

# Misawa International Association News

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## Bridge Class

Every Mondays  
11:00 am - noon  
¥300 / class  
Sign up is not necessary.

## ABC Circle

Every Wednesday,  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Join our cross-cultural exchange circle.  
Make new friends as you learn some Japanese as well as teach some English.

## Survival Japanese

Start on Mon, 22 Sep  
From 10:00 am - noon  
Free childcare available

## Japanese Intermediate Class

Start on Tue, 16 Sep  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign Up  
NOW

## Want to Join Us? Help us carry a "Mikoshi"!

Here's another unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture, hands-on! The Misawa International Association is looking for people who can help carry local *mikoshi*, for the Mikoshi Parade. A *mikoshi* is commonly translated as a "portable shrine" but is better understood as a deity palanquin, to allow the local deity to join the *matsuri*. All are welcome, sign up now!!!

When: Sat, 23 Aug at 4:00 pm.

Where: Meet at Sky Plaza Misawa "American Park" (Outside the gate)

Costs (non-refundable): Includes rental costumes, BBQ, drinks, and insurance.

Adults— ¥1,500 Children, 4 - 12 yrs: ¥500



All the classes and events will be held at Misawa International Center.  
For more information, please contact Misawa International Association.



## Misawa International Center

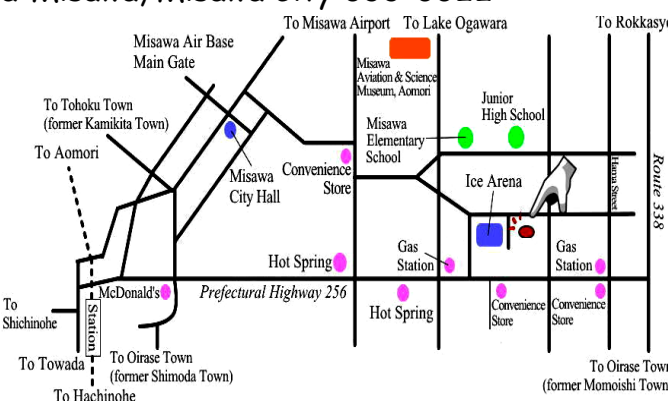
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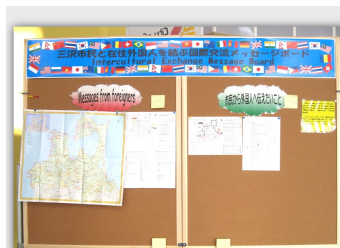
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## Intercultural Exchange Message Board

Come and see our message board! Located in Misawa International Center Hall, near the International Exchange Lounge (if you're standing in the entrance way, the board is off to the left). This message board is for you!

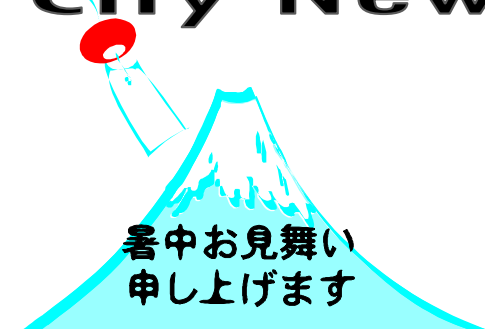
Please post courteous messages or announcements for an intercultural exchange purpose such as English lessons, play dates for kids, advice in Japanese life and more. We look forward to your messages!



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## Misawa City News July, 2014



## 七夕 Star Festival

July 7th is the Tanabata or, "The Star Festival". This holiday originated from an ancient Chinese legend about two lovers: Princess Orihime (the North Star), who weaved the clouds, and Hikoboshi (the Altair star), a cowboy who watched the stars (which were like cows). Orihime and Hikoboshi used to be good workers. However after they got married, they stopped working. So Orihime's father, the Emperor-of-the-Sky Tentei became angry and separated them. But Orihime's tears of sadness caused him to relent and once a year, he allowed them to cross the Heavenly River (the Milky Way), on the 7th of July.

