

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 Kominkan, 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



December Marks the 25th Anniversary of World Heritage Registration

The World Heritage Site "Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara" consists of eight assets. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the registration, many commemorative events are being held not only in the city but also outside the prefecture. This year is a year to once again convey the charm of Nara's wonderful heritage to everyone in the city and outside of the prefecture. Through the commemorative events, we will further increase interest in Nara City.

"Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara": Todai-ji Temple, Kofuku-ji Temple, Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Mount Kasuga Ancient Forest, Gango-ji Temple, Yakushi-ji Temple, Toshodai-ji Temple, Heijo Palace

Inquiries: Kanko-Senryaku-Ka (Tourism Strategy Section)

Tel. 0742-34-4739

More details →



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 (Sun.) – Jan. 3 (Wed.)]	Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic [Dec. 30 (Sat.) - Jan. 3 (Wed.)] Consultation Hours: 10:00 - 16:00
10:00 - 19:00	Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic [Dec. 30 (Sat.) – Jan. 3 (Wed.)]	
19:00 - 22:00	Designated Hospital [Dec. 31 (Sun.) – Jan. 3 (Wed.)]	
22:00 - 6:00	Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic [Dec. 30 (Sat.) – Jan. 3 (Wed.)]	

Place: 519-28 Kashiwagi-cho

Reception Date: Dec. 30 (Sat.) – Jan. 3 (Wed.)

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 (Sun.) and Jan. 3 (Wed.)

(Only Internal Medicine and Pediatric Departments, including infant care)

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

Please make sure to call the designated hospital before visiting.

Dec. 31 (Sun.)	Yoshida Hospital Place: 1-7-1 Saidaiji-Akoda-cho Tel. 0742-45-4601
Jan. 1 (Holiday)	Takanohara Central Hospital Place: 1-3-3 Ukyo Tel. 0742-71-1030
Jan. 2 (Tues.)	Nara Tokujo Hospital Place: 752 Tokujo-cho 0742-61-1118
Jan. 3 (Wed.)	Sawai Hospital Place: 8 Funahashi-cho Tel. 0742-23-3086

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
Until Dec. 29 (Fri.)	Normal schedule	
Dec. 30 (Sat.)	ABEF	CH
Dec. 31 (Sun.)	CDGH	AF
Until Jan. 3 (Wed.)	No collection	
Jan. 4 (Thurs.)	ABEF	-
Jan. 5 (Fri.)	CDGH	-
Jan. 6 (Sat.)	-	ABDEFG
From Jan. 8 (Holiday)	Normal schedule	

* The garbage collection times between Jan. 4 (Thurs.) and 5 (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. 10 (Wed.) for ABEF, Jan. 17 (Wed.) for CDGH.

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

Date	Recyclable Resources
Dec. 29 (Fri.)	District #3
Dec. 30 (Sat.)	District #5
Dec. 31 (Sun.)	District #7
Jan. 5 (Fri.)	District #8 (Containers and net bags will be distributed on Jan. 4 (Thurs.))

* 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: Haikibutu Taisaku-Ka (Waste Management Section) Tel. 0742-71-3001
City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Applications for Bulky Household Waste Pickup and Carry-in Waste

You need to apply by phone or through the Internet

You may not be able to get through to us because of a flood of application phone calls in December.
Please cooperate with us in alleviating phone congestion.

Internet Application: (Available 24 hours)

Please read the instructions carefully before applying.

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Bulky Household Waste

- We may not be able to collect bulky waste within this year due to the large demand for disposal.
- Changes and additions to your application in December cannot be accepted.
- Bulky waste will be collected until Dec. 31 (Sun.)

Carry-in Waste **Advance reservations required for both homes and businesses.**

-Application period

Year-end: Until Dec. 31 (Sun.)

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

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

- 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.

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

*One phone application for waste per one carload 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.

* Internet application is available once per day and per one carload.

Bulky Household Waste



Carry in Waste



Application by Phone

Year-end: Until Dec. 28 (Thurs.)

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

Application Phone Line: Tel. 0742-71-9011

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.

Calls are recorded to improve our service.

City Seibi-Kosha Collection Area:

Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 17:00 (until 16:00 on Jan. 4 (Thurs.))

Year-end: Until Dec. 29 (Fri.)

