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Japan Women's Softball Team to Hold Training Camp in Kamogawa



Japan's national female softball team will be holding their 7th domestic training camp in Kamogawa, from Friday, March 2nd until Saturday, March 10th, at the Kamogawa General Sports Facility.

Come on out at any time to support the ladies on the team, especially on the 8th (Thurs), 9th (Fri), and 10th (Sat), which is when the intra-team scrimmages will take place.

The team is also planning on holding a youth softball lesson on Saturday, March 3rd for any young aspiring softball players who are looking to learn some tips from the pros!

The Japan Softball Association will also be giving presents to the first 50 people who come to cheer on the ladies on Sunday, March 4th and Saturday, March 10th, beginning at 9:00. Entry is free, so be sure to take a look!

For more information, please contact the Sports Promotion Division at: 04-7093-5111



Heisei 30 Garbage Calendars

Garbage calendars for the new year, starting April 1st, 2018-2019, 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 Office
- Yoshio, Emi, Kominato District Offices
- Citizen Service Center at Aeon (4th floor)
- Fureai Center
- Local community centers

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



Sick Child Care

The city of Kamogawa offers child care for children who are sick and cannot attend their regular school or child care facilities. Registration is now open for the Heisei 30 fiscal year. If your child is between 57 days old and 12 years old (they must be turning 12 after March 31st of this year), they are eligible.

Child care is offered at the Kameda Sick Child Care Office, Kamogawa (亀田病児・病後児保育室かもがわ).

You can register at the Child Support Division at the Fureai Center. For more information, call: 04-7093-7113

Living in Kamogawa

Fire Prevention at Beisia

Every year, across the entire country, Japan holds a “Spring Fire Prevention Week” so that residents nationwide can make sure they know exactly what to do in case of a fire. This year, it will take place from Thursday, March 1st, until Wednesday, March 7th.



Kamogawa is one of many cities that puts on their own fire prevention event during this week. This year, Ayako Kitamoto, the general manager of Kamogawa’s female soccer team, Orca Kamogawa, will be Kamogawa’s honorary fire chief for the day, and will help lead the event. Activities will include exhibitions of Kamogawa’s fire trucks, a lecture on how to properly use an AED, fire extinguisher practice, a kid’s corner, and even practice on how to escape a room filled with smoke! For more details, please call: 04-7093-2131



*Ayako Kitamoto,
Orca Kamogawa’s
General Manager*



Date: Saturday, March 3rd

Time: 10:00 ~

Location: Beisia parking lot

Cost: Free!

*In the case of rain or a major disaster, the event will be cancelled.

Infertility Treatment Assistance

For anyone who has received any sort of infertility treatment in the past fiscal year (beginning April 1st, 2017) at any prefecture designated medical institution and received monetary assistance from the Chiba Prefectural Government, you are also eligible to receive assistance from the city of Kamogawa as well.

Chiba Prefecture will provide assistance for up to six treatments if you begin before the age of 40, and for up to three treatments if you begin between the ages of 40 and 43 (no more than three times in any given fiscal year).

After receiving your assistance notification from Chiba Prefecture, you may apply to the city of Kamogawa. Kamogawa will pay fifty percent of the amount to be borne by you and your spouse, up to 100,000 yen per visit.



In order to receive these payments, please submit all necessary documents to the Health Promotion Division at the Fureai Center by Friday, March 30th. If you are worried that some of your necessary documents from the prefectural government will not reach you in time, please call the Health Promotion Division so they can help you find a solution.

For more information on how to receive these payments, what documents you need, or any other questions you may have, please contact the Health Promotion Division at the Fureai Center at: 04-7093-7111

If you would like to contact Chiba Prefecture directly about these payments, please call: 043-223-2332

Kamogawa -Manitowoc Student Exchange

Have you ever wondered what living with an American family is like? Have you ever wanted to travel to the US 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:

Dates: 7/30 (Mon) ~ 8/9 (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 7/21 (Sat) ~ 7/30 (Mon)
(exceptions can be made)

Information: 04-7094-0515

New National Health Insurance Card To Arrive in March

At the end of March, those who are enrolled in the national health insurance will be receiving a new card at their residences. Beginning April 1st, please use this card when you go in for a medical exam.

Also, please return your old card. You can return your old card at: Kamogawa City Hall, the Amatsu-Kominato Branch Office, the Yoshio, Emi, or Kominato district offices, or the Citizen Service Center at Aeon. For questions, please call: 04-7093-7839

Ongoing Events

Until 3/4 (Sat)

Hatakeyama Yuko Hina-doll display

Location: Kannonji Temple

Information: 04-7092-3540



Until 3/4 (Sun)

Big Hina Doll Festival 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. The Hina Doll Festival, also known as Girl's Day, is celebrated each year to wish for prosperity in young women's lives.

Information: 0470-73-6641

Until 3/11 (Sun)

Nana Batake Flower Road

Location: Fields around Kamogawa Junior High School

Information: 04-7092-0086

Until 5/5 (Sat)

Strawberry Picking

Location: Minnami-no-Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

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



3/1 (Thurs)

First of the Month Market

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

3/3 (Sat) and 3/4 (Sun) 9:20~16:35

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

3/4 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 12:00

Spring Plant Dyeing "Sakura"

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Come learn how to dye your own things with bark and leaves from the sakura tree.
Participation fee: ¥1,800
Information: 04-7095-2821

3/4 (Sun)

Kamogawa "Katsuobushi" Bonito Soup

Location: Kamogawa Ocean Park
Come and enjoy some katsuobushi soup made with bonito harvested from Kamogawa's coast
Information: 04-7096-1911

3/8 (Thurs) 10:00 ~ 10:30

Infant and Toddler Storytelling Time

Location: Kamogawa Municipal Library
Any child ages 0 to 3 is welcome to participate (with their guardian) in story time, songs, and more.
Information: 04-7092-0312

3/15 (Thurs) 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

3/17 (Sat) 13:30 ~ 15:30

KIRA's "Oshaberi" Cafe

Location: Kamogawa Civic Center
Do you want to learn about Kamogawa? Do you want to make Japanese friends? Then come and join KIRA members for yet another "Oshaberi" Cafe.
Deadline to apply: Wednesday, March 14th
Information: 04-7093-7828

3/17 (Sat) ~ 3/18 (Sun)

Grilled Squid and Nabana Soup

Location: Kamogawa Ocean Park
Information: 04-7096-1911

3/21 (Wed) 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

3/21 (Wed) 13:00 ~ 15:00

Flower Charcoal Making

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Learn how to make flower charcoal from various plants over an open fire.
Participation fee: ¥1000
Information: 04-7095-2821

3/25 (Sun) 14:00~

Kamogawa Junior Chorus Spring Concert

Location: Chuo Community Center
Information: 04-7093-0041

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