

What's New in Yokosuka

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It's that time of the year! Yokosuka's Japan Festival is here!

JAPAN FESTIVAL in YOKOSUKA

(ジャパン フェスティバル イン よこすか)

~Let's Expand our Friendship through Cultural Exchange~



Come and join a day of fun games and activities with Japanese culture at the 18th annual Japan Festival in Yokosuka! Every year, we have over 1000 people join us for this exciting international exchange event. You can try traditional arts such as calligraphy and origami, try on a kimono, or attend a mini tea ceremony. There will also be chances to try out Japanese musical instruments, play traditional Japanese game, try on samurai armor, and much more! Food booths, an exhibition corner, and hours of exciting stage events will be sure to make this event fun for the whole family. This year, there will be a special guest performance by the U.S. Seventh Fleet Band, "Orient Express Brass Band."

When: November 17th (Sat.) 10:00 – 16:00

Where: Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 5th & 6th flr (総合福祉会館)

Fee: Free Admission (some activities require fee for materials)

[Yokosuka International Association 046-827-2166]



Experience a night inside an evacuation shelter!

Overnight Disaster Prevention Training

This program was initiated after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995 and has brought attention to many people since last year's Great East Japan Earthquake. Every year, there are over 100 participants who spend the night at the school gymnasium. In Japan, these gymnasiums are generally designated as evacuation shelters. Take this valuable opportunity to experience a life inside an evacuation shelter. Anyone is welcome to participate!

Registration will start in December. Please provide your name, age, gender, address, and phone number to Yokosuka International Association by fax, phone, or e-mail.



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When: January 19th (Sat.) 17:00 – 20th (Sun.) 7:00

Where: Shinmei Middle School (神明中学校)

Fee: Free [Yokosuka International Association 046-827-2166]

• Disaster Prevention Center ANSHINKAN (あんしんかん)

After last year's Great East Japan Earthquake, an increasing number of people have become highly aware of disaster prevention. The Yokosuka Municipal Disaster Prevention Center ANSHINKAN uses the latest simulation and multimedia technologies to provide you with the information you need on how to protect you and your family.

Address: 11 Ogawa-cho, Yokosuka, Kanagawa

Hours: 9:00 – 17:00

Closed: Sundays, every third Monday, National Holiday, and Winter Holidays (12/29-1/3)

ANSHINKAN is located 7 minutes from the Yokosuka Chuo Station (Keikyu Line) near Yokosuka City Hall. For a party of 10 or more, please make a reservation 10 days in advance.

[Yokosuka Municipal Disaster Prevention Center 046-821-6488]



If you get lost,
look for the logo above.

Winter Fruit Picking Info!

Tsukuihama Tourist Farm Mandarin Orange Picking (津久井浜観光農園みかん狩り)



Mandarin orange picking at Tsukuihama Tourist Farm has already started! This farm is very popular for picking seasonal fruits and vegetables every year. You can eat and pick as many oranges as you like (only on the farm). Enjoy the rich and juicy mandarin oranges grown under the hot sun of Yokosuka!

When: October 10th (Wed.) – November 30th (Fri.) 9:00 – 15:00

Where: Tsukuihama Tourist Farm (津久井浜観光農園)

Entry Fee: Adults (Elementary School Children and above) 650yen // Children (3 years old and above) 500yen

Access: 20 min. walk from Tsukuihama Station

[Tsukuihama Tourist Farm 046-849-4506]

Tsukuihama Tourist Farm Strawberry Picking (津久井浜観光農園のいちご狩り)

Sweet ripe red strawberries at Tsukuihama Tourist Farm!

When: December 20th (Thur.) – May 2013 (Second Saturday) 9:00 – 15:00

Where: Tsukuihama Tourist Farm (津久井浜観光農園)

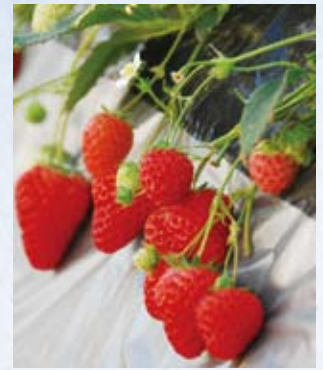
Access: 20 min. walk from Keikyu Tsukuihama Station

Fee: Dec. 20th – late February: 1,500 yen

March 1st – late March: 1,300 yen

April 1st – Second Saturday of May: 1,100 yen

[Tsukuihama Tourist Farm 046-849-4506]



New Year's Info!



