

Minamiboso Events Calendar

English Version, March 2014

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso

March 1st ~ 31st

Special spring hours at Kamogawa Sea World

To celebrate the renewal opening of their restaurant "OCEAN" and their new 3D/CG aquarium "Coral Life," Kamogawa Sea World will be open an extra hour during all weekends of March and spring vacation. The "Coral Life" aquarium is the first of its kind in Japan, where fish that you draw are projected into the coral reef aquarium using 3D and computer graphics technology. After enjoying all the sights, have a meal at their newly renovated restaurant that features an ocean themed atmosphere and new local dishes.



Where: Kamogawa Sea World, Kamogawa-city

When: all Saturdays, Sundays and from the 20th to 31st (spring vacation)

Time: 9:00am~6:00pm

Contact: Kamogawa Sea World, 0470-93-4803

<http://www.kamogawa-seaworld.jp>

March 1st ~ 31st

Minamiboso Flower-Food Trips: Coupon Campaign!

Enter for a chance to win a Minamiboso Vacation Coupon (15000 yen accommodations + 2000 yen food/shopping)! When you visit and use various participating facilities around Minamiboso City, you will be given an entry form, which you can fill out and submit at that facility. The more entry forms you gather, the

more chances to win! Winners will be contacted by the beginning of April.

Where: various accommodation, food and shopping facilities in Minamiboso City (see list: http://www.cm-boso.com/201401_shisetsu.html)

Contact: Minamiboso City Tourism Association, 0470-28-5307
<http://www.cm-boso.com>



March 1st ~ 30th

Special "Poppy & Strawberry Bus" for early spring

If you don't have a car but want an easy way to take advantage of all the flowers, fresh seafood and fruits Minamiboso has to offer in the spring, grab a ticket for this special spring bus tour. The all ticket fees include the poppy picking fee at Tateyama Family Park, Boshu sushi for lunch, and the strawberry picking fee at the Tateyama Strawberry Picking Center. There will also be a stop at the Roadside Station Miyoshi-mura Hina no Sato with time to shop for local gifts and food.

Where: start at Tateyama Station East Exit



When: all Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between the 1st and 30th
Time: 10:20am~3:30pm
Fee: (bus tour only) adults 5450yen, elem. child 5150yen, child 3 and under 2050yen; (bus tour + roundtrip train from Tokyo) adults 11000yen, elem. child 8400yen, child 3 and under 2050yen
Contact: Tateyama City Tourism Association, 0470-22-2000
<http://tateyamacity.com/poppystrawberry/>



March 1st ~ 2nd
24th Annual Minamiboso Flower March
 Participate in one of Minamiboso City's largest events, the Flower March. Choose from one of three courses, each with varied lengths, to walk with your friends and family as you enjoy the natural scenery. The event draws crowds from all over, and is also sister events with the Two Day March in Blankenberge, Belgium.

Main grounds: Minamiboso City Chikura Health Center (Chikura-chou Seto 2705-6)
Routes: March 1st, Shirahama Nojimizaki Lighthouse course, Uchiho countryside course; March 2nd, Maruyama/Wadaura coast course
Fee:
 Adults - 1500 yen for out of town/1000 for Awa residents
 High School - 800 yen for out of town/500 for Awa residents
How to register:
 Make a deposit to bank account #00180-7-472878 (Flower March Committee)
 OR
 pay in person at the Minamiboso City Hall Industry and Tourism Division or Asai Administrative Center
 OR
 register online and pay at a convenience center or with credit card
 **The official deadline for registration has

already passed. Registration will still be accepted, but your name will not be printed in the official booklet and there may not be enough pins.
Where: Minamiboso City
Contact: Minamiboso City Industry and Tourism Division, 0470-33-1092
<http://www.city.minamiboso.chiba.jp/0000005433.html>

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 29th
Resort Awa Train
 This special train that runs through the Boso has *zashiki*-style seating in the reserved cars, allowing passengers to sit on a tatami-mat floor while leisurely viewing all the beautiful sights as they pass by. During this period, a "Boso Treasures Bento" will be on sale at the platform of Chikura station, along with various other special foods and discounts available at the stations along the way.

