

Nara City Information for Residents

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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



A Look to the Future

Nara Art Museum

Experience Traditional Crafts with Ease

Nara Craft Festival

Located along Naramachi Boulevard, “Nara Kogeikan” is celebrating 25 years of connecting people with Nara’s traditional crafts. On October 25 (Sat.) and 26 (Sun.), we held production demonstrations where you could see professional skills used in front of you, and an opportunity for people to try crafts for themselves. The festival is held annually. Please come and see us.

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 (MAINA Health Insurance Card, also known as My Number ID 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 (Wed.)-Jan.3 (Sat.)	Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic Dec. 30 (Tues.)-Jan. 3 (Sat.) Consultation Hours: 10:00-16:00
10:00-19:00	Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic Dec. 30 (Tues.)-Jan.3 (Sat.)	
19:00-22:00	Designated Hospital: Dec. 31 (Wed.)-Jan. 3 (Sat.)	
22:00-6:00	Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic Dec.30 (Tues.)-Jan. (Sat.)	

The Holiday and Night-Time Emergency Medical Clinic

Tel. 0742-34-1228

Place: 519-28 Kashiwagi-cho

Reception Dates: Dec. 30 (Tues.)-Jan. 3 (Sat.)

Reception Times: 9:30-18:00, (Antigen testing: 9:30-17:00)
21:30-5:30 the following morning

The Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic

Tel. 0742-33-4182

Place: 519-28 Kashiwagi-cho

Reception Date: Dec. 30 (Tues.)-Jan. 3 (Sat.)

Reception Times: 9:30-11:30, 13:00-15:30

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

(only Internal Medicine and Pediatric departments, including care for infants)

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

* Please make sure to call each designated hospital before visiting.

Dec. 31 (Wed.)	Sekishukai Hospital Place: 9-4 Shijyo-Oji 1-chome Tel. 0742-34-6300
Jan.1 (Holiday)	Sawai Hospital Place: 8 Funabashi-cho Tel. 0742-23-3086
Jan. 2 (Fri.)	Takanohara Chuo Hospital Place: 3-3 Ukyo 1-chome Tel. 0742-71-1030
Jan. 3 (Sat.)	Yoshida Hospital Place: 7-1 Saidaiji Akoda-cho 1-chome Tel. 0742-45-4601

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

	Date	Burnable Garbage	Plastic Packages & Containers	Unburnable Garbage
Year End	Normal collection schedule until Dec. 26 (Fri.)			
	Dec. 29 (Mon.)	Areas ABEF	Areas CH	-
	Dec. 30 (Tues.)	Areas CDGH	Areas AF	-
	Dec. 31 (Wed.)	-	Areas BDEG	-
New Year	No collection until Jan. 4 (Sun.)			
	Jan. 5 (Mon.)	Areas ABEF	-	-
	Jan. 6 (Tues.)	Areas CDGH	-	-
	Jan. 7 (Wed.)	-	Areas ACFH	-
	Normal collection schedule after Jan. 8 (Thurs.)			

* The garbage collection times on Jan. 5 (Mon.) and 6 (Tues.) 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. 21 (Wed.) for areas ABEF and Jan. 14 (Wed.) for areas 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

Year End	Dec. 29 (Mon.): District 13 / Dec. 30 (Tues.): District 14 / Dec. 31 (Wed.): District 15
New Year	Jan. 6 (Tues.): District 16 (Net bags will be distributed in the afternoon on Jan. 5 (Mon.))

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

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

Application for Bulky Household Waste Pickup and Carry-in Waste

You need to apply through the Internet or by phone. 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 call congestion.

Internet Application: (Available 24 hours) Please read the instructions carefully before you apply.

For bulky household waste, you must apply at least four days before the collection day.

In case of carry-in waste, you must apply at least a day before you carry in the waste

(Saturdays, Sundays, and the end of the year and the beginning of the year holidays are excluded).

Bulky Household Waste <https://www.city.nara.lg.jp/site/gomi-syusyu/121812.html>

Carry-in Waste <https://www.city.nara.lg.jp/site/gomi-syusyu/59895.html>

Application by Phone

Year End: Until Dec. 26 (Fri.)	New Year: From Jan. 5 (Mon.)
Application Phone Line: Tel. 0742-71-9011, from 8:00 till 15:00 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and end of the year and beginning of the year holidays) * Must apply prior to one day before the scheduled carry-in date. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and end of the year and beginning of the holidays)	

City Seibi-Kosha Collection Area

Year End: Until Dec. 26 (Fri.)	New Year: From Jan. 5 (Mon.)
Application: from 8:30 till 17:00, from Monday through Friday (Until 16:00 on Jan. 6 (Tues.))	

