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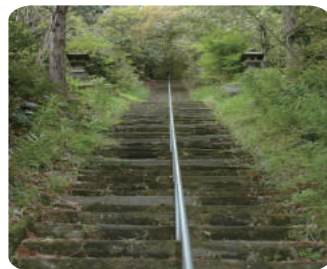
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Izumi-no-Sanyaku *A Kamogawa cultural asset!*

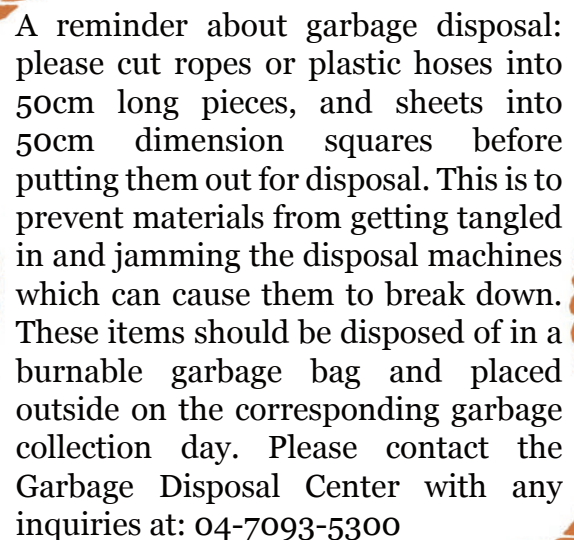
October signals the beginning of the harvest season and every year in October the Ogana Shrine performs its biggest event of the year, the Izumi-no-Sanyaku. Located in the Izumi District, Izumi-no-Sanyaku is held to pray for a full harvest and the health of local residents during the coming year. Originally held at three separate areas, the traditional performances of the Kakkomai (Rain Dance), Kagura-shishimai (Lion Dance), and Bojutsu (Stick Fighting) were combined during the Edo period and are now a single celebration. The combination of these three dances is rarely seen in Chiba Prefecture. The festivities will start in the afternoon on Sunday, October 8th.

For more information Contact the Kamogawa City Museum at: 04-7093-3800



Additionally, if you are looking for some exercise, you can make the 338 step, approximately 80 meter, climb to the top of the shrine and enjoy the view of Kamogawa and the ocean. For the less adventurous types, there is a short cut to the summit marked by a torii gate on the road that runs along the back side of the shrine.

Disposing of Ropes, Hoses, and Sheets



A reminder about garbage disposal: please cut ropes or plastic hoses into 50cm long pieces, and sheets into 50cm dimension squares before putting them out for disposal. This is to prevent materials from getting tangled in and jamming the disposal machines which can cause them to break down. These items should be disposed of in a burnable garbage bag and placed outside on the corresponding garbage collection day. Please contact the Garbage Disposal Center with any inquiries at: 04-7093-5300



It's that time of year again when hundreds of cyclists from all over Japan will ride throughout the prefecture in Chiba's three day, 317 kilometer "Tour de Chiba." The scenic ride will begin on Saturday, October 7th and last until Monday, October 9th. Cyclists will begin their journey in Sodegaura. The three days will consist of travel throughout southern Chiba. This year, on Sunday, October 8th, the cyclists will be biking through Kamogawa! Sometime between 8:00~16:00, you may see the cyclists near Sea World, Futomi Station, the Emi community center, as well as other locations. Be on the lookout!

This year they will also be collecting donations for the recovery of the area affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.

For more information, please contact the Tour de Chiba Office (043-221-4477) or the official Tour de Chiba website at www.tour-de-chiba.jp.



KIRA Halloween 2017

Looking to have a time so good it's scary!? The Kamogawa International Relations Association (KIRA) will be holding its annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29th, from 10:00~12:00. This yearly tradition will be filled with spooky fun and games for the whole family. There will be trick-or-treating around the Shinmachi-dori Shopping Arcade, a costume contest, Halloween games, and much more! Make sure to dress in your best costume and bring along a bag or basket for trick-or-treating. Children 6 years and younger must be accompanied by a guardian. Participation fee is 300 yen for non-KIRA members (200 yen for chaperones) and free for members. Don't miss out on this ghoulishly good time!

