

What's New in Yokosuka

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YOKOSUKA FISH FESTIVAL

When: Oct. 6 (Sun.) 7:00-12:00

Where: Yokosuka Fish Market

Directions: Only a 9 minute walk from Horinouchi station. There will also be a free shuttle running from the Docomo store near Yokosuka Chuo station to the fish festival every ten minutes starting at 6:30

Contact: Yokosuka Fish Festival Planning Committee 046-822-8298

Have you ever heard of the *Tsukiji* fish market? It is a giant fish market in Tokyo where wholesalers and restaurant representatives can buy the freshest of seafood. There are even auctions for the most valuable items. Yokosuka also has its own local fish market. It operates every morning but is usually closed to public viewing. However, once a year they open their doors to the public for the Yokosuka Fish Festival!

The main attraction is a **tuna filleting show at 10:10** (pictured above), but you will also be able to **see a display of rare fish, enter a small pool to pet fish, sample different kinds of fish**, and much, much more!

※As a part of the special Dollar-*tabi* Festival, you will **be able to use America dollars!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Cosmos Festival

When: Sept. 14 (Sat.) – Nov. 4 (Mon)

Where: Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Flower World

Directions: 15 minute walk from Keikyu Kurihama and JR Kurihama station. Parking available for 600yen

What: During this two month festival of flowers, there will be over **one million flowers** in full bloom! On the final day (Monday, 11/4) there will be a **flower picking**.

Contact: Kurihama Hana-no-Kuni Management 046-833-8282



Kitakurihama Fall Festival and September Halloween



When: Sept. 21 (Sat.) - Sept. 22 (Sun.) 10:00-17:00

Where: Negishi Traffic Park, Negishi Park No.3

Directions: 7 minute walk from Keikyu Kitakurihama station. No car parking.

What: This two day event is filled with fun activities. In addition to **bingo games, flea market and dance performances**, there are special events each day, such as a **mini zoo and stunt bike show** (Sat) and a **Halloween costume parade** (Sun.).

Contact: Otsu Administration Center – 046-836-3531

Genki Festival – Let's Support Fukushima!

When: Oct. 12 (Sat.) – Oct. 13 (Sun.) 10:30-16:00

Where: The park in front of Yokosuka City Office, Yokosuka-chuo Station, and in front of the Mikasa Building

What: This festival is to show support for the reconstruction efforts in Aizuwakamatsu, Yokosuka' friendship city in Fukushima. The festival will include **food booths, a flea market, and a performance** on the current situation in Fukushima.

Contact: Civic Life Division 046-822-9699



DID YOU KNOW?? Oct. 14 is Health and Sports Day, a national holiday created to celebrate the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and observed to support exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Y Festival Oppama

When: Oct. 19 (Sat.) 11:00-18:00

Where: In front of Oppama station, at Nissan Grounds and Recycle Plaza Aicle

What: In front of Oppama station, you can enjoy many performances by local dance and music groups and watch the **Halloween costume parade (11:00-14:00)**. There will be a **free shuttle** running between the Oppama Administration Center and the Nissan grounds where will be an **outdoor stage, food booths, and a stunt bike performance (12:00-16:00)**. To close the event there will be a grand fireworks show with over **2,500 fireworks at the Recycle Plaza Aicle (17:30-18:00)**. The free shuttle bus will also go to the fireworks. In case of bad weather, the fireworks will be held on 10/20

Contact: Oppama Sightseeing Association 046-865-1111

Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade

When: Oct. 20 (Sun.) 10:30-15:30

Where: Starting from Yokosuka-chuo station through the U.S. Naval Base along Clement Blvd.

What: If you are in Japan, you must go to a Mikoshi parade at least once. **Mikoshi are portable shrines that house Shinto deities**, and during the parade, they are taken on a stroll around the city. There will be **loud singing, dancing, and many food stalls**. You may even be able to help carry a shrine!

Contact: Yokosuka Sightseeing Association 046-822-8301



Halloween Festival

When: Oct. 27 (Sun.) 13:00-15:00

Where: Werk Yokosuka- 6F- Yokosuka Chuo

What: Enjoy a Japanese Halloween! There will be **various games from 13:00 to 13:30** and the main program with a **costume contest and bingo from 13:30 to 15:00**.

Registration: Begins 9/15. To register please provide name, child's age, and phone number by (TEL)046- 827-2166, (FAX) 046-827-2167 or email npo-yia@kb3.so-net.ne.jp.

English staff available!

Kannonzaki Festival

When: Nov. 3 (Sun.)

9:30-15:30

Where: Kannonzaki Parks

What: On the eastern tip of the Miura peninsula is Kannonzaki, a beautiful area filled with wooded areas and home to a number of interesting museums. See all that Kannonzaki has to offer while enjoying **free entrance to the Yokosuka Museum of Art**, performances at the main stage, and much more!

Directions: The main stage is near the Museum of Art. There is no train to Kannonzaki, but access by car is easy, as the fair grounds are right at the end of route 16.

Contact: Uraga Administration Center 046-841-4155



Yokosuka Sangyo Festival

When: Nov. 9 (Sat.) – Nov. 10 (Sun.)

9:00-16:00

Where: Mikasa Park

What: *Sangyo* means industry. At this festival, you will be able to sample and buy **locally produced goods and food**. There will be an **outdoor stage with many performances** and many stalls selling a variety of food and merchandise.

Contact: Commerce and Tourism Division
046-822-9672



Yokosuka Living

Hello! My name is Marshall Smith and I have just come to Yokosuka to work at the city office as a Coordinator for International Relations. I am originally from Chicago, but I just recently finished two M.A. degrees in Japanese history and Japanese Language/Literature at the University of Colorado: Boulder. I started learning about Japan while I was in college, and after graduating, I spent a total of two years living in Japan as an English teacher.

I am looking forward to starting my new adventure living in Yokosuka. From my limited time here and from everything I have read, Yokosuka seems like a great place to live with a lot of interesting things to see and do. With that in mind, I have changed the theme of this article. Previously, this article focused on teaching about Japanese culture; I hope to keep doing that, but my plan is to focus on what makes life in Yokosuka so wonderful.

You can think of me as your reporter in the field. I am planning to get out and explore every corner and activity in Yokosuka and report back here with information and impressions. If you have any



questions, comments, or suggestions for me as I begin this new article please email me at ir-mo@city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp.

Marshall Smith, a native of Illinois, U.S.A., is Yokosuka City's Coordinator for International Relations. "Yokosuka Living" features fun information about life in Yokosuka city.

Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
14	• Cosmos Festival begins at Kurihama Hana-no-kuni Flower World (-11/4)	6	• Yokosuka Fish Festival 7:00-12:00	3	• Kannonzaki Festival 9:30-15:30
16	• Respect-for-the-Aged Day (H)	12-	• Genki Festival - Support Fukushima 10:30-16:00 (-10/13)		• Culture Day (H) observed on 11/4
21-	• Kitakurihama Fall Festival and September Halloween 10:00-17:00 (-9/22)	14	• Health and Sports Day (H)	9-	• Yokosuka Sangyo Festival 9:00-16:00 (-11/10)
23	• Autumnal Equinox Day (H)	19	• Y Festival Oppama 11:00-18:00		* <i>What's New in Yokosuka comes out again on November 10th!</i> * <i>The schedule posted may be subject to change.</i>
	H = National Holiday	20	• Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade 10:30-15:30		

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