



# Iwa-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Hands-on and Educational Activities for 2018

There are multiple facilities in Iwaki where you can experience nature or learn about local traditions and culture. Here are some of the activities on offer at each facility for 2018. Note that some activities require applications in advance. Also note that some activities may require a participation fee in addition to an admission fee.

#### Tono Auto Camping Grounds

Date	Activity	Applications
19 May (Sat)	Akebi vine crafts	Now Open
10 Jun (Sun)	Woodcrafts	Now Open
24 Jun (Sun)	Straw crafts	Now Open
22 Jul (Sun)	Making aeroplanes	Now Open
29 Jul (Sun)	Fishing with your hands	Now Open
9 Sep (Sun)	Handmade soba	Open from 1 Jun (Fri)
21 Oct (Sun)	Handmade udon	Open from 1 Jul (Sun)
25 Nov (Sun)	Making wisteria baskets	Open from 1 Sep (Sat)

#### Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing

Date	Activity	Applications
5 May (Sat)	Kendama class	Now Open
12 May (Sat)	Folktales storytelling 1	Not required
2 Jun (Sat)	Harmonica concert 1	Not required
9 Jun (Sat)	Folktales storytelling 2	Not required
24 Jun (Sun)	Make a carry case with wild grapevine	Open from 2 May (Wed)
1 Jul (Sun)	Making insect baskets with straw	Open from 1 Jun (Fri)
4 Jul (Wed)	Make a beer mug and lantern with bamboo	Open from 1 Jun (Fri)
4 Aug (Sat)	Folktales storytelling 3	Not required
5 Aug (Sun)	Tanabata concert	Not required
8 Sep (Sat)	Folktales storytelling 4	Not required
30 Sep (Sun)	Harvest moon flute concert	Not required

**Ammonite Centre:** Fossil digging activities every weekend from July and Monday 13 August.

**Archaeological Centre:** Various activities such as magatama bead making and terracotta doll making held regularly including during Golden Week (inquire with the facility for when activities are held).

#### Inquiries

Tono Auto Camping Grounds

TEL: 74-1031

Iwaki City Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing

TEL: 29-2230

Iwaki City Ammonite Centre

TEL: 82-4561

Iwaki City Archaeological Centre

TEL: 43-0391

#### Counselling Service for Foreigners

##### **Yorisoi Hotline (Helpline for Foreigners):**

Consultation service available in Japanese, English, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai. Available languages vary depending on time. Are you having a problem with your visa, nationality, family, work, everyday living, discrimination, domestic violence, confinement or human trafficking? Please call us about any problem you may have. Your privacy will be protected. Free.

TEL: 0120-279-226. Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

**TELL Lifeline:** TELL is a professional non-profit organisation that provides counselling to English-speaking foreigners all over Japan. The lifeline is staffed by highly trained volunteer phone counsellors and provides free, non-judgemental and confidential phone counselling and information 365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.  
TEL: 03-5774-0992.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.telljp.com> or e-mail them at [admin@telljp.com](mailto:admin@telljp.com).

##### **Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station):**

For consultations related to women's safety. Free. Can only speak Japanese. 10am-6pm daily.  
TEL: 0246-25-9344.

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<http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/>

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Official Website:

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Email: [info@iaa-fukushima.or.jp](mailto:info@iaa-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.

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# Iwaki Festivals and Events