Registration is limited to 50 participants and the deadline for registration is Friday, October 20th, so sign up soon. For more information, please contact KIRA at: 04-7093-7828



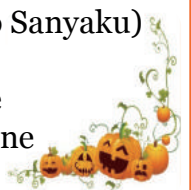
Senior Citizen Flu Vaccinations

From October 1st, until December 31st, all medical facilities in the Awa area, as well as any facility that has a contract with the Chiba Medical Association will be offering subsidized flu vaccinations to senior citizens. Anyone who is over age 65, or anyone who is aged 60-64 and has any heart, kidney, or lung diseases, HIV, or any other major illness may receive the subsidy. The subsidy is 1,500 yen. The pre-examination forms will not be sent to those 65 and up, so please stop by city hall, any medical facility, the Fureai Center, or any city hall branch office to pick them up. Information: 04-7093-7111

Kamogawa Area Festivals

In honor of the harvest season, many of Kamogawa's districts and shrines will be celebrating throughout the month of October. Why not check out some of the festivities in your area!

9/30~10/1	Hanabusa Takiguchi Shrine
10/1	Utsumi Shrine
10/7~10/8	Tojo District
10/8	Emi District
10/8	Soro District
10/8	Ogana Shrine (Izumi no Sanyaku)
10/8	Suki District
10/9	Yomogi Kumano Shrine
10/15~10/16	Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine



Even You Can Help: How to Assist Foreigners During Disasters

Natural disasters are one of the many realities residents of Japan face. For international residents, especially those who cannot speak Japanese, the difficulty of these events can be compounded. Luckily, you can help! KIRA is hosting a workshop to help inform residents who can speak Japanese how they can help Kamogawa's international residents during natural disasters.

Instructor: Nobuyuki Takahashi
Date: Saturday, October 28th
Time: 10:00 ~ 13:00
Location: Chuo Community Center

This event is limited to 30 people, so sign up today! For more information, or to sign up call KIRA at: 04-7093-7828

Living in Kamogawa

Tanada Night Festival and Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces Illumination

Visit the Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces this October to experience a world of fantasy illuminated by over 10,000 LED lights and 3,000 eco-candles. The mountainside will be illuminated between 16:30 and 20:00 each night from October 23rd to January 4th. See below for special event schedules.

Illumination

Date: 10/23 (Mon) ~ 01/04 (Thurs)
Time: 16:30~20:00

Tanada Night Festival

Date: 10/20 (Fri) ~ 10/22 (Sun)
Time: 16:30~20:00

Cost: 1000 yen

Stage events begin at 17:00 each day.
The event will conclude with fireworks.

Shuttle Bus Transport:

From JR Awa Kamogawa Station: 15:20, 16:30, 17:30
From Oyama to JR Awa Kamogawa: 16:40, 18:00, 19:00, 20:15
From General Sports Facility: from 16:00*
From Oyama to General Sports Facility: from 16:30*
*Buses will run every 20 minutes

Shuttle bus tickets include the price of admission and can be purchased for 1000 yen before boarding the bus at the Kamogawa Station Information Kiosk.

Discount tickets are available for advance purchase at the following locations for 800 yen:

Kamogawa Station Information Kiosk, Kamogawa City Hall Tourism Platform 6F, the Kominato Information Kiosk, and online at:
<http://www.kamotabi.jp/tanada-form/>

Information: 04-7092-0086



Volunteer at the Chiba Lotte Marines Fall Training Camp

The Chiba Lotte Marines, Chiba's prefectural baseball team, is scheduled to make their way out to Kamogawa for their annual fall training camp. Specific dates for their arrival will be posted on the city website after plans have been finalized, but tentatively the Lotte Marines will be in Kamogawa from early to late November. If you are interesting in volunteering to help set up, clean up, lead guests, or watch the fields, please contact the Sports Promotion Division at: 04-7093-5111.



Also, until Friday, October 27th, the Sports Promotion Division will be distributing stickers and flags to get residents excited for the camp. Contact the number above if you would like some.

Construction Announcement

From October until March of next year, Gongenbashi Bridge will be under construction. Gongenbashi Bridge spans the Kamogawa River, between the Kameda College of Health Sciences on the west side of the river, and the School Lunch Center on the east side. For more information, call: 04-7093-7835

Chime Change

Starting October 1st, the town's evening chime will begin ringing at 17:00, not 18:00.

