



# Iwa-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Pacific Ocean Triathlon in Iwaki

The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Pacific Ocean Triathlon is going to be held at Onahama Port on 14 July. This will be the first triathlon held in 8 years as the last one was cancelled due to the effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake. You can either compete or watch the triathlon and help support Iwaki's revitalisation.

#### For Spectators

**Time and Date:** Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, Triathlon starts at 8:45am

**Venue:** Aquamarine Fukushima and surrounds

#### For Competitors

You must attend a player's registration and briefing of the event from 3pm-5:30pm on Saturday, 13 July (the day before the triathlon). Registration also takes place from 6am-7:45am on the event day.

**Entry Fee:** ¥23,000

**Course:** 1.5km Swim, 40km Cycling, 10km Run = Total 51.5km

**Time Limits:** 4hrs (60mins for Swimming, 2.5hrs from start for Cycling and 4hrs from start for Run)

#### Criteria for Competing in Triathlon:

- Be aged 18 years or older
- Be fit and healthy
- Be able to complete a 1.5km swim in open waters
- Be able to tread water for 10 minutes
- Be able to float on your back in water

#### Applications

You can apply online at <https://triathlon-iwaki.com/entry/>.

Applications close on 16 June or when the limit of 300 competitors is reached.

#### Inquiries

TEL: 090-8255-8269

Email: [morisaki@kotobuki-c.net](mailto:morisaki@kotobuki-c.net)

### Experience Japanese Tea Ceremony while Wearing Casual Clothing

The Lifetime Learning Plaza regularly holds Japanese style tea ceremonies in the facility's tea room.

Entry is free and you don't need to apply in advance. So you can freely join in and experience some Japanese culture in a friendly atmosphere.

#### Details for the Next Tea Ceremony Event

**Time & Date:** 10am-3pm, Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Venue:** Tea Room inside the Lifetime Learning Plaza  
(5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Washington Hotel Building)

**Fee:** Free

#### Inquiries

TEL: 0246-37-8888

Email: [info@isgp.jp](mailto:info@isgp.jp)



### Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

#### Yoriso 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.ii-fukushima.or.jp>  
TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: [info@ii-fukushima.or.jp](mailto:info@ii-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
Wonder Farm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun; 10am-3pm Wonder Farm, Yotsukura	Wonder Farm is celebrating three years since the opening of their facility with a variety of family-oriented activities such as a shooting gallery and a photo session with various mascots. Iwaki's Claps Cheerleaders will also perform at the event. Entry is free.	Wonder Farm TEL: 0246-38-8851 Email: <a href="mailto:Info@wonder-farm.co.jp">Info@wonder-farm.co.jp</a> Web: <a href="http://www.wonder-farm.co.jp/">http://www.wonder-farm.co.jp/</a>
Bonito Festival	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701	
3-Chome Jamboree	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun; 11am-4pm In front of the Moritakaya Store, Taira	Held several times a year, this miniature festival includes dozens of 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.	3-Chome Jamboree  TEL: 0246-35-5767 Email: <a href="mailto:3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com">3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com</a> Web: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree/">https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree/</a>
Iwaki Tomato Festival	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun; 10am-3pm Wonder Farm, Yotsukura	Apart from the direct sale of tomatoes, there will be food booths offering all sorts of tomato-inspired cuisine and a café offering tomato-based sweets. Frequent shuttle bus services will depart from Yotsukura Station, Roadside Station Yotsukura Port and JA Fukushima Sakura Country Elevator.	Agricultural Development Division of Iwaki City Hall  TEL: 0246-22-7479
Hula Town On-Stage	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun; 5pm-8:30pm Footbaths near Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall	Held once every month between May and August, this festival combines Iwaki's unique culture of the Yumoto Hot Springs and hula. The main performances of this event are the hula-style dance performances by the landladies of Yumoto's ryokan inns.	Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall  TEL: 0246-43-2111
Family Fishing Activity	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun; 9:30am-3pm Seaside Nature Centre, Hisanohama	Enjoy the early Summer by spending a day of fishing and gathering seashells by the shore with your family. This event is limited to up to 40 people. Participation fee is ¥240 per person or ¥600 per family/group plus an additional ¥500 for lunch (optional). Please bring indoor slippers, boots and wear clothing appropriate for fishing. To apply, fax or post the form to the facility by 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.	Iwaki Seaside Nature Centre  TEL: 0246-32-7700 FAX: 0246-32-7730 Web: <a href="https://iwaki-nc.fcs.ed.jp/">https://iwaki-nc.fcs.ed.jp/</a>
Kugatachi Shinji Ritual	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun; From 11am Kotohira Shrine, Yumoto, Joban	Water will be boiled in a large cauldron at this Shinto ritual. The priest stirs the water with bamboo grass and splashes it on the surrounding area. It is believed that if you are splashed with the water you will be protected from misfortune.	Kotohira Shrine  TEL: 0246-43-1001
Iwaki Gospel Festival	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun; From 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm) Main Theatre, Alios, Taira	Come and enjoy singing alongside the performers at this gospel show. Entry is free. In the lead up to the event, singing workshops for adults and children will also take place inside Alios.	Iwaki Gospel Festival Executive Committee  TEL: 0246-38-4244

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