us for fun games, cool prizes, and crazy costumes!



Kids Festival ~Halloween Event~ (キッズ・フェスティバル~ハロウィン・イベント~)

Yokosuka International Association will be holding the Kids Festival for children ages 1 to 12. Children are definitely encouraged to dress-up in their favorite costumes! Games start at 13:00 – 13:30, costume contest 13:30 – 14:40, and ending with a parade at 15:00 – 15:40. If your children would like to participate in this International Halloween Exchange, please RSVP by phone, fax, or e-mail: (PHONE) 046 (827) 2166; (FAX) 046 (827) 2167; (E-MAIL) npo-yia@kb3.so-net.ne.jp

*Please provide the following information upon registering: Name, Age, and Phone Number



This event is limited to 50 children so contact YIA today!

When: October 8th (Mon.) 13:00 – 15:40

Where: Werk Yokosuka 6th fl. (ヴェルクよこすか6階)

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



Let's learn about Disaster Prevention!



Simulation

Since last year's East Japan Earthquake, people have become highly aware about disaster prevention, but do you REALLY know what to do when a disaster hits? Come and heighten your ability to prepare yourself against any natural disasters! To register, please call Yokosuka International Association at the number below.

When: October 13rd (Sat.) 10:00 – 12:00

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Cosmos Festival (くりはま花の国コスモス園開園 (コスモスまつり))

Kurihama is noted for its seasonal flowers blossoming from mid-September to October. Come and observe a world filled with one million vibrant cosmos flowers with family and friends! There will be all sorts of events and performances going on depending on which weekend you go. Some including Polynesian dance show on 9/29, hip-hop and cheerleading on 9/30, various drum performance on 10/6, and many more listed below.

When: September 8th (Sat.) – October 28th (Sun.)

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

1-1 Shinmei-cho (神明町) 15 minutes by foot from JR Kurihama Station or from Keikyu Kurihama Station

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

• Hana-no-Machi Fair • Fall (花の街フェア・秋)

When: October 13th (Sat.) and 14th (Sun.) 10:00 – 15:00

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

Fee: Free [Kurihama Sightseeing Association 046 (834) 1111]

• Cosmos Picking (コスモス園花摘み大会)

When: October 28th (Sun.) 14:00 – 16:00

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

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



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

The Kitakurihama Fall Festival is here! The festival will include bingo games, food stalls, flea markets, and various dance performances. A fun event for all ages!

When: September 22nd (Sat.) and 23rd (Sun.) 10:00 – 16:30

Where: Negishi Traffic Park (根岸交通公園)

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

Kitashitaura Hometown Festival (北下浦ふるさとまつり)

An annual fall festival full of music and dance! Dance performances this year will include tiger dance, Bon dance, and a soran dance by local elementary and middle school students. Musical performances will include band, wind ensembles. There will also be concession stands by the local neighborhood association for an enjoyable festival!

When: September 23rd (Sun.) 11:00 – 17:00

Where: Prefectural Miura Shiratori-en (三浦しらとり園)

Fee: Free [Kitashitaura Administration Center 046 (848) 0411]



Yokosuka Fish Festival (よこすかさかな祭り)



Love seafood? Then the Yokosuka fish festival is the place to go! You can try some seasonal seafood and observe a tuna filleting event. (Image to the left) Come and look what the sea of Yokosuka has to offer!

When: October 7th (Sun.) 7:00 – 12:00

Where: Yokosuka Fish Market (横須賀魚市場) *There will be free shuttle service running every 10 minutes from Yokosuka-chuo Station area to the fish market *9 minutes by foot from Keikyu Horinouchi Station

Fee: Free [Fish Festival Committee Office 046 (822) 8298]

Genki Festival ~Let's Support Fukushima~ (元気ハツラツフェスタ)



An event supporting Yokosuka's friendship city, Aizuwakamatsu City located in Fukushima Prefecture. There will be food stalls, flea markets, music and dance performances, and panel exhibit of the current situation of Fukushima. This festival is a great opportunity to learn about our friendship city and to provide support for their reconstruction.

