

Nara City Information for Residents

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Copies available on request at:

Nara City Hall Information Counter, Nara City Hall Shimin-Ka Counter,
Nara-shi Shimin Service Center (Nara Family 5F), Nara City Tourist Center,
Public Health Center (4F, Hagukumi Center), Chubu Kominkan, Seibu Kominkan,
Hokubu Kaikan, Chuo Library, Seibu Library, Kintetsu Nara Station,
Nara City Tourist Information Center (by JR Nara Station), Nara Chuo Post Office
and Nara-Nishi Post Office.

[Inquiries in English] Phone: 0742-22-5595 (9:00-17:00) E-mail: nsgghyk@gmail.com



The Silk Road Stretches Further! Meet Our New Sister City, Samarkand!

On October 18th, a sister city agreement was signed between Nara City and Samarkand, the Republic of Uzbekistan, making Nara the first Japanese municipality to have a sister city in Uzbekistan. More and more exchanges between the two cities are expected in the future.

Inquiries: Kanko-Senryaku-Ka (Tourism Planning Section) 0742-34-4739

The sister city agreement will lead to academic, cultural and sporting exchanges, joint promotion of industry and tourism, and exchange of information and research results on history, culture and education. Specifically, field research opportunities in Nara for students of the “Silk Road” International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage, business matching with the Samarkand Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and exhibitions of cultural assets from each city are planned.

Emergency Medical Clinics Open during Year-End and New Year Holidays

Emergency Medical Care

Nara City will provide emergency medical services during the end of the year and the beginning of the New Year in cooperation with Nara City Medical Association, Nara City Dental Association, and Nara City Pharmaceutical Association. Please bring your health insurance card and any necessary certificates of qualification to receive emergency medical care.

Consultation Hours	Internal Medicine & Pediatric Department	Dentistry
6:00 – 10:00	Designated Hospital [Dec.31 (Sat.)– Jan.3 (Tues.)]	Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic (Dec. 30 – Jan. 3) Consultation Hours: 10:00 – 16:00
10:00 – 19:00	Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic [Dec. 30 (Fri.) – Jan.3 (Tues.)]	
19:00 – 22:00	Designated Hospital [Dec. 31 (Sat.) – Jan. 3 (Tues.)]	
22:00 – 6:00	Holiday and Night Time Emergency Medical Clinic [Dec.30 (Fri.) – Jan.3 (Tues.)]	

Reception Date: Dec. 30 (Fri.) – Jan. 3 (Tues.)

Place: 519-28 Kashiwagi-cho

The Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic

Tel. 0742-34-1228 **Reception Times:** 9:30 – 18:30, 21:30 – 5:30

The Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic

Tel. 0742-33-4182 **Reception Times:** 9:30 – 11:30, 13:00 – 15:30

The Designated Hospitals Listed Below Will Be Open between Dec. 31 (Sat.) and Jan. 3 (Tues.)

(Only internal Medicine and Pediatric Departments, including infants)

Consultation Hours: 6:00 – 10:00, 19:00 – 22:00

Please make sure to call each designated hospital before visiting.

Dec. 31 (Sat.)	Nishi-Nara Chuo Hospital Place: 1-15 Tsurumai-Nishi-machi Tel. 0742-43-3333
Jan. 1 (Holiday)	Nishinokyo Hospital Place: 102-1 Rokujo-cho Tel. 0742-35-1121
Jan. 2 (Holiday)	Nara Seibu Hospital Place: 2143-1 Mitsugarasu-cho 0742-51-8700
Jan. 3 (Tues.)	Sekisyukai Hospital

Garbage Collection and Waste Brought in During the New Year's Holiday

A large amount of garbage is produced during the New Year's season.

Please cooperate in reducing and recycling garbage.

Garbage Collection

	Burnable Garbage	Plastic Packages & Containers	Unburnable Garbage
Until Dec. 30 (Fri.)	Normal schedule		
Dec. 31 (Sat.)	ABEF	CH	-
Until Jan. 3 (Tues.)	No collection		
Jan. 4 (Wed.)	-	ABDEFG	-
Jan. 5 (Thurs.)	ABEF	-	-
Jan. 6 (Fri.)	CDGH	-	-
From Jan. 9 (Holiday)	Normal schedule		

The garbage collection times between Jan. 4 (Wed.) and 6 (Fri.) may be delayed until after 16:00 in some areas due to the larger amount of garbage than usual.