In Japan, we celebrate Orihime's and Hikoboshi's meeting with a summer festival. Before, we used to pray for improving our sewing or our handwriting. Nowadays, people write their wishes on strips of colorful paper and hang them on bamboo branches.

Misawa City will host its Misawa Tanabata Festival from 25 - 27 Jul, along the Main Street in downtown and in American Village. If you want to venture further, the most popular Tanabata Festival is held in Sendai. This year, it will be held 6 - 8 Aug (Tue - Thurs), with a kick-off fireworks show on 1 Aug. Tow other events held will be the Nebuta Festival of Aomori City 2 - 7 Aug, with a kick-off the fireworks show on 7 Aug) and the Kanto Festival of Akita (3 - 6 Aug, 7:00 pm - 8:40 pm). If you're not able to attend any of these festivals, there are many other summer festivals all over Japan, from Jul and Aug. Look inside this issue, mark your calendar, and get out and party!

The "Light Down" Campaign is part of an environmental movement and it will happen throughout Japan from 21 Jun to 7 Jul, 2014. The campaign encourages people to turn off their lights from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Mon, 7 Jul. Major landmarks such as Tokyo Tower, Tokyo Sky Tree, Osaka Castle and Shuri Castle (Okinawa) were past participants. Please cooperate and help with reducing CO2 turning off your lights and enjoy the innumerable stars of the Milky Way above, in the sky.

## Wonder how Japanese children have spent relaxing time in their vacation?

### 夏休み

(*natsu-yasumi*) is a Summer Recess in Japanese and it usually start from fourth week of Jul until the last week of Aug. Japanese student at elementary schools and Junior high schools will be assigned tons of homework: assignments from workbooks in the subjects of Math, Japanese, Social study & Science, write a 1 to 2 page report, do arts & craft (watercolors painting, clay art work, wooden work or participating in an invention competition), complete a research project (any field of topic is ok) and picture diary (write and draw about 1~2 highlight memories of Summer). Younger children bring home potted plants school and they have to keep an observation log about the plants. Some school assign health check sheets, which students will fill to track their "breakfast", "lunch", "dinner", "wake up time", "how long they studied" and "chores" completed everyday. It is truly a big project, not only for the student but also for parents to complete!

When summer recess is ending, it's a very busy time for the children who haven't finished their homework yet. Sometime homework become a FAMILY PROJECT as dad does painting and mom does a book report. At that time, parents can see their child's personalities: one that quickly finish homework or those who wait until the last minute.

Not done yet!! Children who are in school clubs will go to the clubs and practice "almost" everyday, even when school's off. Some children go to Clan school to attend lessons after regular school hours, and during the summer/winter recesses.





# Summer Festivals and Events



## Lake Ogawara Festival

Sun, 20 Jul, start at 9:15 am; The Lake Ogawara Beach

This is the first summer festival in Misawa area and includes many fun events. The Lake Ogawara Queen winner will be announced and many performances will be held, including: Hula Dance and the "Happiness Charge Precure" Show (the latter at 10:30 am and 1:15 pm), a free canoe school (9:30am to 2:30 pm). Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet in and to bring a change of clothes and a towel.

## Aomori Prefecture Summer Traffic Safety Campaign 2014

Wed, 23 Jul, start at 2:00 pm at Misawa Civic Center

We will kickoff the Summer Traffic Safety Campaign with a rally. The Kamikubo Elementary School Band and baton twirling will be performed at this event. Come learn about how to avoid accidents and be supportive of a safer society!

## Misawa Tanabata Festival

Fri, 25 Jul to Sun, 27 Jul from 1:00 pm at Main street and the American Park

Let's celebrate the 60th Tanabata Festival as you peruse the many game and specialty food booths. There will special events such as a kindergarten marching band on Friday, a dance contest on Saturday and Bingo game, 3 on 3 basketball game on Sunday. Also local specialties will be featured at Chuo park (aka Train Park) on Sun, 27 Jul, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## Shuji Terayama Museum Dramatic Festival

At Hoshino Resort Aomoriya (various places)

Fri, 29 Aug from 1:00 pm. Stage performance, Children's park at outside and more

Sat, 30 Aug from 1:00 pm Stage performance, Music Museum concert at outside

## Farm Festa in Tonami

Sun, 3 Aug from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Tonami Clan Memorial Village

What is life like on a farm? Come and find out at this festival! Attractions include cow milking, live music and more!