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

Instructions

Bulky Household Waste

We may not be able to collect bulky waste within this year.

Changes and additions to your application in December cannot be accepted.

Bulky waste will be collected until Dec. 31 (Wed.)

Carry-in Waste

Advanced reservations are required for both businesses and homes.

Application

Year End: Until Dec. 31 (Wed.)	New Year: From Jan. 5 (Mon.)
From 9:00 till 16:30 * Until 13:00 on Dec. 31 (Wed.)	

- * Please sort and separate the waste by referring to the “Nara City *Gomi-Jiten*” (Instruction manual for separate garbage in Nara City).
 - * 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 up to the end of next month.
 - * To carry- in more than once in one day, you need to make a reservation with a coupon book.
- Your application may not be accepted depending on the application situation.
- * Applications from Dec. 29 (Mon.) through 31 (Wed.) and Jan. 5 (Mon.) must be made by Dec. 26 (Fri.).

Inquiries

Contents of carry-in garbage: Kankyo-Seibi Kojo (Environment Sanitation Plant)	Tel. 0742-71-3000
Regarding applications: Machi Bika Suishin-Ka (Town Clean Up Promotion Section)	Tel. 0742-71-3220
The internet application consultation center	Tel. 0742-71-9202

Garbage Collection

When you dispose of sharp items, make sure you take the right safety measures.

When you throw away broken glass, plastic, pottery shards, knives, skewers, etc., wrap them in newspaper or cloth and write what is inside. If you do not follow these safety measures, we cannot collect those items, because they could hurt collectors.

Collection Dates & Areas in December

Area	Burnable	Non-burnable
A, F B, E	Every Mon. & Thurs	Dec.10 (Wed) & 24 (Wed.)
C, H D, G	Every Tues. & Fri.	Dec. 3 (Wed.) & 17 (Wed.)

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

Let's prevent fires in garbage trucks!

Caused by improper separation and disposal of garbage, fire accidents involving garbage trucks and waste processing facilities occur frequently. Please cooperate in safe garbage collection by sorting and disposing of garbage properly.

Main causes of garbage fires

Mobile Batteries, Cartridge-type Gas Cylinders, Spray Cans, etc.

Proper Disposal of Garbage

Gas Cylinders and Body Spray Cans: Collected as recyclable resources

Insecticide, Spray Paint: Collected as non-burnable garbage



* Fires caused by explosions of gas cylinders increase in winter.

When disposing of cans, use up all the contents and make several holes in the can.

Mobile Batteries: Use the rechargeable battery collection boxes installed at Nara City Office, etc., or the recycling boxes in electronics retail stores.

Heated tobacco products: Use dedicated recycling boxes for small electric appliances.

Vaccination Notice

Japanese Encephalitis Vaccinations will start (for those born in December 2022)

Preliminary Examination Leaflets for Vaccinations were sent out in late November (for those born in October 2025)

Inquiries: Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section)

Tel. 0742-34-5129

Medical Checkups for Babies and Children

Checkup Name (Eligibility)	Date	Place
4-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in September 2025)	From 4-month birthday until the day before turning 5 months old	Designated medical facilities in Nara City
10-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in March 2025)	From 10-month birthday until the day before turning 11 months old	
19-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in May 2024)	January 15, 22, 29 (Thurs.)	Chuo Hoken Center (Central Health Center) (Hagukumi Center 2F)
3-1/2-year-old Children's Checkup (Born in June 2022)	January 13, 20, 27 (Tues.)	

Things to bring: The questionnaire and *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*. * The questionnaire will be sent in December. Those who moved to Nara City after December 1 and have not received one 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

Hello, Visiting Babies (under four months old)
For those who are worried about rearing babies
(a midwife or a public health nurse will visit your home)

Those eligible: Those who want to consult about breast-feeding or those whose baby's birth weight was under 2,500g

Application: Apply to Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) by phone. (Tel. 0742-34-1978)
You can also send the dedicated application form on the city webpage.

For those who have no particular worries

A city-commissioned counselor will call you and visit your home

Inquiries: Kodomo-Ikusei-Ka (Child Consultation Section)

Tel. 0742-34-4804

<https://logoform.jp/form/p6et/366755>

Apply from this QR code →



Workshop for Pregnant Women & Babies and Dental Checkup
(Phone Reservation)

Ha-Pika Class for One-year-old Babies

Tooth decay prevention class for first-born children born in December 2024

Date: December 16 (Tues.)