When: October 13th (Sat.) and 14th (Sun.) 10:30 – 16:00

Where: Shiyakusho-mae Park (市役所前公園)、area in front of Yokosuka-chuo Station (横須賀中央駅前)、and at the plaza in front of the Entrance and Exit of Mikasa Building (三笠ビル入・出口前広場)

Fee: Free [Call Center 046 (822) 2500]

Oryo-san Festival (おりょうさんまつり)

Sakamoto Ryoma is one of Japan's historical figures who overthrew the Tokugawa Shogunate. This event is in remembrance of his wife Oryo who spent the latter half of her life in Yokosuka. Today, her grave rests in Shingyoji Temple located in Otsu.

When: October 13th (Sat.)

Details: **Oryo-san's Grave Celebration** / 13:30 – 14:30 at Shingyoji Temple (信楽寺)

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

Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade (よこすかみこしパレード)



Mikoshi (portable shrines) will gather from all over Yokosuka to create a parade only seen in Yokosuka! The streets of Yokosuka-chuo to the base will be filled with various types of Mikoshi one after another. Food



stalls will be lined up along the streets as well. A combination of traditional Japanese custom with American features making it a Mikoshi Parade only found in Yokosuka!

When: October 21st (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]

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

An annual event held at Mikasa Park that introduces local industry, commerce, agriculture and marine products.

When: November 10th (Sat.) 9:00 – 16:00 and November 11th (Sun.) 9:00 – 15:00

Where: Mikasa Park (三笠公園)

Fee: Free [Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri Specialty Festival Committee Office 046 (822) 9672]



Japanese Survival Tips

In the Japanese calendar, you will notice there are two public holidays coming up. The first one is on the third Monday, Respect for the Aged Day, or Keirō no Hi (敬老の日), and the other is Autumn Equinox Day, or Shūbun no Hi (秋分の日) which is usually around September 22nd or the 23rd. This year lands on the 22nd. Keirō no Hi is a national holiday when one honors the elderly citizens and prays for their longevity and well-being. There is no special custom on this national holiday, but people give gifts as a way of expressing their thanks. Japan is known as a country with one of the longest life expectancy in the world, but at the same time, the country is facing a declining birthrate and aging population. Perhaps, this holiday will start to become more meaningful in the upcoming years.



On that same week is Autumn Equinox Day, which unfortunately lands on a Saturday this year, which means no holiday for students and for those who usually work on weekdays. Autumn Equinox Day is when the sun crosses the equator from the Northern to Southern Hemisphere. This day also marks the change in season when the daylight gradually becomes shorter and night becomes longer. The Autumn Equinox does not only signify a change in season but also is the time when people visit their family grave to pay respect for their deceased families. This custom is held three days before and after Autumn Equinox Day called Higan (彼岸). Japanese media will feature these two holidays so be on a look out! As a side note, for those new to Japan, remember that Japan does not have daylight savings, so no need to worry about changing your clock!

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Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER					
8	• Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Cosmos Festival (until Oct. 28 th)	13	• Genki Festival-Let's Support Fukushima- (-14 th) • Kurihama Hana-no-Machi Fair · Fall (-14 th)	17	• Verny – Oguri Memorial Ceremony (11:00 – Yokosuka Bayside Pocket) • Japan Festival in Yokosuka (10:00 – 16:00, Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall)
22	• Kita-Kurihama Fall Festival (-23 rd)		• Oryo-san Festival • Let's Learn about Disaster Prevention!		
23	• Kitashitaura Hometown Festival	21	• Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade		
		28	• Cosmos Picking		* <i>What's New in Yokosuka comes out again on November 10th!</i>
OCTOBER		NOVEMBER			
7	• Yokosuka Fish Festival				
8	• Kids Festival ~Halloween Event~	10	• Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri Specialty Festival (-11 th)		* <i>The schedule posted may be subject to change.</i>

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