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

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

Inquiries:

About the contents of carry-in garbage:

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

Inquiries regarding applications

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

The internet-application consultation counter

Tel. 0742-71-9202

10 things to do when an earthquake occurs

In the event of an earthquake

1. First of all, ensure your safety.

Immediately after the earthquake

2. Don't panic and rush to act.

3. Calmly check any sources of fire and extinguish initial fires.

4. Open windows and doors to secure exits.

5. Stay away from gates and fences.

After the earthquake

6. Quickly evacuate to safety.

7. Obtain the right information to take the right evacuation action.

8. Check the safety of your own home and whether your neighbors are safe or not.

9. Cooperate in rescuing others and providing relief.

10. Confirm the safety of electricity and gas before evacuation.

Inquiries: Crisis Management Division Tel. 0742-34-4930

* In addition, please check the city's website

for how to ensure safety in various cases such as at home and when going out. ➔



Traffic Restrictions due to Nara Marathon 2023

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. 10 (Sun.) 8:30 -15:00 approx.

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

Garbage Collection

Take Precautions When Throwing Away Sharp Objects

For the safety of garbage collectors, when you throw away unburnable garbage such as glass and plastic, 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 about the contents 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. 6 (Wed.)
B, E	Monday & Thurs.	Dec. 20 (Wed.)
C, H	Every	Dec. 13 (Wed.)
D, G	Tues. & Fri.	Dec. 27 (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

Collection net bags for Recycled resources (used cans and plastic packages)

Collect all unused containers and net bags for collection; don't store them at home.

Do not use the phone number for the former Recycle Promotion Division after March 31(Sun.)

Please contact the Waste Management Division for recycled resources, and do not use the phone number of the former Recycle Promotion Division (0742-33-5380).

Inquiries: Waste Management Division Tel. 0742-71-3001

Child Raising

Japanese Encephalitis Vaccinations to Start (for those born in December 2020)

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

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

Things to Bring: Preliminary examination leaflet, *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*, and health insurance card. * Those who are not registered as a citizen 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

Consultation by phone or face-to-face with public health nurses or midwives (appointment required)

Date & Time: 8:30-17:15 on weekdays, 9:00-15:00 with midwives.

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

Face-to-face consultations with midwives (appointment required)

Date & Time: 10:00-14:00 on Mon., Wed., and Fri. (accepted until 13:30) except on holidays.

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

Tsuge Hoken Center

Consultation by phone or face-to-face with public health nurses or nutritionists

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

Traveling consultation with public health nurses

Date & Time: 9:30-11:00

Place: Yagyū Kodomo-en (Yagyū Shimo-cho)

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

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

Tsukigase Health Consultation Room

Phone or face-to-face consultation with public health nurses (appointment required)

Data & Time: 9:00-16:30 on weekdays.

Inquiries: Tsukigase Health Consultation Room Tel. 0743-92-0480

Preliminary Examination Leaflets Were Sent in Late November (to those born in October 2023)

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

Classes for Pregnant Women & Babies and Dental Checkup

Ha-Pika Class for One-year-old Babies (Tooth Decay Prevention Class)

Date & Time: Dec. 12 (Tues.) 10:00-11:00

Place: Hagukumi Center 2F

Capacity: 21 pairs of a first-born child born between Sep. and Dec. 2022 and his or her guardian

Things to Bring: *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*, and some gauze for wiping the baby's mouth

Deadline for Application: Dec. 11 (Mon.)

Paku-Paku Class for Five-month-old Babies (Baby Food Class)

Date & Time: Dec. 13 (Wed.) 10:00-11:15

Place: Hagukumi Center 2F

Capacity: 32 pairs of a first-born child born in July 2023 and his or her guardian

Things to Bring: *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*, the baby food leaflet included in the checkup questionnaire for four-month-old babies.

Deadline for Application: Dec. 11 (Mon.)

Fluoride Coating for Tooth Decay Prevention for Children Born in Dec. 2021

Date & Time: Dec. 15 (Fri.) 9:30-10:00, 10:00-10:30, 10:30-11:00, 11:00-11:30

Place: Chuo Hoken Center (Central Health Center), Hagukumi Center 2F

Capacity: 25 babies each

Things to Bring: *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*, a toothbrush which is not worn out, and towels

Deadline for Application: Dec. 12 (Tues.)

Maternity "Happy" Check (Dental Checkup for Pregnant Women)

Date & Time: Dec. 21 (Thurs.) 9:30-11:30

Place: Hagukumi Center 2F

Capacity: 28 women in the approximately 16th to 31st week of pregnancy

Things to Bring: *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*, and towels

Deadline for Application: Dec. 14 (Thurs.)