Paku-Paku Class for Five-month-old Babies

Baby food class for children born in July 2025

Date: December 17 (Wed.)

Maternity "Happy" Check

For women 16 to 32 weeks pregnant on the day

Date: December 18 (Thurs.)

Fluoride Coating for Tooth Decay Prevention

For children born in December 2023

Date: December 19 (Fri.)

Papa-Mama Salon

For women between 22 and 32 weeks of their first pregnancy on the day and their partners

Date: January 9 (Fri.)

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

Maternal and Infant Health Care Consultation

Hagukumi Center 3F

Consultations by phone or face to face (with public health nurses or midwives)

* Appointment required

Date & Time: 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

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

Tsuge Hoken Center

Consultations by phone or face to face (with public health nurses or nutritionists)

Date & Time: 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

Traveling consultations with public health nurses

Date & Time	Place
Dec. 11 (Thurs.) 9:30-10:30	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

Consultations by phone or face to face (with public health nurses)

*** Appointment required.**

Date & Time: 9:45-16:00 on weekdays

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

Exciting Science Fun “*Stories about Antarctica from a Teacher Who Went There*”

Date & Time: Dec. 21 (Sun.) 10:00-11:30

Place: Seibu Library (Tsurumai Nishimachi)

Content: Listening to stories about Antarctica, touching real Antarctic rocks, and trying on expedition team uniforms

Lecturer: Mr. Tsuyoshi Uemura, part-time instructor at Doshisha International Junior and Senior High School

Capacity: 30 participants, from 3rd grade elementary to 3rd grade junior high school

Things to bring: Writing utensils

Application: Please register by phone with the library by December 13. You can also apply using the designated online form.

If there are too many applicants, participants will be selected by lottery.

Inquiries: Seibu Library (Tel. 0742-45-5669)

Click here to apply ►



Cancer Examinations (January)

Please apply to Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) by phone, or on the Nara 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: December 1 (Mon.) - 19 (Fri.) from 9:00 to 17:00 (except Sat., Sun., Holidays)

Stomach and Lung Cancer Examinations

Date & Reception Time		Place	Capacity
Jan. 6 (Tues.) Jan. 9 (Fri.) Jan. 19 (Mon.)	9:00-10:00	Hagukumi Center	30 each
Jan. 7 (Wed.)	9:15-10:15	Kita-Fukushi Center	26
Jan. 8 (Thurs.)	9:15-10:15	Toichi Area Fureai Kaikan	27
Jan. 13 (Tues.)	9:45-10:45	Seibu Toshokan (Library)	20
Jan. 15 (Thurs.)	9:15-10:15	Tomio-Minami Kominkan	27
Jan. 20 (Tues.)	9:30-10:30	Tomigaoka Kominkan	26
Jan. 26 (Mon.)	9:15-10:15	Seibu Shogai Sports Center Club House	27
Jan. 27 (Tues.)	9:15-10:15	Co-op Oshikuma	27
Jan. 28 (Wed.)	9:15-10:15	Tomio Kominkan	27

Lung Cancer Examination

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

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

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, registered as Nara City residents on the examination day, except for: pregnant women; those who had stomach, lung, or intestine surgery within the past 5 years or are in treatment; those who have barium sensitivity or had aspiration (lung cancer examination is possible); those who had an endoscopy for stomach cancer by Nara City in fiscal year 2024 or 2025 (lung cancer examination is possible); and those who had low-dose CT screening for lung cancer by Nara City in fiscal year 2025 (stomach cancer examination is possible)

Others: For those who are breastfeeding, please inform us of such when you apply.

The examination interval is once a year. There might be cases where you may not be able to have the examination depending on your physical condition or medical consultation on that day.

Inquiries: Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section)

Tel. 0742-34-5129

Kita-Fukushi Center

1-4 Ukyo 1-chome 631-0805 Tel. 0742-71-3501 Fax 0742-71-3548

Heartwarming Christmas Special Concert

Date & Time: December 23 (Tues.) 14:00-15:30

Performers: Mr. Yoshihiro Iida (singer), Ms. Shoko Imazato (piano), others

Those eligible: 60 years old and over, and their family members

Mottainai Tableware Market

Date & Time: December 20 (Sat.) 9:00-13:00 * It will be held, rain or shine.