Unburnable Garbage: Collection starts from Jan. 11 (Wed.) for CDGH, Jan. 18 (Wed.) for ABEF.

Inquiries: Shushu-Ka (Collection Section) Tel. 0742-71-3012

City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Takeda Kankyo / Yamato Seiso Tel. 0742-63-2552

Collection of Recyclable Resources

Year-end: Dec. 29 (Thurs.) District #3 Dec. 30 (Fri.) District #7 Dec. 31 (Sat.) District #5

Beginning of the year: Jan. 5 (Thurs.) District #8 (Containers and net bags will be distributed on Jan. 4 (Wed.))

* The collection schedule for the areas covered by City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. during the New Year's holidays is as on the distributed collection calendar.

Inquiries: Recycle Suishin-Ka (Recycle Section) Tel. 0742-33-5380

City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Applications for Bulky Household Waste Pickup

Internet Application: Apply four days before the collection day you want, except for weekends and year-end & new year holidays. Available 24 hours. Please read the instructions carefully before applying.

Application Phone Line: Tel. 0742-71-9011 (8:00-15:00)



We may not be able to collect bulky waste within this year due to the large demand for disposal.

You may not be able to get through to us because of a flood of application phone calls. Even if you get through to us, if the maximum number of appointments has already been made, we cannot accept your request within the year. Please cooperate with us in applying for collection next year.

* After you apply for bulky waste pickup, changes and additions to your application in December cannot be accepted.

* Bulky waste will be collected until Dec. 31 (Sat.)

Application Period:

City Collection Area: Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 15:00

* Closed from December 29 (Thurs.) to January 3 (Tues.).

Inquiries: Machi-Bika-Suishin-Ka (Town Clean Up Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-71-3220

The internet-application consultation counter Tel.0742-71-9202

City Seibi-Kosha Collection Area: Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 17:00 (until 16:00 on Jan. 4 (Wed.))

*Closed from December 30 (Fri.) to January 3 (Tues.).

Application & Inquiries: City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Application for Carry-in Waste

You need to apply by phone or through the Internet to bring trash and renewable resources to the Kankyo-Seibi Kojo (Environment Sanitation Plant) beforehand.

Internet Application: Until one day before the day you will bring in carry-in waste, except on weekends and year-end & new year holidays. Available 24 hours. Please read the instructions carefully before applying. Internet application is available once per day and per one carload.

Application Phone Line: Tel. 0742-71-9011 (8:00-15:00)



Both homes and businesses need to make an application.

You cannot bring in waste unless you apply in advance.

Please separate the waste after referring to the “Gomi-Jiten”(instructions on to how to separate garbage).

Pruned branches should be cut into pieces less than 5cm in diameter and 30cm in length.

Application Period

Application by Phone: **Year-end:** Until Dec. 28 (Wed.)

Beginning of the year: From Jan. 4 (Wed.)

8:00-15:00 (except Saturdays, Sundays and year-end & new year holidays)

* Please apply up to one day before the day you will bring the garbage.

Bringing in Garbage: **Year-end:** Until Dec. 31 (Sat..)

Beginning of the year: From Jan. 4 (Wed.)

9:00-16:30 (until 13:00 on Dec. 31 (Sat.))

* Reservations for bring-in dates from Dec. 29 to 31 and Jan. 4 can be made until Dec. 28 (Wed.).

* Applications will be accepted for waste which is brought in until the end of the next month.

* One phone application for waste per day will be accepted. If you wish to bring in more than one lot of waste per day, please make an appropriate number of applications for the day. Your application might not be accepted depending on the situation.

