



# Iwaki-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Volunteers wanted for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics/Paralympics

Although there are still two years to go until Japan once again hosts the Olympics, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has begun recruiting volunteers for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

As Tokyo is expecting a massive influx of visitors from overseas during the games, it is hoped that a large number of volunteers will be able to help guide the guests and promote Japan's "Omotenashi" culture of hospitality.

#### Conditions:

- Be able to speak and communicate in basic Japanese
- Be residing in Japan during the Olympics/Paralympics
- Be 18 years or older by 1 April 2020
- Be available to volunteer for 5 or more of the days during the Volunteering Period (does not have to be consecutive days)

Number of volunteers: Up to 20,000 people

#### Volunteering period:

(Olympics) 24 Jul – 9 Aug 2020  
(Paralympics) 25 Aug – 6 Sep 2020

Application period: Mid-Sep – Late-Dec 2018

#### Inquiries:

Tokyo 2020 Games City  
Volunteer Recruitment Office  
TEL: 0570-05-2020  
\*9am-6pm weekdays only



#### Website:

<http://www.city-volunteer.metro.tokyo.jp/en/about/tokyo2020/requirement/index.html>

### Applications now open for the 10<sup>th</sup> Iwaki Sunshine Marathon

**Date:** Sunday 10 February 2019  
(Full marathon starts at 9am)



#### Categories and entry fees

Full marathon	¥7500
10km	¥1500-¥3500
5km	¥1000-¥3500
2km (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> year primary)	¥1000
2km parent-child	¥3000

**Official website:** <http://www.iwaki-marathon.jp>

You can also access an English version of the online entry form by clicking on the "Runnet Japan" link at the bottom of the webpage.

Application forms can be obtained online via the Iwaki Sunshine Marathon website or from Iwaki City Hall, Iwaki City Branch Offices and Citizens Service Centres. Money transfer forms can be submitted over the counter at your local post office.

**Application period:** 3 Sep (Mon) to 12 Oct (Fri).

\*Applications via money transfer close on 28 Sep (Fri).

### Applications now open for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test



**Test Date:** 2 Dec 2018 (Sun)  
The test room opens from 12:00pm and the test starts at 12:30pm

**Fee:** ¥5,500  
**Website:** <http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/#>  
**Application period:** Until 5pm on 26 Sep (Wed)

If applying by mail, application forms can be purchased from the Yamani Bookstore near Iwaki Station. Forms must be postmarked by 26 Sep.

#### Emergency Contact Numbers



#### \*How to check hospital information on Iwaki City's website:

Go to Foreign Languages and select English > Living & Area > In times of emergency > Sudden illness > Doctors on duty (daytime on Sundays and public holidays).

#### After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre (For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)

**General Health and Welfare Centre**  
Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.  
Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).  
Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.  
Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.  
TEL: 27-1208

Please make sure whenever possible to bring a Japanese-speaker with you when visiting the hospital in Iwaki.

#### Emergency Dental Care

**General Health and Welfare Centre**  
Sundays and Public Holidays: 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.  
Reception closes at 3:30pm.  
TEL: 27-8620.

#### Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultations

Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (Japanese language only)  
7pm to 8am (next day)  
TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000

### Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

**Yorisoi Hotline: Multilingual**  
Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.  
TEL: 0120-279-226.

**TELL Lifeline: English**  
365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.  
TEL: 03-5774-0992.

Web: <http://www.telljp.com>  
E-mail: [admin@telljp.com](mailto:admin@telljp.com)

**Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): Japanese**  
10am-6pm daily.  
TEL: 0246-25-9344.



#### Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations on Wednesdays (excluding first Wednesday of month). Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.

For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

#### Iwaki International Association (IIA)

Official Website: <http://www.ia-fukushima.or.jp>  
TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: [info@ia-fukushima.or.jp](mailto:info@ia-fukushima.or.jp)  
(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