Your guide to what's happening around Iwaki City this month

Event	Time & Date	Venue	Details	Inquiries
Wonder Farm GW Event 2018	Fri 27 Apr - Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wonder Farm, Yotsukura	Wonder Farm is celebrating Golden Week with many events over the week including outdoor performances, flea markets, tomato picking, a photo contest and hot air balloon rides. Even more surprise events planned during the week.	Wonder Farm TEL: 0246-38-8851 Email: <a href="mailto:info@wonder-farm.co.jp">info@wonder-farm.co.jp</a> Website: <a href="http://www.wonder-farm.co.jp/">http://www.wonder-farm.co.jp/</a>
Ukulele Super Live 2018	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr From 1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor passenger terminal, Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Website: <a href="http://www.lalamew.jp/event/">http://www.lalamew.jp/event/</a>	
Iwaki Yumoto Onsen Satsuki Festival	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> May From 6pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2pm-4pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yumoto Onsen Shrine, Yumoto Station and various other places in Yumoto, Joban	The main festival is held on the third with a small ceremony held on the night before. At the main festival, there will be several omikoshi (portable shrines) carried through the hot spring town.	Yumoto Onsen Satsuki Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-42-4322
Onahama Suwa Shrine Festival	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> May From 7pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Starts at Iwaki La La Mew at 10:30am (approx.) on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Onahama Suwa Shrine and Parking Area of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	This festival involves several types of omikoshi including a giant 2 tonne omikoshi and a children's omikoshi which you can also see at La La Mew in Onahama Port.	Onahama Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-92-2656 Website: <a href="http://www.lalamew.jp/event/">http://www.lalamew.jp/event/</a>
Kashima Shrine Spring Festival	Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May 8am-4:20pm on the 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kashima Shrine, Onahama	This annual omikoshi festival also features a giant 2 tonne taiko drum 2.7m in diameter.	Kashima Shrine TEL: 0246-53-2592
Horuru Golden Week Events	Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May 10am-5pm (until 4pm on the 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum, Joban	There will be a variety of activities at Horuru during Golden Week including an Iwaki Handcraft Exhibition and activities to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary since Futabasaurus Suzukii was discovered in Iwaki.	Iwaki Tourism and City Planning Bureau TEL: 0246-44-6545
Okunitama Shrine Festival	Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May From 3pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7am-7pm on the 4 <sup>th</sup>	Okunitama Shrine, Taira	Features traditional Yamato and Chigo dances on the first day followed by a carrying of an omikoshi around the town on the second day.	Okunitama shrine TEL: 0246-34-0092
Ena Suwa Shrine Festival	Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May From 7pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> From 8:30am on the 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ena Suwa Shrine, Onahama	Ena Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-55-7468	
Yotsukura Suwa Shrine Festival	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May From 9am-4pm	Yotsukura Suwa Shrine and various other places in Yotsukura	Yotsukura Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-32-2485	
Hisanohama Joint Shrine Festival	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10:30am-2pm	Hisanohama Suwa Shrine, Hisanohama	Four of the local shrines in the Hisanohama district will carry their omikoshi round town in this combined festival. The festival will pray for marine safety, big catches of fish and a good harvest.	Hisanohama Joint Shrine Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-82-2456
Ninja Dojo	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> May 10:30am-12pm and 1:30pm-3pm	Iwaki-Taira Castle Ruins, Taira	Have fun learning various ninjutsu such as shuriken throwing, rope and log crossing and how to hide using an umbrella. Whilst the event is designed for children, adults are welcome to participate too. The fee to participate is ¥800. Apply for one of the morning or afternoon sessions by 1 May.	Taira Town Development TEL: 0246-21-7777 Email: <a href="mailto:tairamachidukuri_1@yahoo.co.jp">tairamachidukuri_1@yahoo.co.jp</a>
Hula and Tahitian Dance Show	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May From 11:30am and again from 1:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor passenger terminal, Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Website: <a href="http://www.lalamew.jp/event/">http://www.lalamew.jp/event/</a>	
Izumi Suwa Shrine Festival	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May From 11am	Izumi Suwa Shrine and Izumi Station, Onahama	Omikoshi praying for a good harvest and peace will be carried along a 5.2km course around Izumi with a procession of tengu and wadaiko performers.	Izumi Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-56-6450
Yosakoi Festival	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May From 11:30am and again from 2pm	South side plaza of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Website: <a href="http://www.lalamew.jp/event/">http://www.lalamew.jp/event/</a>	
Iwaki Cultural Spring Festival	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> May From 10am	Main Hall and other locations inside and outside of Alios, Taira	This annual festival features performing arts, exhibitions, food stalls and an outdoor stage all in the promotion of Iwaki's food and culture. Entry is free.	Alios Ticket Centre TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays)

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



# Iwaki Hospital Guide

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The following is a guide to hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays in Iwaki City during May and early June

## May Guide

### Thursday 3 May

Onahama Area	Ishii Neurosurgery & Ophthalmology Hospital	9-5	58-3121
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Nakoso Area	Mori Children's Clinic	9-5	38-7227
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