Inquiries: About the contents of carry-in garbage

Kankyo-Seibi Kojo (Environment Sanitation Plant) Tel. 0742-71-3000

About the telephone reservation

Machi Bika Suishin-Ka (Town Clean Up Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-71-3220

The internet-application consultation counter Tel. 0742-71-9202

The Omicron-Targeting Booster Shots

As of November 11, 2022

COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center Tel. 0120-340-112

Time: 9:00-17:00 (except Sundays, Holidays and from Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)

*Please make sure to dial the correct number.

Eligible

Those who are 12 years of age or older and have finished their primary vaccination (1st and 2nd doses)

Vaccination Vouchers Are Sent to:

- (1) Those eligible for the 3rd vaccination who have completed their primary vaccinations (1st and 2nd dose) at least (and including almost) three months before.
- (2) Those eligible for the 4th vaccination who have completed their 3rd dose at least (and including almost) three months before.
- (3) Those eligible for the 5th vaccination who have completed their 4th dose at least (and including almost) three months before.

If You Have Not Received or Lost Your Vouchers:

To get them reissued, you may apply via *e-Koto Nara* (electronic application),
by phone, visiting the office, or by mail. For details, please visit the *e-Koto Nara* site below.



How to Get Vaccinated

Individual Vaccinations at various medical institutions and **Group Vaccinations** organized by Nara City until Dec. 24 (Sat.) are available. To make a reservation, please scan the QR code below or dial the Call Center above.



Group Vaccination

Place: 6th floor of Nara City Hall and 4th floor of Mi-Nara

Time: Morning and afternoon from Monday through Saturday

Evening vaccination is available only at Nara City Hall from Thursday through Saturday.

Vaccination hours vary depending on the day of week. For more information, please visit Nara City Website.

Nara Prefectural Vaccination Center

Operated until Dec. 24 (Sat.) by Nara Prefecture. For more information, please visit the special site on the Nara Prefecture Homepage or call below.

Tel. 0570-02-0120 9:00-until vaccination ends (-17:00 on the day without vaccination)

*Vaccine by Moderna against BA.1 will be given

*Vaccine by Takeda (Novavax) is available for the 4th and successive vaccinations

For more information, please visit the special site of Nara Prefectural Homepage below.



Shots for Babies and Toddlers (6-months old to 4-year-s old) Have Started

Vouchers have been sent out on Nov. 14 (Mon.). For those who are turning 6 months old from now on, vouchers will be sent out sequentially in the following month when they turn 6 months old.

The primary vaccination consists of three doses.

For more information such as how to make a reservation

and the vaccination sites, please visit below.



Note

*The supply of the conventional vaccine used for the 1st and 2nd vaccinations will be discontinued by the end of this year by the national government

*The omicron-targeting booster shots are not available for the primary vaccination (1st and 2nd vaccinations)

Garbage Collection

Take Precautions When Throwing Away Sharp Objects

For safety when collecting garbage, when you throw away unburnable garbage such as glass, pottery fragments and edged tools, or burnable garbage like skewers and split disposable chopsticks, wrap them up with old newspaper or used rags before putting them in the garbage bag.

Then attach a clearly-written note saying what is inside for the safety of garbage collectors. Garbage without these safety measures will not be collected as it may cause injuries or accidents.

Collection Dates & Areas in December

Area	Burnable	Unburnable
A · F	Every	Dec. 14 (Wed.)
B · E	Monday & Thurs.	Dec. 28 (Wed.)
C · H	Every	Dec. 7 (Wed.)
D · G	Tues. & Fri.	Dec. 21 (Wed.)

* Areas A, B, C, and D are covered by Nara City and areas E, F, G, and H are covered by City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. or Takeda-Kankyo & Yamato-Seiso J.V.

The collection days are different from the above schedule in some areas, so please check the Nara City website.

Inquiries: Shushu-Ka (Collection Section) Tel. 0742-71-3012

City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Takeda-Kankyo& Yamato-Seiso J.V. Tel. 0742-63-2552

Preliminary Examination Leaflets Were Sent in Late November (For Those Born in October 2022)

If you bring the preliminary examination leaflet, Mother's and Child's Health Handbook, and Health Insurance Card or other ID, babies can receive vaccinations. If you have not received the preliminary examination leaflet due to moving into the city, etc., call Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section).

