

What's New in Yokosuka

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EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 08** Coming of Age Day
- 28** Mt. Takeyama Hatsufudo

FEBRUARY

- 10** Not Alone Fair (2/10-2/11)
- 10** Taura Plum Blossom Festival (2/10-3/11)
- 10** Yoshio Aoyama: A Retrospective (2/10-4/15)
- 11** National Foundation Day
- 12** Substitute Holiday
- 17** JAPAN EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS
- 17** Disaster Prevention Course

MARCH

- 03** Japanese Culture Experience
- 03** Yokosuka Circle Bus (3/3-3/4)
- 10** Ceremony of Needles
- 21** Vernal Equinox Day

For English info about events in Yokosuka call the **Yokosuka Call Center 046-822-2500**. Operators may need time to search for info. **8am-8pm daily**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events free unless otherwise noted.



Mt. Takeyama Hatsufudo

Sun Jan 28, 7am - 4pm

Hatsufudo is a Buddhist holiday set every year on January 28 and celebrates *Fudo Myo-ou*. He is revered by fishermen and you can purchase famous *fugashi* sweets attached to bamboo symbolizing the fishing rod. Pray for good health at the summit and take in the scenery before you.

(Mt. Takeyama Summit)



Not Alone Fair

Sat Feb 10 - Sun Feb 11, 10am - 3pm

The Yokosuka Citizens Support Center works to support local volunteers and NPOs. You can learn all about them at this fair! Various activities such as panel exhibits, volunteer opportunity corners, a flea market, and food and drink booths will be setup.

(Yokosuka Citizens Support Center)



Taura Plum Blossom Festival

Sat Feb 10 - Sun Mar 11

The Taura landscape blooms with plum blossoms during February and the beginning of March. Take the time to view the flowering scenery and celebrate events! You can fly your kites at the park on Feb. 11 and experience a special cultural event at the Taura Elementary School on Feb. 25.

(Taura Plum Grove)



Yoshio Aoyama: A Retrospective

Sat Feb 10 - Sun Apr 15

Yoshio Aoyama (1894-1996) is a Yokosuka native that travelled to France in 1921 and spent his career as a western painter. You will be able to see the breadth of his works spanning 70 years, from his initial lyrical pieces to the vivid landscapes produced during his later years.

¥900 General Admission

(Yokosuka Museum of Art)

"Rose Garden", 1993, Yokosuka Museum of Art



JAPAN EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS TRADITIONAL & CUTTING-EDGE

Sat Feb 17, 11am - 4:30pm

This event blends both traditional and modern aspects of Japanese culture. Experience different traditional stalls normally found at festivals and learn to use Japanese wrapping cloths! See your drawings come to life at the cutting-edge technology booths! There will be stage events for children such as songs, stories, and bingo games!

(AEON Shoppers Plaza Yokosuka 2F)



Disaster Prevention Course

Sat Feb 17, 10am - 11:30am

This course is designed for residents from aboard who want to learn and prepare in the event of a disaster. There will be a lecture in English and Japanese, as well as, a first aid with everyday items experience and a sampling of emergency rations throughout this course. Please call YIA (for more info or) to register at 046-827-2166.

*Limited to 40 participants

(Werk Yokosuka 4F)



Japanese Culture Experience

Sat Mar 3, 1pm - 5pm

How would you like to get in touch with Japanese culture? This festival will allow you to learn about tea ceremony, create your own Japanese flower arrangement, play traditional Japanese musical instruments, and more! Kimonos will also be available, but in limited quantity so come early!

¥500 for flower arrangement and kimonos

(Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 6F)



Wonderful Yokosuka (Yokosuka Circle Bus)

Sat Mar 3 - Sun Mar 4

Discover the beauty of Yokosuka's west side by taking a tour around sightseeing spots and try various activities through the Yokosuka Circle Bus. Please fill out the questionnaire after completing this trial event. Buses will be operating for free, but fees for activities at locations are not included.

Please check www.facebook.com/YokosukaCircleBus/ for more details.



Ceremony of Needles

Sat Mar 10, 11am - 12pm

Also referred to as *Hari-Kuyo*, this traditional Japanese ceremony retires old and worn sewing needles. They are respected for their long service and stuck into tofu at the shrine. It is a day of rest for needlework and a moment to pray for improving sewing technique.

(Hashirimizu Shrine)