## Become a Firework Sponsor!

Every year, for the past 29 years, the Misawa Fishing Port hosts a festival to end the summer festival season with a blast. Sun, 31 Aug, the 30th Annual firework will take place and we are looking for individuals and groups to help sponsor the fireworks. Not only will your support light up the sky, but you can also include a special message for your family, friend, or special someone! ¥3,000 for a Primary Sponsor, which pays for fireworks. ¥5,000 for a Message Sponsor, which pays for fireworks and allows you to include a message. Message will be announced with fireworks. Please contact the Fisheries Promotion Division of Misawa City, before Fri, 11 Jul, to become a part of this sponsorship and/or for further information. Be sure to include your name, telephone number, and message (if applicable). Tel: 0176-53-5111 Email: [suisan@city.misawa.lg.jp](mailto:suisan@city.misawa.lg.jp)

## Enjoy Water!

### Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool

10 am - 9 pm. It's open everyday during Japanese school recess (22 July - 24 Aug) excluding Mondays and Tues, 22 Jul, it will open at 1:00 pm.

Admission: ¥500 for 16 years and older, ¥300 for 12-15 years, and ¥100 for 11 years and younger.

\*Everyone is required to wear a swimming cap in the pool areas. Children who are in the 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Takinosawa Public Pool

Now to Tue, 30 Sep, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Admission: ¥100 for 16 years and older, Free for children 0-15 years.

Notice: If the water temperature is below 21°C, the pool will close.

### Misawa Veedol Beach

July 11, Friday to September 7, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



## What's going on Misawa Civic Center?



### Misawa High School Festival

Fri, 18 Jul at 9:30 am in the Main auditorium,  
Fee is FREE!

### The Brass Band regional competition

Sat, 12 Jul and Sun, 13 Jul at 9:40 am in the Main  
auditorium, Fee is ¥600

## Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 8

Believe it or not, even though Japan is a small country, it has a variety of colorful accents and dialects. Not far from Misawa-- the area from southern Aomori to northern Iwate Prefectures--one of the main dialects is Nanbu-ben (ben 弁 means "dialect; speech-type"). Here are some useful expressions!



きのうのカレーが あめでる Kino-no Kare ga amederu

The curry from yesterday is rotten.

きのう Kino: Yesterday

あめでる Amederu: Rotten

Please be aware of food quickly spoiling during warmer temperatures!

# Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule

## Science Show "Light experiment": Every day in July

What color is a light? Why is the sky blue? Come and find out in our science lab! The show is free, but participants need to pay the museum admission fee. Reservation is not required. Just directly check in at the lab as the schedule follows.

Weekdays: (1) 11:00 am, (2) 12:30 pm, (3) 3:30 pm Weekends: (1) 12:30 pm, (2) 3:30 pm

## Marbles Kaleidoscope Making: Every weekend and holiday

1st session: 11:00 am - 11:30 am, 2nd session: 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Make a kaleidoscope by using marbles and mirror. This weekend craft workshop will be held in the lab for the first come first served basis limitedly up to 20 people. The fee is only ¥200 per person including materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult all the time.

Please sign up at least 30 minutes prior to the schedules below. It will be held everyday during summer recess (from 19 to 31 Jul)

## 3D Movie "Kamen rider" & "Pre-cure" at the AV multimedia Hall

Kamen rider (super hero masked rider) and Pre-cure (magical girl anime), they are very popular among Japanese young children.