Inquiries: Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) Tel. 0742-34-5129

Japanese Encephalitis Vaccinations (for those born in December 2019)

Those Eligible: Between age 3 to one day before the 7-1/2-year birthday

Method: The first vaccinations are 1 to 4 weeks apart, and an additional vaccination is given one year after the second.

Thing to bring: Preliminary examination leaflet, Mother's and Child's Health Handbook and your child's ID document.

*Those who are not registered as residents of Nara City are not eligible.

Application: Make an appointment at one of the registered medical facilities listed on the city website.

Inquiries: Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) Tel. 0742-34-5129

Maternal and Infant Health Care Consultation Hagukumi Center 3F

***Consultations by phone or in person with public health nurses or midwives: appointment required**

Date & Time: 8:30-17:15 on weekdays (9:00-15:00 on weekdays with midwives)

Seibu-Kaikan 2F, the Counseling Room (Gakuen-Minami 3-chome)

***Consultations in person with midwives: appointment required**

Date & Time: 10:00-14:00 on weekdays (accepted until 13:30)

In some cases, consultations may be carried out by public health nurses.

Things to Bring: Mother's and Child's Health Handbook and a bath towel

Application: To Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child's Health Section) by phone Tel. 0742-34-1978

Tsuge Hoken Center

***Consultations by phone or in person with public health nurses.**

Date & Time: 8:30-17:15 on weekdays

Traveling Consultations with public health nurses

Date & Time: Dec. 5 (Thurs.) 9:30-11:00

Place: Yagyū Kodomo-en (Yagyū Shitamachi)

Things to bring: Mother's and Child's Health Handbook

Inquiries: Tsuge Hoken Center Tel. 0743-82-0341

Tsukigase Health Consultation Room

***Consultations by phone or in person with public health nurses: appointment required**

Date & Time: 9:00-16:30 on weekdays

Application: To Tsukigase Health Consultation Room by phone Tel. 0743-92-0480

Cancer Examinations (January)

Apply to Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) by phone or fax or on the City's website. Free of charge for those who are on social welfare or belong to households receiving residence tax exemption. Please notify us of such when you apply.

Stomach and Lung Cancer Examinations

Accepted from **Dec 1 (Thurs.) to 20 (Tues.)**. Internet applications will be accepted until **Dec. 10 (Sat.)**.

Date	Place	Reception Time	Capacity
Jan. 6 (Fri.)	Hagukumi Center	8:45 – 9:15	17
Jan. 10 (Tues.)			
Jan. 20 (Fri.)		9:15 – 9:45	16
Jan. 27 (Fri.)			
Jan. 11 (Wed.)	Tomio Kominkan	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 13 (Fri.)	CO-OP Oshikuma	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 17 (Tues.)	Tomigaoka Kominkan	9:30 – 10:00	13 each
		10:00 – 10:30	
Jan. 18 (Wed.)	Seibu Toshokan	9:45 – 10:15	10 each
		10:15 – 10:45	
Jan. 19 (Thurs.)	Tohshi-Chi-iki Fureai Kaikan	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 23 (Mon.)	Seibu Shogai Sports Center Club House	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 25 (Wed.)	Miato Kominkan	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 26 (Thurs.)	Tomio Minami Kominkan	9:15 – 9:45	14
		9:45 – 10:15	13
Jan. 30 (Mon.)	Hokubu Shutcho-sho	9:15 – 9:45	8 each
		9:45 – 10:15	

Lang Cancer Examination

Date	Place	Reception Time	Capacity
Jan. 12 (Thurs.)	Hagukumi Center	14:00 – 14:30	30 each
		14:30 – 15:00	

Stomach Cancer Examination: X-Ray (Involving drinking barium on that day)

Lang Cancer Examination: Chest X-Ray (Including tuberculosis test)

Fee: 1,500 yen. (1000 yen for stomach cancer examination only and 500 yen for lung cancer examination only.)
600 yen as an additional fee for sputum test based on a general check-up for lung cancer (postage might need to be paid.)

Those eligible: 40 years old and over.

