

## Misawa International Association News

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### Japanese Language Class (for MIA members only)

Every Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ¥500 per class

### Kids English (for MIA members children)

July 4 Monday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. ¥500/per class visit

It will be no classes from July 11 through August 31.

### ABC Circle : July 11, 18 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: MIA member ¥500, non-member ¥800

### English grammar class: July 13, 27, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: MIA member ¥500, non-member ¥800

### International Friendship Group: July 4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesday start 7:00 p.m.

Fee: MIA member ¥500, non-member ¥800

### BBQ: July 7, Saturday start at 12:00

Fee: MIA member Male ¥2000, Female ¥1500, Children (4-12years old) ¥500

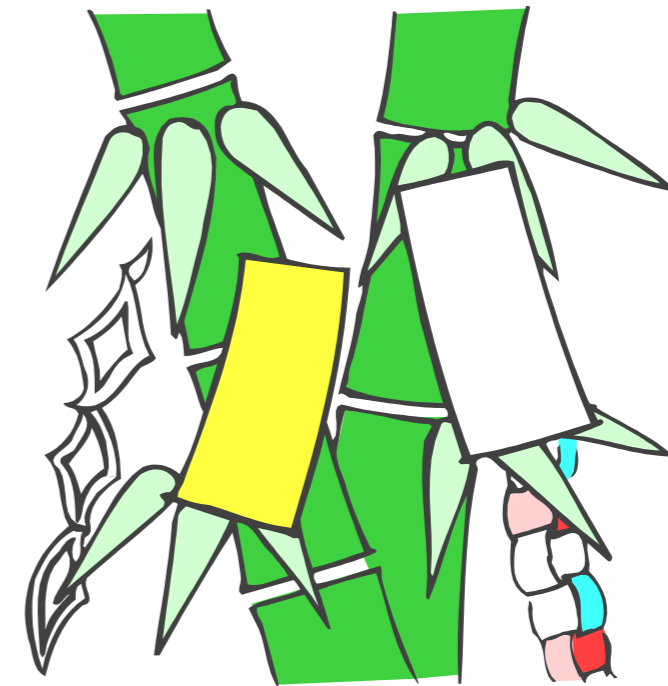
\* Additional ¥500 for non-member

All events held  
at the Misawa  
International Center!

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## Misawa International Center

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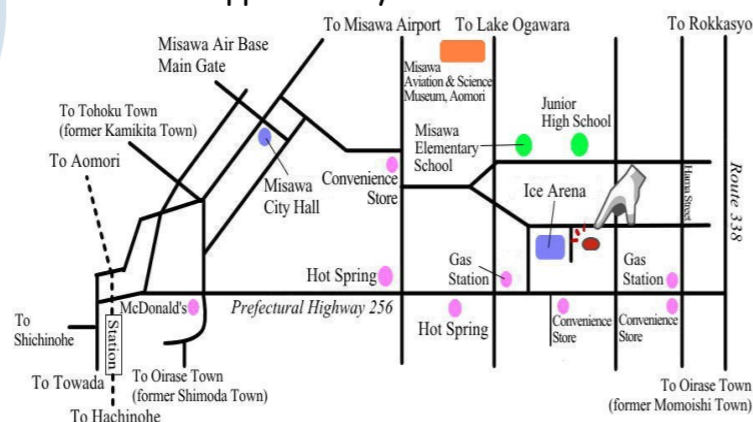
Thank you for reading MISAWA CITY NEWS!

**"Mi-Bus"**  
**English Map is available now!**

We hope this map will be useful in getting around Misawa! Please pick up a copy at Sky Plaza Misawa, Misawa International Center, Misawa City Hall and the Airman and Family Readiness Center.



Misawa City International Relations publishes the monthly free paper, "Misawa City News". We keep you informed of what is happening in Misawa. We are also working on adding an "English Version" to the Misawa City websites. We appreciate your feedback!



## 七夕祭 Star Festival

July 7th is the Tanabata or the Star Festival. This holiday originated from an ancient Chinese legend about two lovers- the stars, Orihime (the North Star), who weaved the clouds, and Hikoboshi (the Altair star), who watched the cows (stars). 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.



The most popular Tanabata Festival is held in Sendai. This year, it will be held from 6(Mon) to 8(Weds). A big fireworks show will kick off the event on the evening of August 5. The Sendai celebration is one of the three great festivals in the Tohoku region; the other two being the Nebuta Festival of Aomori (August 2-7) and the Kanto Festival of Akita (August 3-6).

If you're not able to attend these festivals, there are many other summer festivals all over Japan, from July and August. Look inside this issue and mark your calendar. Then get out and party!

# Summer Festivals and Events in Misawa 2012

The summer is in Misawa!  
Now many summer festivals and events will be held in summer.

## Lake Ogawara Festival

July 22, Sunday from 9:15 at the Lake Ogawara Beach

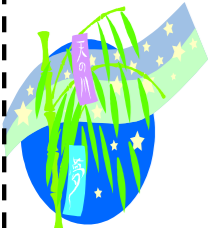
Admission: fee. Just need a beach mat, towel, and spending money.