5 - 18 Jul, Weekends only: (1) 10:00 am (2) 10:45 am (3) 11:30 am (4) 1:00 pm (5) 1:45 pm (6) 2:30 pm (7) 3:15 pm

19 Jul - 30 Aug, Weekdays: (1) 10:00 am (2) 11:30 am (3) 1:00 pm (4) 2:30 pm

Weekends: (1) 10:00 am (2) 10:45 am (3) 11:30 am (4) 1:00 pm (5) 1:45 pm (6) 2:30 pm (7) 3:15 pm

Fee is ¥300 for elementary school and junior high school student, ¥400 for high school student and older. There is a discount for a Free Pass Member!

## Mini Miss Veedol flying contest: Sun, 6 Jul at Entrance area and out side

1st session: 10:00 am - noon 2nd session: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Build a miniature Miss Veedol paper plane and join us at the flying contest! Winners who made their paper planes fly for 7 seconds or longer will receive prizes!! Fee is free! The paper planes and prizes are given while supplies last.

## Toy Hospital in Museum: Sun, 20 Jul, 10:00 am - noon

Do you have any toys that need to be repaired? Bring them to Toy Hospital to be fixed!!

We will ask you to pay for repair parts and hospitalization fee. Please bring the power cable, instruction manuals and all accessories that comes with electronic toys. Dangerous toys such as "Toy Guns" are not acceptable due to safety reasons.

## General Information: Misawa Aviation & Science Museum is open 9:00 am -5:00 pm, every day except Mondays.

If a Japanese holiday falls on a Monday, then the museum will be open on that Monday but will be closed the following day.

Admission: Adult ¥500; High School Student ¥300; Free for 15 years old and under. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.kokyukagaku.jp/english.html>

# And Not Far from Misawa City...

## Oirase K-truck Market

Every first Sunday

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

At Momoishi hon-cho Shopping street, Oirase town

(GPS coordinate: N40.595236, E141.429216)

K-truck is a light weight pickup truck and it will feature fresh vegetable, fruits and handiwork on special prices!

## Frusato Fresh Market

Saturdays, 12 Jul & 26 Jul

7:00 am - 9:00 am at Rokkasho Village

12 Jul: Tomari Event Site  
(GPS coordinate: N41.089938, E141.394402)

26 Jul: Swany Event Site  
(GPS coordinate: N40.964998, E141.363809)

Fresh vegetable, seafood and full of representative summer dish will be featured!

## Hachinohe Tanabata festival 2014

Fri, 18 to Mon, 21 Jul

At central Hachinohe city  
(GPS coordinate: N40.30356 E141.29280)

The festival street will be vehicle-free after 6 pm during this festival.

See the beautiful decoration of star festival!

## Noheji Fireworks

Sat, 19 Jul

Start at 12:30 pm

At Noheji port of Noheji town  
(GPS coordinate: N40.872781, E141.113517)

Feeling sea breeze and watch beautiful fireworks! Fireworks will display at 7:30 pm. Bingo, Sasa dance performance and more events will be featured.

## Lake Towada Festival

19 & 20 Jul (Weekends)

At Yasumiya of Lake Towada  
(GPS coordinate: N40.426710, E140.892625)

Enjoy their spectacular fireworks display by the seaside! Lake cruising are available on 2 days. ¥1,440 for adult and ¥720 for child and it is first-come-first-served basis.

## Tohoku Kosui Festival

26 & 27 July 26 & 27 Weekends

At Lake Ogawara and Wakasagi Park  
(GPS coordinate: N40.730608, E 141.281690)

Yosakoi dance, fire work, raft race and more! This event will be held at Ogawara lake on the Tohoku town side. (Not Misawa city side)

## Osorezan Taisai

Sun, 20 Jul - Thus, 24 Jul

Mt. Osore, Mutsu city  
(GPS coordinate: N 41.327133, E 141.09105)

Mt. Osore (translated as fear mountain) is known as the third most sacred places in Japan. It's also believed Osorezan to be the home of refuge to the spirits. Osorezan is going to hold 2 festivals a year. Come and feel the mysterious atmosphere!

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