

# Minamiboso Events Calendar

## English Version, December 2013

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso

*December ~ March 30th*

### Hands-on classes at *Rakuno no Sato*

The *Rakuno no Sato*, or “birthplace of dairy farming,” offers various hands on classes for people of all ages. Try you hand at dairy through ice cream or butter making, or make some pretty gel candles to take home.

**Time:** 10am - 3pm (closed on Mondays)

**Where:** Chiba Prefecture Rakuno no Sato,

**Registration:** recommended

**Fee:** ice cream making 500 yen, butter making 1000 yen, gel candle making 1000 yen~

**Contact:** Chiba Prefecture Rakuno no Sato, 0470-46-8181

**Time:** doors open 1pm, starts 2pm

**Cost:** 3000 yen for general entry; free for elementary, middle, and high school students

**Where:** Nanso Bunka Hall, Small Hall, Tateyama City

**Contact:** Tateyama Music Appreciation Association, 0470-22-1398

<http://www.nanso-bunka.jp/organize/detail.html?id=513>



*December 1st*

### Acorn Festival

Bring your kids to experience nature and make all kinds of crafts. Various activities including tree climbing, mochi pounding and acorn crafts will be available, all followed by a taiko performance

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Cost:** free

**Bring:** towels, water, riceballs etc. (mochi and zouni soup will be available)

**Registration:** deadline November 30th

**Where:** Taibusamisaki Youth Nature Home, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-Chou

**Contact:** Taibumisaki Youth Nature Home, 0470-33-4561

<http://taibusa.jp>

*December 1st*

### Sunday marché

Every first Sunday of the month, the Minamiboso Organic group hosts a morning market featuring various food, plants and goods stands. This month's marché will include a brown rice mochi pounding event starting at 11am.

**Time:** 9am - 3pm, or until items sell out

**Where:** Tateyama Pioneer Farm, Tateyama City Masaki 411

**Contact:** 090-2459-1094

<http://vegitable1mb.wiki.fc2.com>

*December 1st*

### Midori Nohara piano recital

Come listen to classical piano music played by Midori Nohara, who studied in Europe and has collaborated with different symphonies from around the world. What's best is that the event will be free to students of high school age and under! The program will include pieces by Mozart, Schubert, and Liszt.



### December 1st Temple marché

This market is held on temple grounds, offering various fresh vegetables, a flea market by local artists, sweets, and massage stands. Following the market will be a live performance and talk show by

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Higashida Tomohiro, a singer-songwriter from Kumamoto.

**Time:** market from 10am - 4pm; live performance, talk show and meet & greet from 3pm - 8pm

**Where:** Yakuouji Temple, Minamiboso City  
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*December 1st, 15th, 22nd, 23rd*

### **Sunday Yoga (benefiting the Philippines)**

Come join this yoga class for all ages, and feel good not only about getting fit, but contributing to the Philippines relief effort. All profits raised will be donated to the recent typhoon victims through the JOCV Philippines OB/OG Group.

#### **Time & Place:**

12/1 (Sun) 1:30-2:30pm Tateyama Comm Center

12/15 (Sun) 1:30-2:30pm English Club Sabine

12/22 (Sun) 10-11am Tateyama Comm Center

12/23 (Mon) 10-11am Tomiura Biwa Club

**Cost:** 1000 yen

**Bring:** yoga mat, towel, drink, clothes that are easy to move in

\*\*mats available to borrow if reserved in advance

**Contact:** Ishii, 090-4928-3696

[info@ocao.biz](mailto:info@ocao.biz)

*December 1st - January 13th*

### **Megane Bridge Illumination**

Enjoy some holiday lights as you walk across the Nagao Bridge, which is more well known as the "Megane (glasses) Bridge" for its shape.

This 100+ year old stone bridge, which is a prefectural-designated tangible cultural asset, is normally a sight to behold on its own, so be sure to drop by during this time of the year when it lights up the night.



**Time (lighting ceremony, Dec 1st):** 6pm ~

**Time (light up):** 5pm - 11pm

**Where:** Nagao Megane Bridge, Minamiboso City, Shirahama-chou Takiguchi

**Fee:** free

\*\*the Megane Bridge Beautification Club will be collecting donations for funds to continue this event

**Contact:** Megane Bridge Beautification Club (MBC), 090-5763-4174

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*December 7th*

### **International Exchange Festival in AWA**

This event sponsored by several Awa cities, their education boards, and their international exchange associations aims to increase international exchange within the area. The highlights include a Japanese speech contest by foreigners living in Chiba prefecture, an information fair offered by the international exchange associations in the area, and a socializing event.

**Time:** 1pm~

**Cost:** free

**Where:** Nanso Bunka Hall, Small Hall, Tateyama City

**Contact:** International Exchange Festival Office (inside the Nanso Bunka Hall), 0470-22-1811

<http://www.nanso-bunka.jp/organize/detail.html?id=470>



*December 8th*

### **Awa Opera Group, "Evening Crane"**

Come watch this performance put on by both the children of the Awa Opera and Tsukuba Opera groups, along with professional opera soprano singer Hiroko Tanaka and tenor singer Makoto Tashiro. The Awa Opera Group aims to bring together lovers of classical and opera

music, while offering children a chance to experience real art and music.

