



### Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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#### Samoan Rugby Team to arrive in Iwaki for training camps this Month!

The 2019 Rugby World Cup will finally kick off this month. In the lead up to the games, the Samoan National Rugby Team, also known as "Manu Samoa", will come to Iwaki to take part in pre-tournament training camps over a six-day period of 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September. This is part of the Host Town agreement signed between Iwaki and Samoa to help promote sports, cultural exchange and regional revitalisation.



Manu Samoa will be training at Iwaki Green Field and Iwaki FC Park as well as take part in several exchanges with locals. If you would like to meet the players and watch the team training, the following training session will be open to the public for one hour.

#### Manu Samoa Training Session Open to the Public

**Date:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 11am-12pm

**Venue:** Iwaki Green Field (inside 21<sup>st</sup> Century Forest Park)

\*After the training session, there will also be a group photo with Iwaki residents and an opportunity to shake hands with the players

As part of Iwaki's support of Samoa after the training camps, a **live screening of the Japan vs. Samoa Rugby match** will also be displayed inside AEON Mall Iwaki-Onahama on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October from 6:30pm. The public screening will feature guest commentary from a former Japanese National Rugby Team player.

If you are lucky to spot some of the players around town during their time in Iwaki, remember to say "Talofa" and "Go Manu Samoa!"

#### Inquiries

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#### Iwaki-Kauai Ohana Hula Festival 2019

To celebrate Iwaki's friendship with Kauai, a Hawaiian-themed festival will be held in Alios and Spa Resort Hawaiians over three days. In addition to stage performances, a Hawaiian Street will be set up in the park outside Alios where you can enjoy Hawaiian-style food or purchase Hawaiian goods. A guest *kumu* or teacher for hula dancing will also visit Iwaki and provide Hula Dancing Workshops.

Free Shuttle buses will run between Yumoto Station, Horuru and Alios on both the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September Event Schedule

#### (Festival Eve) Mele Hula Party

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm (27<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Lapita, Spa Resort Hawaiians

#### Opening Ceremony Hula Girls Show

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Main Hall, Alios

#### Iwaki Hoike Stage

**Time:** 11:00am - 1:30pm & 2:00pm - 6:00pm (28<sup>th</sup>), 10:00am - 1:30pm & 2:00pm - 6:00pm (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Main Hall, Alios

#### Hula Town Onstage in Yumoto

**Time:** 4:00pm - 7:00pm (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Area around Yumoto Station

#### Hawaiian Street

**Time:** 10:00am - 5:00pm (28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Park in front of Alios

#### Halau Guest Workshop

**Time:** 3:00pm - 4:30pm (27<sup>th</sup>), 11:00am - 12:30am & 3:00pm - 4:30pm (28<sup>th</sup>), 10:30am - 12:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:00pm (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Venue:** Alios

\*Halau Guest Performance will also be held at 1:30pm - 2:00pm on both the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the same venue

#### Inquiries

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# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Akaidake Yakushi Temple Summer Festival	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep; From 6pm 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. A Jangara performance will be held 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
Igoku Festival 2019	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep; 3pm-8:30pm on the 31 <sup>st</sup> , 10am-4pm on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Taira Central Park (outside of Alios) on the 31 <sup>st</sup> , Main Theatre of Alios on the 1 <sup>st</sup>	Although this festival centres on awareness of the welfare of senior citizens, people of all ages will be able to enjoy the outdoor portion of this festival on the 31 <sup>st</sup> , which will feature live performances, craft beer and other outdoor food and drink stalls. The second day consists of various indoor seminars and workshops that require preregistration to participate.	Community-Based Integrated Care System Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-27-8574
Farewell Cruise	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug & Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep; Departs at 6:30pm Iwaki La La Mew	Iwaki's Day Cruise's 27 years of service will come to an end as of this September. Reserve a seat on one of the last cruises around Onahama Port. Adult seats are ¥7000 and children's seats are ¥3500. All-you-can-eat/drink service will also be provided on-board.	Iwaki Day Cruise TEL: 0246-54-7600
Bosasara Traditional Dance	Sun 1 <sup>st</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
The Ventures Electric Guitar Battle	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep; From 10am Event space on the west side of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701	
Yabusame (Mounted Archery)	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep; From 2pm-4pm Iino-Hachiman Shrine, Taira	Yabusame is a traditional event involving mounted archers galloping down the street and firing at targets.	Iino-Hachiman Shrine TEL: 0246-21-2444
Alios Park Festival 2019	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 11am-4pm Taira Central Park (in front of Alios)	The Alios Park Festival is back for 1 day this year. Over 40 shops will fill the park alongside stage performances, a DJ booth, motor show, pro wrestling and kid's street basketball.	Alios Park Festival 2019 Executive Committee Email: <a href="mailto:parkfesinfo@gmail.com">parkfesinfo@gmail.com</a>
3-Chome Jamboree	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 11am-4pm Main road of 3-Chome, Taira	Held several times a year, this miniature festival includes around 20 stores offering goods, accessories and food at the 3-Chome shopping district near Iwaki Station. Musical performances will be held in front of the Kikuya Music Store. You can also take part in swing dance workshops.	La Stanza TEL: 0246-35-5767 Email: <a href="mailto:3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com">3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com</a>
Fukushima Performing Arts Festival	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> September; From 1pm (doors open at 12:15pm) Main Hall, Alios	¥700 for non-reserved seating at this event.	Cultural Promotion Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-7544
Asagai Water Shrine Bon Odori Festival	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> September; 6:30pm-9:30pm Iwaki Sun Abilities Carpark, Yumoto, Joban	Iwaki Sun Abilities TEL: 0246-43-7791	
Kashima Shrine Festival	Sun 8 <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. An omikoshi portable shrine will also be carried down the streets of Koya.	Takahagi TEL: 090-3759-7394
Rediscover Ena	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep; 9am-3pm Ena Port Area, Onahama	This local festival aims to liven up the port town with waterfront walking, fishing boat rides and performances. You might also want to try the local “Ena Burger” specialty or try grilling your own saury for ¥100.	Ena Regeneration Project TEL: 090-3982-2841
La La Mew Yosakoi Dance Festival	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep; 10:30am-3:30pm South side and west side plazas of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Around 15 dance teams 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 & One Box of Old Books Flea Market	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep; 10am-3pm Onsen Shrine, Yumoto, Joban	In this combined flea market event, anyone can open a booth for free and sell their unwanted goods. Alternatively, you can hold a mini book stall for free and try to sell as many books that you can fit in one cardboard box. Please contact the relevant event sponsor in advance if you would like to hold a booth.	(For Yumoto Flea Markets) Kurata TEL: 080-2109-6385 Email: <a href="mailto:yumotodeflema@gmail.com">yumotodeflema@gmail.com</a>  (For One Box of Old Books Flea Markets) Nakano TEL: 090-4071-1972 Email: <a href="mailto:hitohakoiwaki@gmail.com">hitohakoiwaki@gmail.com</a>
Cycling Event in Iwaki 2019	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct; 10am-3pm 21st Century Forest Park, Joban	Enjoy a day of cycling events with all types of bicycles. There are food and drink stalls, footbath and many other 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 a team of up to 5 members. Entries close on 20 <sup>th</sup> 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

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