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Ocean Sports Club



The Kamogawa Ocean Sports Club is currently recruiting for 2017. Application forms can be found on the sports promotion page of the city website. For more information please call the Sports Promotion Division at: 04-7093-5111.

Annual Membership Fee

(From April to March):

Initiation Fee: 500 yen

Adults (HS students and older)- 3600 yen

ES and JHS students- 2,400 yen

Preschoolers and younger- 1,200 yen

Single family: 10,000 yen

*The yearly membership price decreases every month after April.

Non-annual members:

Ticket booklet (10 tickets)- 1,000yen

(Ticket members use a ticket to pay for each visit rather than paying the annual fee)

Sports Insurance:

All members MUST pay an insurance fee when joining.

Insurance fees:

Adults (HS and older) – 1,850 yen

65 years and up – 1,200 yen

Children (JHS students and younger) - 800 yen



Heisei 29 Garbage Calendars

Garbage calendars for the new year, starting April 1st, 2017-2018, will be distributed to residents during the first half of March. If you do not receive a calendar at your place of residence or would like to receive additional calendars, please visit one of the locations below.

- Environmental Division located on the 3rd floor of the city hall
- The city hall front desk
- Amatsu-Kominato branch of the city hall
- Yoshio, Emi, Kominato district offices
- Citizen Service Center at Aeon (4th floor)
- Fureai Center

For more information, contact the Environmental Division at: 04-7093-7838



New Trash Category Reminder

As a reminder, as of April 1st, Kamogawa is asking its residents to begin separating mixed paper goods as a new category for trash collection.

For a detailed description, please refer to the February edition of the Kamogawa Communicator. Mixed paper goods can be put out on the same day as recyclable paper goods (古紙).

For more information, please call the Environmental Division in Kamogawa City Hall at: 04-7093-7838

Living in Kamogawa

Recent Events in Kamogawa

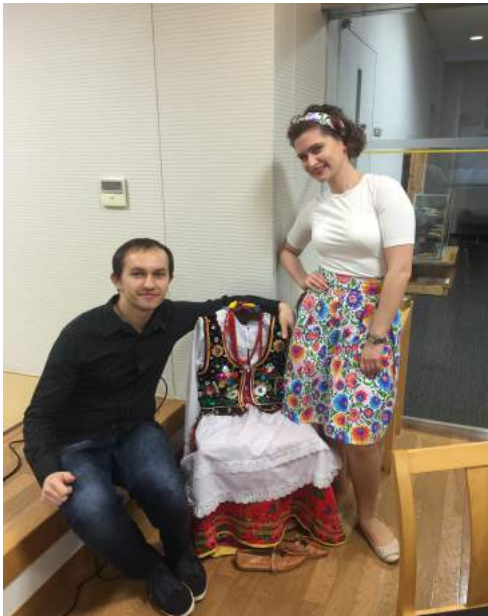
Here are some pictures from February events throughout Kamogawa!



International students Agata and Andrea prepare Polish pierogi at KIRA's "Welcome to Poland" event



Seichoji Temple's "Setsubun" or "Welcoming Spring" ceremony took place in early February. Here you can see Mayor Hasegawa and others being led up to the temple by the monks.



Polish students Wiktor and Agata pose next to traditional Polish clothing



The members of the crowd eagerly attempt to grab the lucky beans at the "Mame-maki" or bean throwing portion of the ceremony

Upcoming Citizen Delegation to Manitowoc, Wisconsin

This summer, 30 people from Kamogawa will travel to Kamogawa's sister city, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to deepen the friendship between our two cities, and then to San Francisco, California. Applications will be available beginning March 15th.

Date: 7/1 (Sat) ~ 7/8 (Sat)

Where: Manitowoc, WI & San Francisco, CA

Application period: 3/15 (Wed) ~ 4/28 (Fri)

More details and information session dates will be available at a later time. For any inquiries, please contact the KIRA office at:

04-7093-5931



Kamogawa -Manitowoc Student Exchange



Have you ever wondered what living with an American family is like? Have you ever wanted to travel to the USA and practice your English skills? If so, then the Kamogawa-Manitowoc Student Exchange Program is the perfect chance to go abroad and have a truly life-changing experience!

Every year, Kamogawa selects six students to travel to Wisconsin on a 10 day student delegate exchange. Past students have been able to practice their English living with an American host family, see a real American baseball game, and so much more!

For more information see below:

Date: 7/31 (Mon) ~ 8/10 (Thurs)

Qualifications:

- Junior high school or high school student living in Kamogawa
- Basic English communication skills
- Able to actively participate in exchange events
- Financial Responsibility: Half the cost of travel expenses
- Able to host a Manitowoc Student from 7/22 (Sat) ~ 7/31 (Mon) (exceptions can be made)

Learn More:

Come to the information session to learn more!