**The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.**



# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Akaidake Yakushi Temple Summer Festival	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep; From 3pm on the 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug, From noon on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep Akaidake Yakushi Temple, Taira	Also known as a “fire festival”, this festival consists of a homa-style ritual. Matcha green tea will be served on the first day of the festival with lanterns lit up along the temple path in the evening. On the second day, the monks will perform with conch shell trumpets.	Akaidake Yakushi Temple TEL: 0246-36-2161
Hula Town Onstage	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep; 5pm-8:30pm, Main performance from 8:15pm Tsuru Footbaths, Yumoto, Joban	Held once every month between May and September, this festival combines Iwaki’s unique culture of the Yumoto Hot Springs and hula. The main feature of this event is a hula-style dance performance by the landladies of Yumoto’s ryokan inns.	Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-43-2111
Bosasara Traditional Dance	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep; From 1:30pm Terrace on west side of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	The lion dance and bosasara (dance involving staffs) are traditional dances in order to pray for a good harvest.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Fukushima Sand Story Iwaki Plage 2018	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep Iwaki Station, Taira	Iwaki Station will turn into a beach with sand sculptures and other sand art. You can also enjoy a hands-on workshop with singing sand, a type of dry sand which makes sounds when blown away or walked on.	Iwaki Singing Sand Preservation Society Email: <a href="mailto:9xtzvi@bma.biglobe.ne.jp">9xtzvi@bma.biglobe.ne.jp</a>
Watatsumi Shrine Festival	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep; From 10am Watatsumi Shrine and Kamimisaka Community Hall, Miwa	Held annually on the second weekend of September, members of the Kamimisaka community carry omikoshi down the street and conduct a food offering ritual to their local deity.	Head of Kamimisaka Neighbourhood Association TEL: 0246-85-2647
Yabusame (Mounted Archery)	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep; From 2pm on the 8 <sup>th</sup> , From 10am on the 9 <sup>th</sup> Iino-Hachiman Shrine, Taira	A traditional event involving mounted archers galloping down the street and firing at targets. Other events are included during the yabusame as well as during the shrine’s annual festival on 15th September.	Iino-Hachiman Shrine Email: <a href="mailto:hatiman@noteplan.net">hatiman@noteplan.net</a>
One Box of Old Books Flea Market	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 11am-4pm 3-Chome shopping district, Taira	Held alongside the 3-Chome Jamboree, this is a flea market where people can hold a mini book stall and sell as many books that they can fit in one cardboard box. You can sell one box of your old books/magazines/CDs by applying via the event sponsor’s website (¥500 stall fee required for book sellers).	Iwaki One Box of Old Books Executive Committee Email: <a href="mailto:hitohako iwaki@gmail.com">hitohako iwaki@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://hitohako iwaki.wixsite.com/hitohako iwaki/form">https://hitohako iwaki.wixsite.com/hitohako iwaki/form</a>
Kashima Shrine Festival	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep; About 2pm-4pm Kashima Shrine, Koya, Uchigo	This festival has a history of over 600 years where you can see a lion dance performed by local children wearing some of the oldest lion costumes in Tohoku as well as a rare martial arts ceremony involving staffs.	Mr. Takahagi TEL: 090-3759-7394
Kamen Rider Z-O Show	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep; From 11am and 3pm Marine Court (2F), Aeon Mall Iwaki Onahama	Large crowds are expected for this free show, so it is advised that you arrive at the Marine Entrance up to one hour before the event for priority seating.	<a href="http://iwakionahama-aeonmall.com/news/event/53">http://iwakionahama-aeonmall.com/news/event/53</a>
Beer Expo Iwaki '18	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> – Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep; 4pm-10pm on the 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2pm-10pm on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Iwakitaira Castle Ruins, Taira	At Iwaki’s annual craft beer festival you can enjoy local and imported craft beers from dozens of brewers. Live stage performances and food stalls will also feature in the festival. Pre-ordered entry tickets are ¥1000 and ¥1200 on the day.	Beer Expo Iwaki Executive Committee TEL: 0246-24-8622 Email: <a href="mailto:beerexpo.iwaki@gmail.com">beerexpo.iwaki@gmail.com</a>
La La Mew Yosakoi Dance Festival	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep; 10:30am-4:30pm South side and west side plazas of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Over 300 dancers will gather on the shores of Onahama and perform various yosakoi dances and giant flag waving performances.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
261 Garage Sale	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 10am-4pm Yumoto Onsen Shrine, Joban	Anyone can open a booth for free and sell their unwanted goods at this event. Please contact the event sponsor by 17 <sup>th</sup> September if you would like to hold a booth.	Yumoto Flea Market Promotion Committee Email: <a href="mailto:yumotodeflema@gmail.com">yumotodeflema@gmail.com</a>
Iwaki Kite Flying Competition	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep Yotsukura Beach	This event is a great chance to see all kinds of traditional Japanese kites flying in the sky. A kite making workshop will also be held at the venue from 9am-10am.	Yotsukura Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-32-2111
Cycling Event in Iwaki 2018	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 10am-3pm 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Forest Park, Joban	Enjoy a day of cycling events with all types of bicycles. There are food and drink stalls, footbath and cycling-related events for both participants and spectators. Participation fee for the general category race and city bicycle endurance race is ¥3000. You can enter the city bicycle race as an individual or as a team of up to 5 members. Entries close on 14th September. Other cycling events are also available to try on the day for free.	Sports Promotion Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-7553

\*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.

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