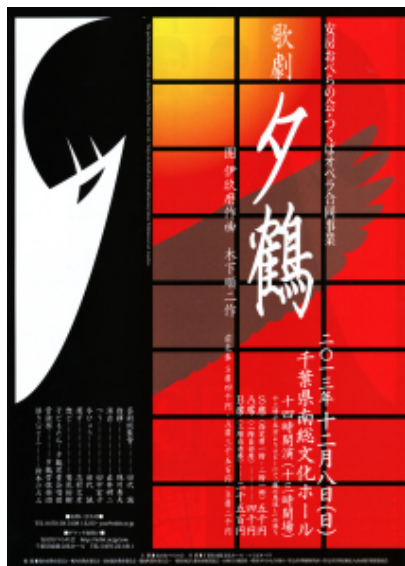
**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Cost:** S reserved seating 4000 yen (5000 yen day of), A unreserved seating 3500 yen (4000 yen day of), B unreserved seating 2000 yen (2500 yen day of)

**Where:** Nanso Bunka Hall, Large Hall, Tateyama City Hojo

**Contact:** Nanso Bunka Hall, 0470-22-1811

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*December 8th*

### **Mochi Pounding Event**

Bring your kids to pound some mochi using traditional wooden mortars and mallets, and then eat it! The freshly pounded mochi will be shaped and covered with *kinako* sweet soybean powder, filled with *anko* sweet red bean paste, or mixed with soy sauce and *daikon* radish.

**Time:** 10am - 12 pm

**Cost:** 50 yen

**Target:** elementary school aged children and their parents

**Where:** Tomiura Genki Club, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-chou

**Contact:** Tomiura Genki Club, 33-3411

<http://civil.mboso-etoko.jp/group/detail.asp?id=92>

*December 8th*

### **Hana Club Morning Market**

Held every 2nd Sunday from November till March, this month's morning market will feature holiday flowers like poinsettia and cyclamen for sale. In addition, freshly pounded mochi and "furumai-nabe (hot pot)" will be available to eat.

While you're there, be sure to participate in a dry flower arrangement class and take home one of the poppy pots that will be made available for attendees to take home.

**Time:** 10am - 2 pm

**Cost:** free, except for bamboo toy making classes (100 yen) and flower arrangement classes (1000~ yen)

**Where:** Roadside Station Ootsu no Sato, Hana Club, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-chou Ootsu

**Contact:** Roadside Station Ootsu no Sato, Hana Club, 33-4616

<http://www.hana-kurabu.jp>

*December 14th*

### **Watching Tomiura "Unknown Roads Series~from the Inukake old battle grounds to the Hana club~**

Discover new aspects of familiar places by walking along local paths with a guide. For December, they will be walking from the Inukake old battle grounds to the Hana club.

**Time:** 8:50am ~

**Where:** Tomiura Genki Club, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-chou

**Fee:** free

**Contact:** Tomiura Genki Club, 33-3411

*December 14th*

### **Sabine Christmas Open House**

This international party will feature live music, salsa dancing and fun games for everyone. The potluck dinner is on a casual drop-in basis, so swing by with some food to share and stay to enjoy the company.

**Time:** 7:30pm ~

**Where:** Griffin & Sabine, Tateyama City Hojo 700-2 Core Bldg. 2F

**Bring:** ladies, something to eat; gentlemen, something to drink

**Fee:** free

**Contact:** Griffin & Sabine, 0470-23-3394

<http://sabine.jp/english/>

*December 15th*

### **Outdoor meals club ~let's start cooking outdoors~**

In part 4 of this 5-part series, come learn how to cook outdoors, starting from the very basics

of starting a fire to mastering the cooking tools. This time, participants will learn how to use a dutch oven and cook macaroni casserole and pot-au-feu (French beef stew) --- yum! This class isn't just for children, so feel free to get a group of adult friends and join as well.

**Time:** 10am - 1:30pm

**Cost:** 1000 yen for participants under elem. school age and younger, 1500 yen for middle school age and older (3 yrs. old and younger are free)

**Participants cap.:** 50 people

**Where:** Taibusamisaki Youth Nature Home, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-Chou

**Contact:** Taibusamisaki Youth Nature Home, 0470-33-4561

<http://taibusajp>

*December 15th*

### Christmas Workshop by Herb Chikura

Make a christmas wreath or a no-bake christmas yule log cake using herbs grown by Herb Chikura. Both classes come with materials and complimentary herb tea, and you can of course take your creation home.

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Cost:** 1000 yen

**Registration:** deadline December 12th, by email to [2007yukai-blog@non-bay.net](mailto:2007yukai-blog@non-bay.net)

**Where:** Chikura Yukaido, Minamiboso City, Chikura-chou Kawaguchi 261-1

**Contact:** Chikura Yukaido, [2007yukai-blog@non-bay.net](mailto:2007yukai-blog@non-bay.net)

<http://chikuraherb.jugem.jp>

*December 23rd*

### Christmas Puppet Show

Bring your kids to watch this heartwarming show, put on again this year by the group *Kai no Hi*. There will even be presents for all attending children! No need to register in advance, just drop on by.

**Time:** 2pm ~

**Where:** Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club Atrium, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-chou

**Fee:** free

**Contact:** Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club, 0470-33-4611

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*December 23rd*

### Amici della Sirena

Feel the Christmas spirit through this concert of festive music. The afternoon concert will be filled with familiar music that children can sing along to, while the night concert will have piano performances and calming classical songs.

**Time:** afternoon concert

1pm doors, 1:30pm - 3pm performance; night concert 5:30pm doors, 6pm - 8pm music

**Fee:** afternoon concert 1500 yen for adults, 1000 yen for children (elementary school age and under); night concert 2000 yen

**Where:** Nanso Bunka Hall, Small Hall, Tateyama City Hojo

**Contact:** Yamaguchi Music Class, 090-4591-5236

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Have a great December and  
Happy Holidays!

