

August JTF

Monthly English Newsletter

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## Kids' Little Trip Around the World

Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 10am—11am

Aizu Keikodo 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Cooking Studio

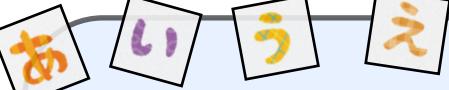
This program is for elementary schoolers. Come learn about the American summer tradition of making lemonade with Ms. Araceli Martinez! Afterwards, listen to stories about America as you drink homemade lemonade!

## Language Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 10am—11:30am

Tsurugajo Castle Information Center

Are you interested in leading tours of Tsurugajo Castle for visitors around the world in English? On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we will visit the castle as a group and run a mock tour of the grounds in English. Come if you are interested in leading mini-tours for the Aizu Festival on September 23<sup>rd</sup>!



## Fall Japanese Classes



Get ready for our Japanese classes starting in the fall! Find a small, personalized class for your level. Sign up by Wednesday, August 29th.

*Thursday evening class: 6:30-8pm, September 6th to November 22nd*

*Friday morning class: 10-11:30am, September 7th to November 30th*

**Location:** Aizu Keikodo

**Fee:** 4,000 yen members/ 6,000 yen non-members (for a total of 12 classes)



*Did you know? The AWIA also runs the following Japanese programs:*

**Nihongo Salon:** Practice Japanese conversation and learn about Japanese culture and customs in a casual setting. Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm at the Aizu Keikodo.

**Kodomo Nihongo Hiroba:** Japanese tutoring for kids with roots in foreign countries. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month from 10am-12pm at the AWIA.

## AIZU WAKAMATSU INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL—Sun. Sept. 30th

It's not too late to sign up for the festival! Let us know if you would like to run a booth or help with one. We are looking for people to run booths introducing their countries, booths selling food, and stage performances. We are also in need of volunteers!



## Summer Festivals

### Shinmei Jinja Matsuri

Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm-8pm

Shinmei-dori Street, Aizu Wakamatsu City

Make the most of summer with summer festivals!



Ohiichi is a series of summer festivals held in shrines and temples throughout Aizu Wakamatsu every year. One of these is the Shinmei Shrine Festival, which transforms the heart of Shinmei-dori into festival central!

### Higashiyama Events

#### Higashiyama Onsen Oyukake Matsuri



Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:20pm—9pm

Higashiyama Onsen District

Experience Higashiyama's "Oyukake Matsuri," a 'strange festival' where lodging guests splash hot springs water onto a parade of people carrying *mikoshi*, portable shrines, throughout town.

#### Higashiyama Onsen Bon-odori

Monday, August 13-Thursday, August 16

It's almost time for the Higashiyama Bon-odori!

Residents and lodgers dance to a performance of the folk song "Aizu Bandai-san" around a wooden tower built over the clear stream of the Yugawa River which runs through Higashiyama.



### Yugawa River Floating Lantern Festival

Thursday, August 16, from 7pm on at Yugawa River (from in front of Josai Elementary School to the lower reach of Karasubashi Bridge)

Observe this tradition where 450 floating lanterns are sent down Yugawa River as offerings to the souls of the Aizu clan.

### Minazuru Festival

Saturday, August 25, 10am-8:30pm at Hirota Nishi Park

A festival which uses the legend of Princess Minazuru as a theme. During the daytime, there will be a wanko soba speed-eating contest and stage performances by various groups, followed by fireworks and Bon-odori dancing in the evening.