Application: Call Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) by each deadline Tel. 0742-34-1978

Medical Checkups for Babies & Children

Checkup Name (Eligibility)	Date	Place
4-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in Sept. 2023)	From 4-months birthday until the day before turning 5 months old.	Designated medical facilities in Nara City.
10-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in March 2023)	From 10-month birthday until the day before turning 11 months old	
19-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in May 2022)	Jan. 11, 18, 25 (Thurs.) 2024 (Please check the questionnaire for date & time)	Chuo Hoken Center (Central Health Center) (Hagukumi Center 2F)
3-1/2-year-old Babies Checkup (Born in June 2020)	Jan. 16, 23, 30 (Tues.) 2024 (Please check the questionnaire for date & time)	

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

* The questionnaire will be sent in the middle of December. People who moved to Nara City after December 1 and have not received it by the checkup day should contact Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section).

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

Fee: 1,500 yen (1,000 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.)

Cancer Examinations (January)

Please apply to Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) by phone, fax or on the city website.

Free of charge for those who are on social welfare or belong to households receiving residential tax exemption.

Please notify us of such when you apply.

Application Period: From December 1 (Fri.) 8:30 to 20 (Wed.) 17:15

Stomach and Lung Cancer Examinations

Date	Place	Reception Time	Capacity
Jan. 10 (Wed.)	Tomio Kominkan	9:15-10:15	27
Jan. 11 (Thurs.) Jan. 19 (Fri.) Jan. 24 (Wed.) Jan. 29 (Mon.)	Hagukumi Center	8:45-9:45	33 each
Jan. 12 (Fri.)	Seibu Toshokan (Library)	9:45-10:15	10 each
		10:15-10:45	
Jan. 15 (Mon.)	Hokubu Shutchosho	9:15-9:45	10 each
		9:45-10:15	
Jan. 16 (Tues.)	Tomigaoka Kominkan	9:30-10:30	26
Jan. 17 (Wed.)	Miato Kominkan	9:15-10:15	27
Jan. 18 (Thurs.)	Touichi Area Fureai Kaikan	9:15-10:15	27
Jan. 22 (Mon.)	Co-op Oshikuma	9:15-10:15	27
Jan. 25 (Thurs.)	Tomio Minami Kominkan	9:15-10:15	27
Jan. 26 (Fri.)	Seibu Shogai Sports Center Club House	9:15-10:15	27

Lung Cancer Examination

Date	Place	Reception Time	Capacity
Jan. 12 (Fri.)	Hagukumi Center	14:00-15:00	60

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

Lung Cancer Examination: Chest-X-Ray (including tuberculosis test)

Fee: 1,500 yen (1,000 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 this and previous fiscal years (lung cancer examination is possible) and those who had a low-dose CT lung cancer check by Nara City 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. The examination interval is once a year. There might be cases when you may not be able to take the examination depending on your health or questionnaire.

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

For more information→



Naramachi *Karakuri* Toy Museum

7 Inyo-cho, Nara 630-8338 Tel. 0742-26-5656

The museum will be closed for renovation from Dec. 11 (Mon.) till Dec. 22 (Fri.).

Shiryō Hozon Kan (Historical Materials Preservation House)

1-1 Wakido-cho, Nara 630-8337 Tel. 0742-27-0169

Special Exhibition "Naramachi-Saijiki (Annual Events): New Year's Event in Naramachi, "*Kasugakou*".

Date: Dec. 19 (Tues.) through Jan. 21 (Sun.)

Special Exhibition of the Museum Collections: *Hikifuda* (Japanese old advertising flyers)

Date: Dec. 19 (Tues.) through Jan. 21 (Sun.)

Time Travel in Naramachi through Historical Materials stored in the House: An Exploration of Nakanoshin'ya-cho

Date: Dec. 16 (Sat.)

Place: Naramachi Nigiwaino-ie (Nakanoshin'ya-cho)

Contents: Traveling exhibition of historical materials about Nakanoshin'ya-cho

Closes on Mondays except holidays and Jan. 9 (Tues.)

Naramachi Nigiwai-no-Ie

5 Nakanoshin'ya-cho, Nara 630-8333 Tel. 0742-20-1917

New Year's Event: Omochi-tsuki, Rice cake making.

Date & Time: Jan. 6 (Sat.) 13:00 and 14:00 *Numbered ticket will be issued 15 minutes before starting time.