Where: between JR Hamakanaya to JR Awa Kamogawa (one train per day in each direction)
Price: regular fare (+510 yen for reserved seating)
Contact: JR East Japan, 050-2016-1600



March 1st ~ 3rd
29th Clubs and Interest Group Festival
 Every year, the clubs and interest groups that meet at any of the community centers and learning facilities in Tateyama City get together and put on an exhibition to show off their activities from the year. Take advantage of this chance to see all the groups at once and pick one to join, or simply enjoy the arts that the local community members have worked so hard to perfect.
Time: (Saturday and Sunday) 10am ~ 5pm, (Monday) 10am ~ 12noon

Where: Tateyama City Community Center, Chiba Prefecture Nanso Cultural Hall (only Sunday)

Contact: Tateyama Board of Education, 0470-23-3111

<http://www.city.tateyama.chiba.jp/kouminkan/event100067.html>



**March 1st
Omato
Shinji
Archery**

See this annual tradition that started 1300 years ago to tell the fortune of

the harvest that year. Two local men are chosen to shoot 36 arrows each at a target placed 43m away. Before participating in the ceremony, the men also purify their bodies in the local river. Their arrows have been believed to foreshadow the success of the early, middle and late harvest in the area.

Where: Masuma Hie Shrine, Minamiboso City Masuma

Time: 1:00pm~

Contact: Roadside Station Miyoshi Mura Hina no Sato, 0470-36-4116

http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/co_kaniHP/news/open/disp_A.asp?id=639&uid=2736

March 2nd

Girl's Day Hometown Cooking Buffet

Come enjoy the arrival of early spring at Kusu-no-Ki, an old elementary school site renovated into a local inn that highlights the nature of the Wada-ura area. They will be preparing a buffet of local foods for everyone to share as we celebrate the thawing of snow and arrival of flowers.

Where: Kusu-no-Ki Cafeteria Hall
Minamiboso City, Wada-cho Kamimihara
1244-1

Time: 12:00pm~

Fee: 1500 yen for adults, 1000 yen for children

Registration: by Feb 27th (Thurs)

Contact: Kusu-no-Ki, 0470-47-5522

<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/kusunoki/>

March 2nd

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 feature a summer vegetable seedling workshop. Learn all about how to care for your vegetable seedling, or pay the Okamo farm to do it while you simply wait for harvest season to arrive!

Time: 9am - 3pm, or until items sell out (seedlings workshop) 1pm~

Fee: (workshop only) depends on if you take home your seedling or pay for care service

Where: Tateyama Pioneer Farm, Tateyama City Masaki 411

Contact: 090-2459-1094

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

March 15th

Izumi-style Spring Kyogen Performance

In part 62 of the Izumi Motoya Kyogen World series, famous Kyogen actor Izumi Motoya and his family will be performing traditional Kyogen, a comedy performance that dates back to the Muromachi period. There will be two stories, "Yasematsu" and "Honekawa" as well as a Kyogen dance.

Where: Roadside Station Rosemary Park, Shakespeare Country Park
Minamiboso City

Time: doors open 2:30pm, starts 3:00pm

Fee: 4000 yen reserved seating/
2500 yen unreserved seating

Contact: Rosemary Park Information, 0470-46-2882

<http://www.rosemary-park.jp>



March 15th

Train Station Hikes: Mt. Tomi and the Legend of Princess Fuse

Local Mt. Tomi serves as the setting for the beginning of the legend "Nanso Satomi Hakkenden," a story of Princess Fuse and the eight guardians she brought into the world. See Princess Fuse's hidden cave and the place

where the Hakken guardians made their last stand as you walk from Iwai Station to Roadside Station Furari. Free ama-zake drinks will be given out to participants at the end.