Styrofoam and Used Clothes Disposal

Because garbage disposal can be confusing in Japan, the Kamogawa Waste Disposal center has a reminder regarding Styrofoam and used clothes.

- Large Styrofoam waste should be tied with string or twine and then put out.
- Small amounts of Styrofoam waste such as trays can be put in a "Recyclables" garbage bag.
- Styrofoam that is colored or has food waste or anything dirtying it cannot be recycled and thus can be put with your burnable garbage.
- Old undergarments or any other clothing that cannot be easily recycled should be placed with your burnable garbage.

What's Happening This Month



10/1 (Sat) 9:00 ~ 15:00

Big First of the Month Market

Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine

Information: 04-7094-0323

10/8 (Sun) Midday

Izumi no Sanyaku

Location: Plaza in front of Izumi Town Hall

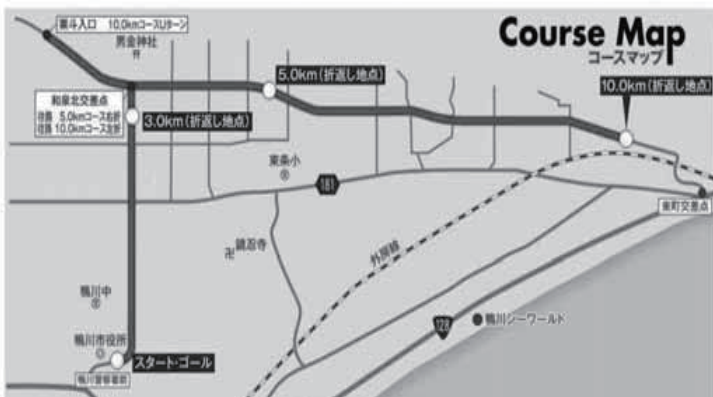
Information: 04-7093-3800

10/9 (Mon)

Cosmos Road Race

Come and cheer on the participants of the annual Cosmos Road Race.

Information: 04-7093-7838



These roads will be closed from 8:30-12:00 due to the race

10/11, 11/8, 12/13 (Wed) 13:30 ~ 15:30

Flower Arrangement Class

Location: Soro Community Center

Cost: 1,500 yen

Deadline to join: 10/6 (Fri)

For more information or to apply, call: 04-7092-9449

10/15 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 14:00

Bunri Kaisei High School Festival

Location: Bunri Kaisei High School

Information: 04-7092-0267

10/15 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 15:00

Kamogawa Food Festival

Location: Kamogawa Civic Center parking lot

Come and try some local Kamogawa products! People who come in Halloween costumes will receive a 200 yen food ticket redeemable at the festival. KIRA will also be there selling Filipino chicken meat balls, so stop on by!

Information: 04-7093-7837

10/20 (Fri) ~ 10/22 (Sun) 16:30 ~ 20:00

Tanada Night Festival

Location: Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces

Information: 04-7092-0086

10/21 (Sat) 11:00 ~

Traditional Japanese "Kotobuki" Dance Showcase

Location: Kamogawa Civic Center

Information: 090-2307-1429

10/22 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 17:00

JIU Wellness Exchange Day

Location: Josai International University Awa Campus

Information: 04-7098-2800

10/23 (Mon) ~ 1/4 (Thurs) 16:30 ~ 20:00

Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces Illumination

Location: Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces

Information: 04-7092-0086

10/29 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 12:00

KIRA Halloween Party

Location: Shinmachi-dori Shopping Arcade

Let's enjoy Halloween with some trick-or-treating, a costume contest, spooky games, and more!

Information: 04-7093-7828

10/28 (Sat) ~ 10/29 (Sun) 10:00

Kameda College of Health Sciences School Festival

Location: Kameda College of Health Sciences

Information: 04-7099-1211

12/10 (Sun) 13:00 ~

Japanese Speech Contest at the International Relations Festa in Awa

Are you a non-native Japanese speaker? Do you want to showcase your Japanese ability? Then consider competing in the Japanese speech contest at the International Relations Festa in Awa this year! All you need to do is write a 400 character speech in Japanese. There are also prizes for the winners, so get writing!

Speech Contest Application Deadline: 10/28 (Sat)

Information: 0470-22-1811

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