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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Trial Run of Electric-Powered Transport in Onahama

Once again, a trial run of electric-powered transport known as Green Slow Mobility will be operating around the Onahama Port area. This time the low-speed transport will provide an expanded service, with a loop shuttle service stopping at 8 stops around the Aquamarine Park and AEON Mall area on weekends and public holidays and an on-demand service that can pick you up and drop you off at any of 20 different locations on weekdays.

Trial Period: 26 November – 8 March

Bus Times: 10:10am-3:55pm (weekends / public holidays); 10am-12pm & 1pm-4pm (weekdays)

Stops: Aquamarine Park, Aquamarine Fukushima, Iwaki La La Mew, AEON Mall Iwaki-Onahama, and several other stops around the Onahama town centre.

Fee: ¥100

Capacity: Up to 9 passengers per ride

On-Demand Service (weekdays only):

You can make a reservation for the Green Slow Mobility up to 3 operating days in advance or right before you want to ride. To reserve the transport, access the reservation site via the following link (<https://bit.ly/iwakigs>) or the QR Code below and input the where you want to get on/off as well as your phone number. You will then receive an SMS reply with a password which you can then use to check your reservation number and other details.



**You don't need to make a reservation to use the transport on weekends / public holidays*

Special Offers Available for Green Slow Mobility Riders

You can receive special offers or discounts at certain Onahama stores when you show the ticket for riding the Green Slow Mobility (check the reservation site for list of stores).

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Everyone Plays a Leading Role" Arts & Cultural Exchange Activities

Social Design Works regularly holds cultural exchange events, where anyone regardless of age, gender, nationality or ability can join in and play a leading role in various activities whilst making new friends along the way.

For this month's event, you can try pounding mochi rice cake using a traditional mortar and pestle.

Time & Date: 11:00am-1:30pm, Saturday 7 December
(Please arrive at venue by 10:50am)

Venue: Shoko Kanzawa Art Museum

Fee: Free

For those without private transport, a bus service is available to the venue from Iwaki City Hall (departs at 10am) and Yumoto Station (departs at 10:20am). The bus will depart from the venue at 1:30pm and return passengers to Yumoto Station and Iwaki City Hall.

Applications: To apply, please email or fax the application form and include your address, name, age, contact details, number of accompanying participants and whether or not you will use the bus service on the day.
Please apply by Monday 2 December.

#Please note that there is only a limited number of people who can participate.

Applications/Inquiries:

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Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Aquamarine Christmas	Sat 23 rd Nov – Wed 25 th Dec; Opening hours will be extended to 8pm from 21 st -22 nd December Aquamarine Fukushima, Onahama	Aquamarine Fukushima will be holding a variety of activities and events for both children and adults to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas. There will be ocean-inspired illumination displays and a 5.5m Christmas tree near the entrance. The evenings of 21 st -22 nd December will feature a Christmas candle lighting ceremony.	Aquamarine Fukushima Email: amf@aquamarine.or.jp Website: http://www.aquamarine.or.jp/english/index.html
Soba Festival	Sun 1 st Dec; 9:30am-2pm Shinmaiko Heights, Taira	You can enjoy freshly harvested soba from ¥500-¥800.	Shinmaiko Heights TEL: 0246-39-3801
Fukushima Fish Festival in Iwaki	Sun 1 st Dec; 10am-3pm Onahama Fish Markets	This event aims to help promote Fukushima's marine industry with marine product stalls and workshops. Free fried green eye fish is available for the first 1000 customers. You can also try original fish products made by the students of Iwaki Kaisei High School (free for the first 200 customers).	Fisheries Division of Fukushima Prefectural Government TEL: 024-521-7378
Terracotta Doll Making Workshop	Sun 8 th Dec; 9:30am-3:30pm Iwaki City Archaeological Centre, Joban	Try making a terracotta rat to celebrate the upcoming year of the rat. Participation fee is ¥500 and limited to 20 people per morning and afternoon sessions. Application required in advance.	Iwaki City Archaeological Centre TEL: 0246-43-0391
Yotsukura Xmas Illuminations	Sat 30 th Nov – Sun 8 th Dec; 5pm-8pm (Light-up ceremony on the 30 th from 4pm at Wonder Farm) Wonder Farm and Roadside Station Yotsukura Port, Yotsukura; Hamakaze Kirara, Hisanohama	For this annual Christmas festival, three venues will be decorated with different themed illuminations. Wonder Farm will also hold an illumination dinner buffet and night-time tomato picking until 8 th December. Meanwhile, Roadside Station Yotsukura Port will also hold live concerts, ornament-making workshops and kitchen car food booths on weekends during the event period. On the 7 th , a free shuttle bus will depart Yumoto Station for Wonder Farm at 4pm and 5:20pm (the last shuttle returning to Yumoto Station leaves at 7:40pm).	Yotsukura Area Tourism Branding Association TEL: 0246-32-8075
Historical Walking Tour around Joban Coalfields	Sat 14 th Dec; 9:30am (Registration from 9am) Starts and finishes at Yumoto Station	Enjoy a walking tour which covers some of the preserved as historical sites of the Joban Coalfields including tunnels, shafts and railroads. Application required to take part in this tour.	Hiking from the Station TEL: 03-5719-3777
Iwaki Cherry Blossom Illumination Festival	Sat 14 th Dec – Mon 13 th Jan; 5pm-11pm (Light-up ceremony on the 14 th from 4pm-5pm); Main street in front of Iwaki Station, Taira	The trees lining the street of Taira's city centre will be lit up and appear like blooming cherry blossoms throughout December and early January.	Junior Chamber International Iwaki TEL: 0246-24-0780
Iwaki Laiki Live Kitchen	Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th Dec; 6pm-9pm on the 14 th , 10:30am-12pm Resort and Dining Cascade, Taira on the 14 th , SC Takasaka Maruto, Uchigo on the 15 th	Take part in an onigiri making workshop with the owner of an onigiri restaurant that featured in the Michelin Guide Tokyo 2019. Participation fee is ¥6000 for the 14 th and ¥1000 on the 15 th (the 14 th includes a gift of 2x2kg bags of Iwaki Laiki Rice). Application is required in advance.	Agricultural Development Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-1147 iwakilaiki@gmail.com
Sunrise Big Band Concert	Sat 21 st Dec; From 1pm Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Iwaki La la Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701	
Mochi Pounding	Sun 22 nd Dec; From 10am Seiko-kan, Nakanosaku, Onahama	Try pounding mochi rice cakes using a traditional mortar and pestle and then enjoy freshly made mochi. The event is free and there is no need to apply to participate.	Nakanosaku Project TEL: 0246-55-8177
Sacred Rope Making Workshop	Sat 28 th Dec; From 10am Seiko-kan, Nakanosaku, Onahama	Try making a special type of sacred rope called a <i>shimenawa</i> as a New Year ornament. Application and ¥1000 participation fee required. Please bring your own scissors for the workshop.	Nakanosaku Project TEL: 0246-55-8177

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