Pregnant women; those who had stomach, lung or intestine surgery or are in treatment; those who have barium sensitivity or had aspiration (lung cancer examination is possible); those who had an endoscope stomach cancer check by Nara City in the previous fiscal year (lung cancer examination is possible); and those who had a low-dose CT examination in this fiscal year

(stomach cancer examination is possible) are excluded.

Others: For those who are breastfeeding, please notify us of such when you apply. Examination interval is once a year. There might be cases when you may not be able to take the examination depending on your health and questionnaire.

Inquiries: Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) Tel. 0742-34-5129 Fax. 0742-34-3145

Various Health Classes for Expectant Mothers and Infants

Please check the date and time of the classes through the Nara City Website. Please refer to the Nara City video channel “Health Information” for information about infant food and preventing tooth decay, and to the practical video on the Hajimete-no-Mama & Papa Salon (Salon for First-time Parents) website for information about how to bathe and carry your baby in your arms.

Inquiries: Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother & Child Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978

Medical Checkups for Babies & Children

Checkup Name (Eligibility)	Date	Place
4-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in September 2022)	Until the day before turning 6 months old from the 4-month birthday	Designated Medical Facilities in Nara City *Checkup terms is for two months for the time being.
10-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in March 2022)	Until the day before turning one year old from the ten month birthday	
19-month-old Babies Checkup	The date will be on the notice sent individually to eligible children.	Designated Medical Facilities in Nara City *Temporarily, internal medicine and dental examinations are given at two medical facilities.
3-1/2-year-old Children Checkup		

Things to Bring: The questionnaire and *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*.

* The questionnaire will be sent at the end of December. People who moved to Nara City after December 1 and have not received the questionnaire by the checkup day should contact Boshi-Hoken-Ka.

Inquiries: Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978.

Traffic Restrictions due to Nara Marathon 2022

The traffic restrictions will be enforced in the area of Nara Park and on Omiya Street, Tenri Street and so on. Please confirm the details on the Nara Marathon website.

Time: Dec. 11 (Sun.) 8:30-15:00 approx.

Inquiries: Nara Marathon executive committee (Tel. 0742-81-8752)

Naramachi Nigiwai-no-Ie

5 Nakanoshinya-cho 630-8333 Tel. 0742-20-1917

Woven Scenery: Chikako Yoshikawa Exhibition

An exhibition of hand-woven works made with yarn she dyed herself.

Date & Time: Nov. 29 (Tues.) - Dec. 11 (Sun.) 9:00 - 17:00

Nara Kogei Kan (Nara Craft Museum)

1-1 Azemame-cho 630-8346 Tel. 0742-27-0033

Zodiac Exhibition: Traditional craft works with the theme of next year's Chinese zodiac sign "Rabbit" will be exhibited and sold.

Date & Time: Dec. 1 (Thurs.) - Jan. 31 (Tues.)

Nara City Museum of Art

On the fifth floor of *M'-Nara*

3-1 Nijo-oji Minami 1-chome 630-8012 Tel. 0742-30-1510 Fax 0742-35-7160

New Year Art Festival "City Children's Art Exhibition"

Introducing students' arts and crafts works from municipal elementary and junior high schools; Ichijo High Schools and Attached Junior High Schools; schools for the disabled in the city; and special needs classes in elementary and junior high schools attached to Nara University of Education.

Date & Time: Jan. 4 (Wed.) and 5 (Thurs.) 10:00-17:30 * Last admission at 17:00,
Jan. 6 (Fri.) 10:00-15:00 * Last admission at 14:30

Naramachi Center

38 Higashi-Terabayashi-cho 630-8362 Tel. 0742-27-1151

Sculptor Taro Mizushima Exhibition

An exhibition of works aimed at reviving Japanese lacquer carving techniques or deactivated dry lacquer techniques in contemporary sculpture.