This is the 1st 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, Ninja Show and the Masked Rider "Fourze" Show (the latter at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm). The Misawa Sightseeing Association (MSA) will be sponsoring free canoe trials, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (in 1-hr group intervals). Please call MSA [0176-59-2311] to make a reservation. Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet in and to bring a change of clothes and a towel.



## Misawa Tanabata Festival

July 27 (Fri) to 29 (Sun), from 1-9pm  
on Main street and the American Park



Enjoy the beautiful Tanabata decorations as you peruse the many game and specialty food booths. Special events on Sunday (the 29th) include a dance contest, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and bingo.

## Farm Festa in Tonami

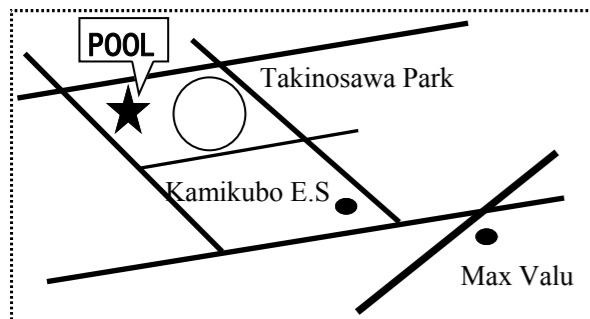
August 5 (Sun), starting at 9am  
At the Tonami Clan Memorial Village

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



## Takinosawa Public Pool is Now Open!!

Hours: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm



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

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

The 4th Manpuku Matsuri  
**Summer Specialty Food Fair**  
July 21, Saturday at the Sky Plaza Misawa  
Try specialties and win for prize!

## Shuji Terayama Museum Summer Festival

**August 4, Saturday from 1 p.m.**

Talk show, Shinto music and dance show, recite Shuji Terayama's story

**August 5, Sunday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Terayama Music Museum Vol.3 local musician concert at outside

**August 19, Sunday from 11 a.m. 4 p.m.**

Terayama Jazz Museum Vol.1

## "The DINOSAURS IN MUSEUM at Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

This is a special exhibit "World of Tyrannosaurus and carnivorous dinosaurs", show 12m long Tyrannosaurus.

When : July 7, Saturday - Sep. 17, Sunday 2012

Time : July 7 - 27 and Aug. 21 - Sep. 17 9:30-16:30

July 28 - Aug. 19 9:30 - 17:30

Admission fee (including admission of main building)

¥1,000 for adult, ¥800 for High School Student,

¥400 for Elementary school Student Free : 0-5 years old

## Misawa Summer Festival August 23, Thursday- 26, Sunday at Main street and the American Park 1-9p.m.

23, Thursday : Competition of festival music "Matsuri Bayashi"

24, Friday : "Dashi" Float Parade

25, Saturday : Traditional performance, Costume parade, "Mikoshi" Float parade (International Summer Festival)

26, Sunday : "Dashi" Float Parade

### Let's Carry a "MIKOSHI" (float) at the Misawa Summer Festival !!

Misawa International Association is looking for people who can join "the Misawa Summer Festival" on August 25, Sunday. Come and Let's enjoy Japanese traditional summer festival by carrying a "MIKOSHI" with your friends and families!

-Date and Time: August 25, Saturday, 2012 at 4 p.m.

-Place: Main street to American Park

-Fee: Adults 1,500 yen, Children (Age 4-12) 500 yen  
(including BBQ, drinks, rental costumes, towels and Insurance)

**Please sign up/pay (nonrefundable) in advance  
at Misawa International Association by August 18th!**



## Misawa Port Festival September 2, Sunday at the Misawa Fishery Port

8:30 Tosa-dog fighting

US-JAPAN Boxing match

9:30 Children's play area open

10:00 Parade of good haul

11:00 Yosakoi Dance performance

13:00 Boat race (high school age and older)

19:00 Fire works

The annual 28th Misawa Port Festival will be held to pray for recovery of the Misawa Fishery Port. You can enjoy Local specialties sale and events; Dog fighting, catching seashells game for children (elementary school age and under), Boat race and Fire works!!!

## Around Misawa City

**Aomori Nebuta Matsuri in Aomori City: Aug 2 (Thu) - 7 (Tue)**

This festival is one of the three major festivals in Japan. 20 of Nebuta (gigantic lantern float figure) are paraded through the Aomori city.

**Hirosaki Neputa Matsuri in Hirosaki City: August 1 (Wed) - 7 (Tue)**

60 colorful and beautiful picture on lantern floats are paraded through the Hirosaki City.

**Hachinohe Sansha Taisai in Hachinohe City: July 31 (Tue) - Aug 4 (Sat)**

Mikoshi from the three shrines and 27 floats featuring myths, legends and Kabuki are paraded through the Hachinohe City.

