

Minamiboso Events

May 2015

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso!

Ongoing Events:

Through May 6

Strawberry Picking

Eat all the strawberries you can in 30 minutes.

Prices:

Age 3-5: ¥900 - ¥1,500

Age 6 and up: ¥1,100 - ¥1,700

*Prices vary by season. Please check the exact price on the website.

*Return customers may be limited to a certain number of visits.

*There may also be broccoli and vegetable picking depending on the season.

Where: Tateyama Kanko Ichigogari Center (Tourism and Strawberry Picking Centers) Tateyama City Ooto 16 (TEL: 0470-22-4717) Tateyama City Aburi 94 (TEL: 0470-23-1025)

Through May 10

Camping at Tadara Kitahama

The campsite in the Tadara District in Tomiura is open for camping during Golden Week. No reservation is necessary. Just show up and sign in.

If the site gets too crowded, we may have to turn campers away. Thank you for your understanding.

For inquiries, call the campsite manager at 090-2242-7937.

Through May 15

Pressed Flower Art Exhibition

Artwork by the Fushigi na Hana Club will be on display at the Rakuno no Sato Multipurpose Hall in Maruyama. Members of the club have been learning how to make artwork from pressed flowers at the Maruyama Community Center. These pieces use the natural beauty of

seasonal flowers to create all different kinds of pictures.

Entrance to the exhibit is free.

Hours: 9:30AM—4:30PM (closes at noon on the 15th)

Closed Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, the exhibit will closed on the following weekday.)

Contact: Chiba-ken Rakuno no Sato (Dairy Farm Village) TEL: 0470-46-8181

Through May 12

Carp Streamers at Rakuno no Sato

Come see the *koinobori* carp streamers on display at Rakuno no Sato. The streamers, which are hung every year to celebrate Children's Day on May 5th, look majestic blowing in the spring breeze with Rakuno no Sato's green hills as a backdrop.

The streamers have been donated by local residents and cover a wide range of sizes and colors. Feel free to come see them in person, or watch the live feed online at:

http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/camera/camera_p.asp?cno=4



Contact: Chibaken Rakuno no Sato (TEL: 0470-46-8181)

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New and Regular Events:

May 2-6

Resort Awa Train

The special Resort Awa Train, which runs for a short period each season, will be in service for Golden Week this year.

The train will make one round trip between Kimitsu Station and Awakamogawa Station. Onboard events include a special edition ticket stamp and a chance for kids to have their picture taken while wearing the station master's cap.

In addition, passengers who book a reserved seat or purchase a commemorative certificate can get special bonus items at each stop. Come and enjoy this out-of-the-ordinary train ride.

Price: regular fare (plus an additional ¥520 if you reserve a seat)

Reservations: Seats can be reserved up to one month in advance. Tickets can be purchased on the day of.

May 3

Chikura Harbor Morning Market

Buy fresh local seafood, produce, and marine products.

Because diving for shellfish is prohibited after April, this month's morning market will feature abalone and sazae (turban shell). Come enjoy this opportunity to eat freshly-caught barbecued shellfish.

Where: the Chikura Fishing Harbor (gyokou) area

Contact: Chikura Local Improvement Association Kizuna (TEL: 0470-44-1113)

May 4

Maruyama Sightseeing Fair

Fairs will be held at both Rosemary Park and Rakuno no Sato. There will be games and a flea market.

The flea market will be canceled in the event of rain.

For inquiries, call the Minamiboso Tourism Association at 0470-46-3055

May 6 and 17, June 7 and 21

Dragnet Fishing and Seafood Barbecue

Try the traditional technique of dragnet fishing in Iwai.

You must register with the Iwai Minshuku Association to participate.

Overnight Stay and Event: Adults - ¥9,800

Children (3 to school age) - ¥5,800

Event Only: Adults - ¥2,500

Children (3 to school age) - ¥1,000

*The May 6 date is exclusively for visitors who will be staying overnight on May 5.

To make a reservation: Call the Iwai Minshuku Association (TEL: 0470-57-2088)

May 7 to June 20

Biwa Picking

May and June are *boshu biwa* season. This is the only time of year you can enjoy this local delicacy fresh from the tree. Don't miss this opportunity to taste the big, juicy loquat fruit of Minamiboso. Make sure to call ahead and make a reservation.

-Tomiura Biwa Club - TEL: 0470-33-4611

<http://www.biwakurabu.jp/>

-Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama-
TEL: 0470-57-2601

<http://furari.awa.or.jp/>

*Picking season may vary depending on the growth of this season's biwa.

May 9, 23

Children's Shogi Dojo

Twice every month, the Shogi (Japanese chess) Club holds a "Children's Shogi Dojo" to teach this traditional game.

When: 1:00PM-3:30PM

Where: Tateyama City Community Center, Learning Room #1

What: Shogi Dojo: 1:30-3:30PM

Beginner Classroom: 1:00-2:00 PM

Instructors: Tateyama City Community Center Shogi Club members

How to Apply: Apply directly at the venue.

Who Can Apply: Elementary School students and up (including Adults)

Contact: Tateyama City Community Center, Event Promotion Section

Phone: 0470-23-3111 Fax: 0470-22-6560

E-mail: kouminkan@city.tateyama.chiba.jp

May 17

Takabe Shrine Spring Festival and Knife Ceremony

Takabe Shrine, known for its knife ceremony, is the only shrine in Japan dedicated to the gods of cooking. The Knife Ceremony is only held three times each year: in May, October and November. This tradition goes all the way back to the Heian Period.

Experience the essence of the Japanese culinary tradition by seeing this ancient ritual.

Where: Takabe Shrine, Chikura

Contact: Takabe Shrine Office

(TEL: 0470-44-5625)



May 29 — June 21

Minamiboso Firefly Fantasia

Enjoy the glow of fireflies and *umihotaru* sea fireflies.

When: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from May 29 to June 21

Where: Shirahama Flower Park Greenhouse

Price: Middle School to Adult- ¥500

Younger children may enter for free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry is free for guests staying at the Minamiboso Onsenkyo Yushuku.

Contact: Minamiboso Hotspring Association
(TEL: 0470-28-5307)