Date & Time: Dec. 7 (Wed.) - 25 (Sun.) 10:00 - 17:00 * closes at 16:00 on the final day

Culture Hall in the Garden of the Former Daijo-in Temple

1083-1, Takabatake-cho, 630-8301 Tel. 0742-24-0808 Fax. 0742-24-0807

Traveling Photo Exhibition by Taikichi Irie (Admission Free)

Date & Time: Dec. 10 (Sat.)-Jan. 29 (Sun.) 9:00-17:00

Nara Toastmasters Club (Practical English - Brief Conversations)

Date & Time: Second Sunday each month 14:00-16:30

Place: Online or at Seibu Kominkan (3-chome, Gakuen-minami)

Fee: Necessary

Inquiry: Public Relations, Nara Toastmasters Club (takuya@gwu.edu)

Kominkan

Mikasa Kominkan

313-3 Omiya-cho 4-chome 630-8115 Tel. & Fax. 0742-33-0515

Event Name	Date & Time, and Contents	Deadline
Christmas is coming soon! Let's play in Kominkan.	Dynamic drawing, paper cup Christmas trees, etc. Dec. 17 (Sat.) 13:30-15:30 Those eligible: From three-year-old children to elementary school students, their guardians, and those who are related to child rearing *Free entry	Not necessary

Wakakusa Kominkan

575 Kawakami-cho 630-8202 Tel. & Fax. 0742-26-0130

Event Name	Date & Time, and Contents	Deadline
On Your Lap	Parents and Children can enjoy a Christmas concert Dec. 15 (Thurs.) 10:30-11:30 Those eligible: Prekindergarten children and their guardians *Free entry	Not necessary

Seibu Kominkan

1-5, Gakuen-minami 3-chome 631-0034 Tel. 0742-44-0101 Fax. 0742-44-0103

Event Name	Date & Time, and Contents	Deadline
Experimental exchange event by a volunteer group	Observation and experience of exercise to trim your body Dec. 16 (Fri.) 9:00-10:30 *Free entry	Not necessary

Education Center KIDS LEARNING FLOOR

Class Name	Date	Time	Application Deadline
Planetarium: “Nijiro and Seasonal Constellations” Capacity: 20 seats each time	Dec. 10 (Sat.), 24 (Sat.), 25 (Sun.)	(1) 10:30 – 10:50 (2) 13:40 – 14:10	Reception on the day
Movie Screening: “Ant and Grasshopper”, “The pheasant ringing a bell”, “A Christmas Present”, “A traveler who became a donkey” Capacity: 100 seats each time	Dec. 24 (Sat.)	(1) 11:00 – 12:00 (2) 13:00 – 14:00	
Movie Screening: “Seven Stars”, “The Story of William Tell”, “December Moon”, “The Table Cloth Given by the North Wind” Capacity: 100 seats each time	Dec. 25 (Sun.)	(1) 11:00 – 12:00 (2) 13:00 – 14:00	
Story Telling: “Ant gone on an errand” Capacity: 6 groups	Jan. 7 (Sat.)	11:00 – 11:30	
Science Experiment Class: “Miracle! Science! –Let’s examine snow crystals and make handcrafts.” Capacity: 6 groups each time	Jan. 14 (Sat.)	(1) 11:00 – 11:40 (2) 14:20 – 15:00	Dec. 19 (Mon.)
Monozukuri (Manufacturing) Experience Class: “Let’s draw using calligraphy ink and pigment.” Capacity: 6 groups (Elementary school the first graders and over) each time Things to bring: A calligraphy set, if you have one.	Jan. 15 (Sun.)	(1) 10:00 – 11:30 (2) 13:30 – 15:00	
Space Science Class: “Let’s fly a film case rocket!” Capacity: 8 group (Elementary school first graders and over) each time	Jan. 21 (Sat.)	(1) 10:00 – 11:30 (2) 13:30 – 15:00	Jan. 4 (Wed.)
Science Experiment Class: “Let’s make a kaleidoscope with polyethylene pipe, and let’s consider disaster prevention. Capacity: 8 groups (Elementary school first graders and over) each time.	Jan.22 (Sun.)	(1) 13:00 – 14:00 (2) 14:30 – 15:30	
Night Planetarium: “Walk in the seasonal stary sky- Astronomical Tour” Capacity: 20 seats (Elementary school fifth graders and over. *Adults without children can apply.)	Jan. 27 (Fri.)	18:30 – 19:10	Jan. 9 (Holiday)
Science Experiment Class: “Let’s play with air.” Capacity: 8 groups	Jan. 28 (Sat.)	10:00 – 11:30	
Programming Class: “Programming Class by senior high school students!” Capacity: 10 students (between 3rd and 6 th grade grades)	Jan. 29 (Sun.)	10:30 – 12:00	

Capacity: Groups of 6 means 6 to10 students with guardians, and groups of 8 means 8 to12 students with their guardians.