Capacity: 50 people each time

City Hall Fureai Concert

Date & Time: Dec. 15 (Fri.) 12:20- 12:50

Place: Entrance Hall of Nara City Hall, 1F (Free Admission)

Contents & Performance: *Kogakukan* - Women's choir "Andante" of Nara City *Mama-san* Chorus Conference (A member of Nara City International Music Exchange Committee)

Inquiries: Bunka-Shinko-Ka (Cultural Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-34-4942



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"

Date & Time: Jan. 4 (Thurs.) – Jan. 6 (Sat.) 10:00-17:30 * Last admission at 17:00

* Closes at 15:00 on Jan. 6 (Sat.)

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

Panel Photo Exhibition by Taikichi Irie

Date & Time: Dec. 12 (Tues.) - Jan. 28 (Sun.) 9:00-17:00 (Free Admission)

Kason Sugioka Calligraphy Museum

3 Wakido-cho 630-8337 Tel. 0742-24-4111

Calligraphy Experience Corner

Date & Time: Dec. 23 (Sat.) and 24 (Sun.) 9:00- 17:00

Fee: 300 yen for individuals, 240 yen for groups (over 20 people)

Free of charge for those under 16 years old, high school students, and those over 70 years old living in Nara City and challenged people (certificate needed) and their caregivers

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

Inquiries: Public Relations, Nara Toastmasters Club (naratmc2011@gmail.com)

Nambu Kominkan 27-1 Yama-cho 630-8434 Tel. & Fax. 0742-62-5931

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Kendama Hiroba in Nambu	Enjoy learning about juggling <i>Kendama</i> from its basics to applied skills. Date & Time: Jan. 13 (Sat), February 3 (Sat.), March 16 (Sat.) 10:00—12:00 Those eligible: Elementary school children and over (Those working or studying in Nara City can participate) Fee: 300 per class	Not necessary

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

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Trial Course by Voluntary Group	Junior Table Tennis Class Date & Time: December 16 (Sat.) 18:00-20:00 Those eligible: Elementary school and junior high school students	Not necessary

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

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
On Your Lap	Parents and Children can enjoy a Christmas concert. By Four-leaf Clover. Date & Time: December 14 (Thurs.) 10:30-11:30 Those eligible: Prekindergarten children and their guardians *Free entry	Not necessary

Heijo-Higashi Kominkan 9-1, Suzaku 6-chome 631-0806 Tel. & Fax. 0742-71-9677

Event Name	Date & Time, and Contents	Deadline
Christmas Fun for Parents and Children	Concert for the whole family Dec. 17 (Sun.) 13:30-15:30 Those eligible: Prekindergarten children and their families * Free entry	Not Necessary

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

Event Name	Date & Time, and Contents	Deadline
Yuru-Origami-Bu Winter	Participants teach each other to deepen exchange Dec. 20 (Wed.), Jan. 31 (Wed.) Feb. 28 (Wed.), March 27 (Wed.) 10:00- 12:00 Those eligible: Adults (Those who are studying and working in Nara City are also eligible) * Free entry	Not Necessary

Tableware Reuse Event Will Be Held

Date & Time: Dec. 20 (Wed.), 21 (Thurs.) 9:00-16:00

Place: In front of the warehouse of Nara City Hall

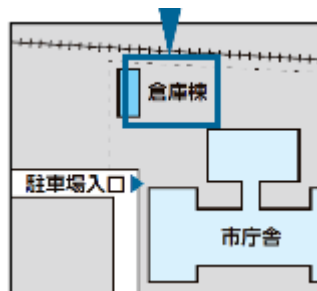
Ceramic tableware that is no longer used at home will be collected and redistributed.

Participants can take up to five items from the exhibition free of charge.

We also collect broken ceramic and glass tableware.

Inquiries: Haikibutsu-Taisaku-Ka (Waste Management Section) Tel. 0742-71-3001

In front of the warehouse of Nara City Hall





About Deer in the Nara Park

Deer in Nara Park are wild animals that have lived for more than 1300 years.

The history of coexistence of wild deer and human has been evaluated, and the deer have been designated as a national natural monument.

Be cautious when you touch deer.

Take good care of deer: The deer are a national natural monument. Don't hit or chase them.

Watch out for injuries: As deer are a wild animals, they may rush forward antlers first. Don't touch them carelessly or approach them alone with children. In addition, in the spring, the female deer after giving birth are nervous about protecting their babies. In autumn, the male deer become aggressive and excitable due to the mating season, and attack people.

Pay attention to your belongings: Deer may eat plastic bags, maps, pamphlets, and others that you carry in your hands. Please be careful because deer antlers may catch hold of your bag, etc.

Inquiries: Kanko-Senryaku-Ka Tel. 0742-34-5135



On-Matsuri Festival of Kasuga Wakamiya Shrine

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 888th time this year. The *On-Matsuri* Festival's ritual entertainments are designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Heritage as part of traditional Japanese culture and customs handed down from the past.