### Friday 4 May

Taira Area	New Town Internal & Nephrology Clinic	9-12	46-0606
Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Clinic	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Nakoso Area	Yano Internal & Gastroenterology	9-5	62-3262
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

### Saturday 5 May

Taira Area	Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	8:30-11:30	25-5691
Onahama Area	Onahama Seikyo Hospital	9-5	53-4374
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Nakoso Area	Clinic Tabata	9-5	63-1476
Joban Area	Hatano Ophthalmology	9-5	42-2040
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

### Sunday 6 May

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Nakoso Area	Hanada Internal Clinic	9-5	62-5000
Joban Area	Kamome Clinic	9-5	28-1010
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

### Sunday 13 May

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Yamaguchi Orthopaedic Surgery	9-5	29-7000
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Joban Area	Muramatsu Paediatrics	9-12	72-0707

### Sunday 20 May

Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Muraoka Obstetrics & Gynaecology Doctor's Office	9-5	92-4578
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Seki Orthopaedic Surgery Clinic	9-5	84-9905
Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Nakoso Area	Ohara Children's Clinic	9-12	63-0001

### Sunday 27 May

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Tomioka Clinic	9-5	85-5770
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Soeda Doctor's Office	9-5	68-6155
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Watanabe Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	25-1170

## June Guide

### Sunday 3 June

Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Nakayama Doctor's Office	9-5	55-8141
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Children's Clinic Suzuki	9-12	56-6336

### Sunday 10 June

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Fukuda Paediatrician's Office	9-12	22-4272

## Emergencies

### Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre (Sogo Hoken Fukushima Senta)** in Uchigo.

This centre is open on Sundays and all national holidays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. The reception closes at 3:30pm.

For more information please contact the centre on 27-8620.

### After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre

(For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)  
(Located in the **General Health and Welfare Centre**)

If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening or on a weekend or public holiday, the **After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre** is open at the following times:

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

5 May (Sat): 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 7am (next day)

TEL: 27-1208

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

### Emergency Contact Numbers

Police: 110

Fire & Ambulance: 119

### Children Emergency, First-Aid

#### Telephone Consultations

The Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (*Fukushima-ken Kodomo Kyukyu Denwa Sodan*) is a free telephone service that provides professional advice when your child has become sick during the night. This telephone service is available in Japanese only.

TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000

From 7pm to 8am (next day).

*\*Other hospitals and clinics apart from the above may be open on Sundays and public holidays. Inquire with your regular doctor or visit Iwaki City's website to confirm which other medical facilities are open.*

*\*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).*

# Event Calendar for May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 	3 Constitution Memorial Day	4 Greenery Day	5 Children's Day
				~Golden Week~		
6	7	8 	9 	10	11	12
13 Kimono Wearing Lecture	14	15 	16 IIA Japanese Course 1 (Beginners Level 1 & 2) 	17 IIA Japanese Course 1 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication)	18 8 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting 	19
20	21	22 	23 IIA Japanese Course 2 (Beginners Level 1 & 2) 	24 IIA Japanese Course 2 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication) 	25	26
27	28	29 	30 IIA Japanese Course 3 (Beginners Level 1 & 2)	31 IIA Japanese Course 3 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication) 		

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Sun)  
**Time:** 2pm (entry from 1:30pm)  
**Venue:** Small Theatre, Alios  
**Entrance Fee:** Free  
**Inquiries:** Yasuda (TEL: 090-7560-8586)

## IIA Custom Made Plans



Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135



Lac lăm Thai - Inquiries to Aizawa-san 090-6629-7225



Interpreters in the Making – Inquiries to Nishiyama-san 090-7197-1913



Cape Town – Inquiries to Kashiwabara-san 090-9320-5177



Parang-Sae – Inquiries to Takagi-san 090-2364-4970

*#Please confirm the event date with the relevant representative if you're participating for the first time*



## Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations. Scheduled days are as listed on the calendar; however these are subject to change. 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.

## Other Legal Support for Foreign Residents

**Japan Legal Support Centre (Houterasu)**

Futaba Sub-branch Office (Iwaki within this jurisdiction) – 050-3381-3805

Fukushima District Office – 050-3383-5540

Fukushima Bar Association Iwaki Branch Office – 0246-22-1320