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Association News



AWIA Summer Social Event: Forest Orienteering



Our long-awaited summer social event is here!

This time, we'll be going to *Bandai Seishonen Koryu no Ie*, a nature and sports facility located in Bandai Asahi National Park at the base of Mt. Bandai.

In the morning, we'll be dividing into teams and take part in forest orienteering (a sort of scavenger hunt in the woods), and in the afternoon, we'll play some light sports, such as table tennis, in the gymnasium.

Date and time: Sunday, July 28th, 10am-3pm

Place: Bandai Seishonen Koryu no Ie (国立磐梯青少年交流の家)

Address: 7136-1 Gorinpara, Inawashiro (福島県耶麻郡猪苗代町字五輪原7136-1)

*We will be meeting in front of <Bandai Seishonen Koryu no Ie> at 9:50am.

- Free parking is available for those coming by car.
- For those coming by public transportation, there will be a free bus to and from <Bandai Seishonen Koryu no Ie> from Inawashiro Station (sign-up required). Train departure times are to the right.

JR Banetsu West Line Train Timetable:

Depart	Aizuwakamatsu Station	9:09am
Arrive	Inawashiro Station	9:36am
Depart	Inawashiro Station	3:36pm
Arrive	Aizuwakamatsu Station	4:09pm



Fee (includes lunch and insurance): 500 yen for members, 800 yen for non-members.

Free for children below 3 years of age, 400 yen for preschoolers.

Lunch on-premises will be included. (Please RSVP with us in advance as the dining hall cannot accommodate same-day reservations, and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.)

Things to bring: active footwear for the woods, indoor footwear for the gymnasium, water bottle, hat, raingear, insect repellent, trash bag to take your own trash home.

In case of rain: in light rain, we will switch to an indoor scavenger hunt activity; however, the event will be cancelled in case of severe inclement weather. We will let you know by 5pm on the day before the event in case of cancellation.

Sign-up deadline: Saturday, July 20th

(Please let me know of any dietary restrictions you may have, and whether or not you will need the free bus from Inawashiro Station)



The AWIA office will be closed on the 28th for this event.

Aizu Events



Hozuki-ichi Market

Tuesday, July 10th, 12pm-8pm

Omachi Yotsukado Area (Noguchi Hideyo Seishun Street)

Every year on July 10th, Omachi Yotsukado is closed to cars for this market. You can buy *hozuki*, the red plant whose flowers resemble paper lanterns, enjoy free sake, and more! For kids, there will be a children's *mikoshi* (portable shrine carrying) and storytelling. Come enjoy the atmosphere of this traditional temple festival!



Kitakata Retro Street

Saturday, July 13th, 12pm-9pm & Sunday, July 14th, 9am-4pm

Fureai-dori Shopping Street, Kitakata

Travel back in time to the 1950's Showa Era Japan in Kitakata, where the streets will be lined with retro movie posters and classic cars, bikes, and motorcycles. You can also taste food and play with toys from the time period.



Inawashiro Lake Open for Swimming

Saturday, July 20th to Tuesday, August 20th, 9am-4pm

Designated Beaches Around Lake Inawashiro

Even though Aizu is far from the ocean, you can still enjoy swimming and other marine sports in the waters of Lake Inawashiro. There is lush nature in the area, with the looming silhouette of Mt. Bandai not too far to be found.

Questions & Contact: Minatomachi Tourism Association
(0242-93-2113)



Aizu Tajima Gion Festival

Monday, July 22nd, Tuesday, July 23rd, and Wednesday, July 24th



Aizu Tajima

A festival with over 800 years' history dating from the Kamakura Period, the annual Aizu Tajima Gion Festival is spread over three days and is considered one of the three best Gion festivals in Japan, alongside Kyoto's Gion Festival. The Nanahokai Gyoretsu, a parade of women dressed in traditional wedding kimono held on the morning of the 23rd, is especially worth seeing, as well as the children's kabuki performances on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd, which are held on top of festival floats carried through town. The festival is a short walk from Aizu-Tajima Station on the Aizu Railway.



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