Date	Events
Dec. 15 (Fri.)	14:30- <i>Miyutate</i> (Special purification ritual for participants) 17:00 <i>Oh-shukusho-sai</i>
Dec. 17 (Sun.)	0:00 <i>Senko-no-gi</i> 1:00 <i>Akatsuki-sai</i> 11:30 <i>Tameshi-no-gi</i> (Ritual for trial) 12:00 <i>Owatari-shiki</i> 12:50 <i>Nandaimon-Komyo-no-gi</i> (Performance modeling the confirmation of a proper procession) 13:00 <i>Matsu-no-shita-shiki</i> (Traditional performing arts performed under divine pine tree) 13:00 <i>Kurabe-uma</i> (Two-horse races) 14:30 <i>Chigo-yabusame</i> (Horseback archery by children) 14:30 <i>Otabisho-sai</i> 23:00 <i>Kanko-no-gi</i>
Dec. 18 (Mon.)	13:00 <i>Hono-zumo</i> (Dedicatory sumo wrestling) 14:00 <i>Goen-no-noh</i> (post-festival <i>noh</i> performance)

* 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.

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 (Sun.), 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 (Sun.) 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 (Mon.), the god’s soul again returns to Wakamiya Shrine.

Inquiries about *On-Matsuri* Festival: *On-Matsuri* Preservation Society (c/o Kasuga Taisha Shrine):

Tel. 0742-22-7788



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Class Name	Date & Time	Application Deadline
Planetarium: “Nijiro and Seasonal Constellations - The story of Gemini-” Capacity: 40 seats each time	Dec. 3 (Sun.), 9 (Sat.), 10 (Sun.), 17 (Sun.), 23 (Sat.), 24 (Sun.) (1)10:30 -10:50 (2)13:30 -14:00	Reception on the day
Night Planetarium: “Kimagure Planetarium -we will deliver the seasonal starry sky-” Capacity: 40 seats, From elementary school upper graders to adults. Adults by themselves can also apply.	Dec. 22 (Fri.) 18:30 - 19:10	
Movie Screening: “Alice in Wonderland by Hello Kitty / Snow White by Hello Kitty” Capacity: 200 seats each	Dec. 23 (Sat.) (1) 11:00 - 12:00 (2)13:00 - 14:00	No need for application
Movie Screening: “A Princess in the Magic Forest by Hello Kitty / Heidi, a Girl of the Alps by Hello Kitty” Capacity: 200 seats each	Dec. 24 (Sun.) (1) 11:00 - 12:00 (2) 13:00 - 14:00	
Craft Experience Class: “Let’s enjoy weaving by hand with woolen yarn, using a hand-loom” Capacity: Elementary school second graders and over, 12 students each time	Jan. 14 (Sun.) (1) 10:00 - 11:30 (2) 13:30 - 15:00	Dec. 18 (Mon.)
Space Science Class: “Let’s fly a Mach 5 super sonic transport” Capacity: Elementary school first graders and over, 12 students each time Things to bring: two 1L paper carton	Jan. 20 (Sat.) (1) 10:00 - 11:30 (2) 13:30 - 15:00	Dec. 25 (Mon.)
Science Experiment Class: “Let’s make a kaleidoscope with a polyethylene pipe -Thinking class for disaster prevention-” Capacity: Elementary school 1st graders and over, 15 students each time	Jan. 21 (Sun.) (1) 10:30 - 11:30 (2) 13:00 - 14:00	
Science Experiment Class: “Let’s make snow crystals, -Experiment & Craft -” Capacity: Elementary school 1st graders and over, 8 students each time	Jan. 27 (Sat.) (1) 11:00 - 12:00 (2) 14:20 - 15:20	Jan. 8 (Mon.)
Science Experiment Class: “Let’s play with air” Capacity: Elementary school 1st graders and over, 15 students	Jan. 28 (Sun.) 10:00 - 11:30	

Place: Hagukumi Center 9F

Application: Apply online from the Nara City Website. In case of excess applications, a lottery will be held.

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Others: Reception on the day of the class will start 15 minutes prior to the starting time of each class and will be closed when the prescribed number of applications is reached. Participants must be accompanied by guardians.

In addition to the above, other courses may also be held.

The planetarium is available for group use. (An application is required.)

The floor will be closed from Dec. 29 (Fri.) to Jan. 3 (Wed.).

For the latest information, please check the city website or contact us directly.

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