

Minamiboso Events Calendar

English Version, May 2014

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso

April 21st - May 10th

Megane Bridge Koinobori Streamers

Enjoy watching these carp-shaped streamers soar over a 100+ year old stone bridge, which is a prefectural-designated tangible cultural asset. The carp, which swims up rivers and against the current, symbolizes strength and wishes for the healthy growth of children.

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), 0470-38-4745

http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/top/goodlife/dispatch_A.asp?id=13130&group=1



April 26th ~ May 6th

Tadara Northern Beach: camping grounds open

The beautiful northern beaches of Tadara will be open and available for camping during Golden Week. The nearby river is great for letting kids play or fishing. Parking is also available.

Where: Tadara Northern Beach camping grounds
(Minamiboso City, Tomiura-cho Tadara)

Fee: 500 yen per person per night (children under elementary school are free) OR 300 yen

for day-use. Parking is 500 yen per day per space.

Contact: Tomiura Tourism Information Center,
0470-33-3660



May 1st ~ May 31st

Sazae Turban Shell Gathering

Experience foraging the seashore for delicious turban top shell, a local specialty that can be eaten raw or grilled. Any amount that you can gather in an hour is yours, but just in case, you are guaranteed at least three!

*the session will be cancelled if there are less than 15 participants

When: Thursdays through Sundays

Time: 11:00am ~ 12:00pm

(except for the following dates: 4th, 1pm ~ 2pm; 18th, 12pm ~ 1pm; 28th, 10am ~ 11am)

Where: beach in front of Tomiura Elementary,
by Tomiura Fishing Port

Price: 3000 yen per person (guaranteed at least 3 sazae)

Contact: Tomiura Fisherman's Association,
0470-33-2511

May 3rd ~ May 6th

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

May 4th

Sunday marché

Every first Sunday of the month, the Minamiboso Organic group hosts a morning market featuring various food, plants and goods stands.

Time: 10:00am~4:00pm, or until items sell out
Where: Tateyama Pioneer Farm (Tateyama City Masaki 411)
Contact: 090-2459-1094
<http://vegitable1mb.wiki.fc2.com>

May 4th

Maruyama Golden Week Tourism Festival

A fun festival with activities and prizes for kids, as well as a traditional Japanese dance performance will be held at Rosemary Park, a roadside station with plenty of farmer's market items and a beautiful flower garden.

Time: 10:00am ~ 3:00pm
Where: Roadside Station Rosemary Park (Minamiboso City, Shirako 1501)
Contact: Roadside Station Rosemary Park, 0470-46-2882
<http://www.rosemary-park.jp>

May 6th, May 18th

Jibiki Ami (Hand-pulled Net) Fishing and Seafood BBQ

Pull up your own fresh seafood and have it right on the beach as part of a morning BBQ. The Jibiki Ami is a traditional method of fishing

that is great for groups as it allows everyone to work together.

Time: 7:40am start
Cost (room & board w/ BBQ): 9800 yen per adult (comes with abalone), 5800 yen per child
(no room & board, just BBQ): 2500 yen per adult, 1000 yen per child (over 3 yrs and up to elem. school)

※ we recommend bringing your own drinks and rice balls

Where: Tomiyama-chou, Iwai Beach
Contact: Minamiboso Tourism Association, Iwai Branch, 0470-57-2088

<http://iwaikaigan.com/jibikiami>



May 7th ~ June 25th

Biwa loquat picking

Biwa, or loquats, have been a local specialty years, known for their bigger size and sweet juicy taste. They are so good in fact, that they are sent as offerings to the imperial family every year. Pick your own fruit from the trees and enjoy this delicacy at its freshest

Time: 10:00am ~ 4:00pm
Fee: All you can eat for 30 min (group discount available)
 May 2600 yen/ June 2500 yen



Biwa picking (3 fruits)
 May 7th ~ 15th 1000yen
 May 18th ~ 31st 800 yen

Where: Biwa farms in the Tomiura Area
Contact: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club, 0470-33-4611
<http://www.biwakurabu.jp/index.html>

May 10th

Shirahama Stay Plan “Abalone Festival”

During this campaign, stay at any participating guesthouse in the Shirahama and enjoy free

wild abalone and grilled turban shell with your dinner! Both are fresh local specialties that will make your relaxing stay by the Shirahama beaches even better.

Fee: 9200 yen per night

Contact: Minamiboso Shirahama Guesthouse Association, 0470-38-2656

http://www.mcstudio.jp/minamiboso/#list_area



May 16th ~ June 22nd

Minamiboso Firefly Fantasia

Enjoy both “country hill fireflies” and “sea-fireflies” that are let loose in this large dome-shaped greenhouse. In addition, a light show will be projected onto the dome’s ceilings and walls.

When: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Time: 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Fee: 500 yen. Children under middle school age and those staying a Minamiboso hot springs facility are free.

Where: Shirahama Flower Park (Minamiboso City, Shirahama-cho Nemoto 1454-37)

Contact: Minamiboso City Hot Springs Association, 0470-28-5307

<http://flowerpark.awa.jp/event/hotaru/fantasia.html>

May 17th

Takabe Shrine Knife Ceremony

The Takabe Shrine is the only shrine dedicated to the god of cooking in all of Japan. As part of their great annual festival, the Knife Ceremony shows off the unique culinary technique of cutting fish with only a knife and specialized chopsticks --- no hands. Come learn about the culinary traditions of Japan.

Time:

11:30am ~

Where:

Chikura-chou, Minamiasai



Contact: Takabe Shrine, 0470-44-5625

<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/chikura/takaie/>

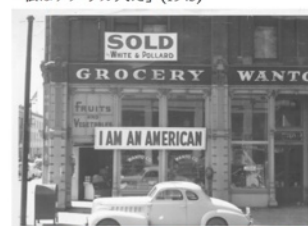
May 25th

Presentation and Exchange: On Japanese-American History

Come listen to this interesting presentation on Japanese-American history, given by a visiting San Francisco resident whose grandparents were interned during World War II. Follow the story of Japanese immigrants who became

Americans, were once treated as war criminals for simply their heritage, but then eventually claimed redress and an apology from the government. After the presentation will be a potluck and time for exchange.

「私はアメリカ人だ」(1943)



北カリフォルニア桜祭り (2014)

Where: Nanso Cultural Hall, large meeting room (Tateyama City Hojo 740-1)

Time: 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Registration: by May 22nd (Wed)

Contact: Minamiboso International Exchange Association, mboso.iea@gmail.com 0470-33-1001

<http://civil.mboso-etoko.jp/group/detail.asp?id=6>

Have a great May and Happy Mother’s Day!