Yokosuka Countdown (よこすかカウントダウン)

The year 2013 is fast approaching! Spend the countdown in Yokosuka with fireworks, ship light-up, air whistle, and searchlights. There will also be food stalls and stage performances. A New Year celebration that is possible only in Yokosuka!

When: December 31st (Mon.) 18:00 – January 1st (Tue.)

(to be cancelled in the event of foul weather)

Food Stalls and Stage Performances: 18:00

Ship Light-up: 21:00

Countdown Ceremony : 23:55

Where: Verna Park Plaza (ヴェルニー公園いこいの広場)

Fee: Free [Yokosuka Countdown Planning Committee 046-825-1080]

Japanese New Year's phrases and customs!

USEFUL PHRASES

I hope you have a Happy New Year = *yoi-otoshi-wo* (良いお年を)

Happy New Year = *ake-mashite- omedetou- gozaimasu* (明けましておめでとうございます)

I look forward to working/hanging-out with you again this year. = *Kotoshimo-yoroshiku-onegaishimasu* (今年もよろしくお願ひします)

“THE FIRST...”

Hatsuhinode (初日の出) is the first sunrise of the year. People climb up a mountain or head toward the shorelines for a good view.

Hatsumode (初詣) is the first shrine visit of the year where people pray for their health and well-being for the upcoming year.

Hatsuyume (初夢) is the first dream you have in the new year. There is a superstition that if you dream about Mt. Fuji, hawks, or eggplants, you'll have a fortunate year.

New Year's Fire Review (消防出初式)



This exciting event will include various displays of talent such as the firefighters' marching band, an emergency rescue drill and an Edo-style firefighting demonstration (acrobat on ladder).

When: January 6th (Sun.) 10:00 – 12:00

Where: Umikaze Park (うみかぜ公園)

Fee: Free

[Fire Bureau General Affairs Division 046-821-6454]



Japanese Survival Tips

Just as we stuff ourselves during Thanksgiving dinner, Japan has a similar connotation which they call *shokuyoku-no-aki*, literally translated as “appetite for autumn.” During the autumn season, rice is harvested, fruits ripen, and fish taste the best. Mushrooms are a classic autumn food, especially the premium mushroom called *matsutake*, also known as pine mushroom. These mushrooms are most commonly roasted with a few drops of citrons or cooked with rice to make what is called *matsutake gohan*. There are more autumn foods such as sauries, grapes, chestnuts, persimmons, and pears. Many of these are best around September and October, but they are always available at our grocery stores so it’s worth a try!



When the cold winter approaches, many Japanese people enjoy a popular hot pot dish called *oden*, which consists of ingredients such as kelp, boiled eggs, daikon radishes, and fish sausages, with a slight soy-flavored broth. (Ingredients may vary depending on the household and/or region.)



Oden is a pretty simple meal to make, but if you want a small portion of oden or even just too lazy to make it, the convenience store will always have ready-made *oden*. You can choose which foods you’d like to customize your warm winter meal. If you were always curious what the hot, large metal container filled with soup near the cash register was...that’s *oden*. It’s definitely a great dish to keep you warm!

Until we reach *oden* season, I hope everyone enjoys the remaining fall season. Cross off any lingering resolutions from this year so that you can dive into the New Year refreshed! The next issue of *What’s New in Yokosuka* will be released in 2013.

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Event Calendar

NOVEMBER				
17	• Japan Festival in Yokosuka • Verny Oguri Memorial Ceremony (11:00, Yokosuka Bayside Pocket)	8	• Afternoon Concert (12:15 – 13:00, Taura Community Center 3 rd flr. Meeting Rm.)	• Violin and Piano Christmas Concert (14:00 – 15:30, Hemi Community Center 3 rd flr. Meeting Rm.)
23	• Aicle Fair (10:00 – 15:00, Aicle) • Animal Protection Center Open Day (10:00 – 15:00)	9	• Citizens Marathon Relay Race (Starts at 9:30, Shinmei Middle School Area)	23
		13	• Mochi Pounding Event -Pray for Traffic Safety- (Shiyakusho-mae Park)	• Kurihama Christmas Festa (10:00 – 16:00 Kurihama Shopping Plaza <i>harodo-dori</i>)
		15	• Oppama Christmas Jazz (15:00 – 16:00, Oppama Community Center North Building, Meeting Rm.)	
DECEMBER				JANUARY
4	• Mini-Concert at YRP Center (12:20 – 12:50, Building No.1 Lobby, YRP Center)			6
				• New Year’s Fire Review * <i>What’s New in Yokosuka comes out again on January 10th!</i> * <i>The schedule posted may be subject to change.</i>

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