Date: 3/17 (Fri)

Time: 19:00

Location: Cultural Property Center, Learning Room (Please attend with your legal guardian)

Anyone interested is welcome to come!

Please call the Lifelong Learning Division with any inquires at: 04-7094-0515

Ongoing Events

Until 3/4 (Sat)

Hatakeyama Yuko Hina-doll display

Location: Kannonji Temple

On May 11th, 1891 Russo-Japanese relations grew tense after an attempted assassination of the Russian crown prince. This prompted the beginning of an international incident and Russian ships began to occupy Kobe Harbor. The Kamogawa born Hatakeyama Yuko traveled to Kyoto and pleaded with the Japanese government to make amends with Russia. On May 20th, as a final attempt to relieve tensions, Yuko took her own life on the steps of the Kyoto Legislative Building. Her actions convinced Russia to decide against declaring war on Japan. The Hina-doll display in Kamogawa's Kannonji Temple memorializes her commitment to peace.

Information: 04-7092-3540

Until 3/5 (Sun)

Hina Maturi in Katsuura

Location: Tomisaki Shrine/various locations around Katsuura

Visit Katsuura this March for their annual doll festival. The city will be decorated with over 30,000 porcelain dolls. Hina Matsuri, also known as Girl's Day, is celebrated each year to wish for prosperity in young women's lives.

Information: 0470-73-6641

Until 3/12 (Sun)

Nana Batake Flower Road

Location: Fields around Kamogawa Middle School

Information: Kamogawa Tourism Association
04-7092-0086.

Until 5/5 (Fri)

Strawberry Picking

Location: Minnami-no-Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

Location: Tamura Farms

Information: 04-7097-1162

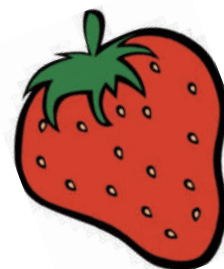
Prices:

Until 3/31

4 and older 1,600 yen, 3 and younger 800 yen
4/1 ~ 5/5

4 and older 1,200 yen, 3 and younger 600 yen

All you can eat for 30 minutes!



What's Happening This Month



Every Wednesday 19:00 ~ 21:00 Social Dance Class

Location: Chuo Community Center
Come and learn various ballroom and social dances.
Participation fee: ¥ 2,000/month
Information: 090-2656-4002

3/1 (Wed) 9:00am ~ First of the Month Market

Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine
Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine hosts their wonderful morning flea market.
Information: 04-7094-0323

3/4 (Sat) and 3/5 (Sun) 9:00~16:45 Strider Enjoy Cup

Location: Kamogawa SeaWorld
Watch as young cyclists, ages 2 to 6, compete within four age brackets to win the Enjoy Cup.
Information: 04-7093-4803

3/5 (Sun) 9:30 ~ 12:00 Handmade Curry Udon

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Come make your own udon by hand.
Participation fee: ¥1,000
Information: 04-7095-2821

3/12 (Sun) 11:00 ~ 13:00 Yosakoi Soran Dance Performance

Location: Minnami no Sato
Come enjoy a traditional yosakoi soran dance performance by the group FORZA.
(Event will be cancelled if rain)
Information: 04-7099-8055

3/17 (Fri) 19:00 ~ Sister City Student Exchange Program Information Session

Location: Cultural Property Center, Learning Room
Come learn about Kamogawa's student exchange program with its sister city, Manitowoc, WI. Details can be found on page 3.
Information: 04-7094-0515

3/18 (Sat) Telescope Stargazing

Location: Kiyosumi Iko no Ie
Address: Kiyosumi 155, Kamogawa City
Participation fee: ¥500 (Limited to 30 people)
Middle schoolers and younger are free
Registration and information: 04-7093-7828

3/18 (Sat) ~ 3/20 (Mon) Grilled Squid and Nabana Soup

Location: Kamogawa Ocean Park
Enjoy seasonal local cuisine at Ocean Park.
Information: 04-7096-1911

3/19 (Sun) 11:00 ~ 13:00 Taiko Performance

Location: Minnami no Sato
Come and enjoy a taiko performance to celebrate Minnami no Sato's 18th anniversary.
(Event will be cancelled if rain)
Information: 04-7099-8055

3/26 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 12:00 Observing the Beginning of Spring

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Learn about the signs of spring and how the forest reacts to the warming temperature.
Participation fee: ¥500
Information: 04-7095-2821

3/26 (Sun) 13:30~ Kamogawa Youth Chorus Spring Concert

Location: Chiba Nanso Culture Hall
Information: 04-7093-0041

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