Where: Iwai Station, Minamiboso City
Time: 8:30am ~
Length: about 10km
Fee: free
Registration: by March 12th
Contact: JR East Japan, 03-5719-3777
<https://www.jreast.co.jp/hiking/index.aspx>

March 15th
NANSO FESTIVAL 2013 ~BRASS on Stage!~

Watch the Minamiboso City and Kyonan Town middle school brass band students come together to perform on stage as one orchestra. The Kashiwa High School brass band, which has made multiple appearances on the national competitive level, has also been invited to perform.



Where: Chiba Prefecture Nanso Cultural Hall, Tateyama City Hojo 740-1
Time: doors open at 1:30pm, performance starts at 2:00pm
Fee: free
Contact: Nanso Cultural Hall, 0470-22-1811
<http://www.nanso-bunka.jp/organize/detail.html?id=614>

March 15th ~ 16th
Make Outdoor Friends! ~seaside nature camping~

Come make new friends at this seaside camping experience. Daytime activities include trekking as you enjoy the nature of spring, while nighttime activities include watching the stars by a campfire. Don't worry about coming alone! The event is limited to 15 individuals age 20 to 40, making it easier to find someone you'll click with.

Where: stay at Taibu Misaki Nature Park (meet at Roadside Station Biwa Club)
Time: 8:40am on the 15th until 11:40 on the 16th
Fee: 10000 yen (includes your stay, meals, programs, equipment, insurance, etc.)
Registration: first come first serve, limited to 15 people
Contact: Taibu Misaki Youth Nature Home, 0470-33-4561
<http://taibusa.jp>

March 21st ~ 23rd
Rapeseed Flower & Port Festival

This is the biggest spring event for the Tomiura local area, highlighting both the beautiful yellow flower fields and plentiful oceans this side of the Boso peninsula has to offer. There will be fishing boat flags on display, as well as traditional performances and lots of food to eat!

Where: Tomiura Biwa Club, Minamiboso City
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Contact: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club, 0470-33-4611
<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/event/showsai.asp?mode=2&year=2014/3&pn=17&id=8706>

March 21st ~ 22nd
Minamiboso Long Trail Pt.4

The Minamiboso Long Trail in full is 65 km long, split into four parts for the sake of this program. The area stays relatively warm even in the winter, making it great for hikes all year round. This time, the overnight hike will involve 24km between JR Kokonoe Station and the southern tip of Chiba, Nojimazaki. One night's stay is included in the program.

Target: those of high school age and older
Time: gather at 9:30am and end at 2:30pm the next day
Where: meet at JR Kokonoe Station, Tateyama City
Fee: 12800 yen (includes guide fee, insurance, meals and your stay)

Registration: required, limited to first 30 participants

Contact: Taibusa Youth Nature Home,
0470-33-4561
<http://taibusa.jp>

March 22nd

Maruyama Spring Tourism Festival

Come out to this joint event between Rosemary Park and Dairy Village! In addition to traditional dancing and a rock-paper-scissors competition, there will be plenty of local vegetables on sale and milk to try.

*in the case of rain, the event will be postponed to March 23rd

Where: Roadside Station Rosemary Park and Dairy Village (Minamiboso City, Maruyama)

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Contact: Roadside Station Rosemary Park, 0470-46-2882; Chiba Prefecture Dairy Village, 0470-46-8181

http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/subsite/rosemary/event_p/detail.asp?id=8710

March 23rd

Shimajiro Concert “Adventures in the land of fairytales”

Bring your kids to this fun concert that features Shimajiro, a well known educational programming mascot.



Where: Chiba Prefecture Nanso Cultural Hall, Tateyama City Hojo 740-1

Time: (first performance) doors open 12pm, show starts 12:30pm; (second performance) doors open 3:00pm, show starts 3:30pm

Fee: 1900 yen per seat (children under 2 years of age who can sit on a parent's lap are free)

Contact: Nanso Cultural Hall, 0470-22-1811

<http://www.nanso-bunka.jp/organize/detail.html?id=614>

Have a great March and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