Application: Online application from the Nara City Website or QR code.



A lottery will be held if there are more applicants than capacity.

Others: Reception on the day starts 20 minutes before the starting time and will end upon reaching capacity. Please pay attention to your health, such as checking your temperature before visiting the center and wearing a mask when visiting. (You may be prohibited from participation depending on your health condition.)

In addition to the above, other classes may be held. Please refer to the city website or call us directly for the latest information.

Inquiries: Kids Learning Floor (Education Support and Consultation Section) Tel. 0742-36-0401

***On-Matsuri* Festival of Kasuga Wakamiya Shrine -Celebrated to Dedicate Its Refurbishment**

The *On-Matsuri* Festival is a festival of Wakamiya Shrine, which is inside Kasuga Taisha Shrine. This is a representative festival of Nara: starting with *Owatari shiki*, many Shinto rites and events are held, and many people visit Nara to see it. The origin of the festival dates back to 1136. Since then, the festival has been held every year without interruption. It will be held for the 887th time this year. The *On-Matsuri* Festival's ritual entertainments are designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Heritage as traditional Japanese cultures and customs handed down from the past.



Dec. 15 (Thurs.):

Miyutate (Special purification ritual for participants) 14:30,

Oh-shukusho-sai 17:00

Dec. 17 (Sat.):

Senko-no-gi 0:00

Akatsuki-sai 1:00,

Tameshi-no-gi (Ritual for Trial) 11:30,

Owatari-shiki 12:00,

Nandaimon-Komyo-no-gi (Performance modeling the confirmation of a proper procession) around 12:50,

Matsu-no-shita-shiki (Traditional performing arts performed under divine pine tree) around 13:00,

Kurabe-uma (Two-horse races) around 13:00,

Chigo-yabusame (Horseback archery by children) around 14:30,

Otabisho-sai 14:30,

Kanko-no-gi around 23:00

Dec. 18 (Sun.):

Hono-zumo (Dedicatory sumo wrestling) 13:00

Goen-no-noh (post-festival *noh* performance) 14:00

*The rituals of *Senko-no-gi* and *Kanko-no-gi* are performed in complete darkness without any light. No photography is allowed.

*Rituals, events, and the schedule may be partially changed. Please visit while observing infection prevention measures against COVID-19.

Oh-shukusho-sai: *Oh-shukusho* is the place where *Yamato zamurai*, who are dedicated to the festival, lived in seclusion and prayed in rituals for the successful completion of the festival.

Senko-no-gi/Akatsuki-sai: At midnight on Dec. 17 (Sat.), the soul of the god travels from Wakamiya Shrine in Kasuga Taisha Shrine to the *Otabi-sho* temporary shrine. In darkness, *gagaku* is played. With torches and incense in front, the procession along the approach feels otherworldly. Arriving at *Otabisho*, *Akatsukisai* begins, offering the morning food while mediums dance *kagura*.

Owatari-shiki: The parade is full of traditional costumes and customs from the Heian era to the Edo era. The groups perform various entertainments dedicated to the god in front of “*Yogou no matsu*” (beyond the first *Torii*) and then go ahead to *Otabisho*.

Otabisho-sai: On Dec. 17 (Sat.) from 14:30 to around 22:30 on the stage in the *Otabisho* site, *Kagura*, *Dengaku*, *Sarugaku* and *Bugaku* are performed one after another. These arts came to Japan through the Silk Road and then matured as traditional arts.

Kanko-no-gi: After finishing *Otabisho sai*, by midnight on Dec. 18 (Sun.), the god’s soul again returns to Wakamiya Shrine.

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