Place: Co-op Shichijo (Shichijo Nishi-machi)

Event Details: Collection and distribution of ceramic and glass tableware that you don't use or want at home.

Inquiries: Haikibutsu-Taisaku-Ka (Waste Management Section)

Tel. 0742-71-3001

Wakakusa Yamayaki (Grass Burning Festival at Mt. Wakasusa)

Viewing at *Hagukumi* Center

Date & Time: January 24 (Sat.) 18:00-19:00

Place: Hagukumi Center 8F and 9F

Capacity: 110 people, those who work or study in Nara City are also available.

Others: Photography using fixed equipment such as tripod cameras is prohibited.

Application: Please send a return postcard to the Management desk in *Hagukumi* Center with names of participants (with Furigana), addresses and phone numbers by December 26 (Fri.). up to two people can apply with one postcard. You may also apply through the application page on the net. In the case of excess applications a lottery will be held.

Inquiries: The Management desk in *Hagukumi* Center

Tel. 0742-34-2303

Naramachi Nigiwai-no-ie

5 Nakanoshinya-cho 630-8333

Tel. 0742-20-1917

My Photo *Tanka* (a Japanese poem with a long history, expressed in 31 syllables)

Date & Time: December 6 (Sat.)-25 (Thurs.), 9:00-17:00

Shiryo Hozon Kan (Historical Materials Preservation House)

1-1 Wakido-cho, Nara City Tel. 0742-27-0169 (Closed on Mondays)

Special Exhibition "Naramachi- Saijiki (Annual Events)

New Year's Event in Naramachi "*Kasuga-kou*"

Date: December 23 (Tues.) through January 25 (Sun.)

Closed: Mondays (except holidays), Dec.29 (Mon.)-Jan.3 (Sat.), January 13 (Tues.)

Recruiting participants! Multicultural Exchange Meeting

Every year on February 4 is "International Day of Human Fraternity".

Let's enjoy a meal and think about how to get along people all over the world across borders.

Date & Time: February 8 (Sun.), 9:00-15:00

Place: Nara City Long-life Learning Center (Suruga-machi 23, Nara City)

1. Enjoyable multicultural coexistence Course (Let's cook together)

Time: 9:00-12:00 **Capacity:** 8 foreigners and 8 Japanese

Cooking instructors: Ms. Yuka Okutani and Ms. Sapkota Dil Kumari

2. *Naruhodo* (Understanding each other) multicultural coexistence Course

Let's learn easy Japanese!

Time: 10:00-12:00 **Capacity:** 20 people

Instructor: Mr. Yoshikai Akira

3. *Oishiku* (Delicious Food) multicultural coexistence Course

Let's talk over the delicious food cooked in the class of 1 course!

Time: 12:30-15:00 **Eligible:** Participants who joined 1 or 2 course

Application: Please apply through application form by 17:00 on December 19 (Fri.)

Inquiries: Promoting Coexistence Section

Tel. 0742-34-4733



City Hall *Fureai* Concert

Date & Time: December 19 (Fri.) 12:20-12:50

Place: City Hall 1st Floor Entrance Hall

Performers: Enchante Saxophone Ensemble

Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Section

Tel. 0742-34-4942

Nara City Traffic Safety Mothers' Association Christmas Charity Concert

Date & Time: December 16 (Tue) 12:00-13:00

Place: City Hall 1st Floor Entrance Hall

Performer: Hermann Harp Saidaiji Classroom

Inquiries: Crisis Management Section

Tel. 0742-34-4930

Hagukumi Christmas Concert

Date & Time: December 24 (Wed.) 12:20-12:50

Place: Hagukumi Center

Performers: Ensemble Mare, members of the City International Music Exchange Council

Inquiries: Hagukumi Center Administration Office

Tel. 0742-34-2303

Onjokan

32-1 Narikawa-cho 630-8335

Tel. 0742-27-7700

Onjokan Machikado Piano

Date & Time: December 14 (Sun.), January 12 (Holiday) 14:00-16:00

Onjokan Christmas

Date & Time: December 21 (Sun.) 14:00-16:00

Performers: Family Band *Fusaiphon*, magician *Arando Nakaji*, and others

Capacity: 40 people

Application: Please send your name and phone number by phone or e-mail
(onjokan@naramachinigiwai.sakura.ne.jp) the museum by December 14 (Sun.)

Records Speak!

Date & Time: January 24 (Sat.) 14:00-15:00

Content: Listen to records that participants bring with them

Sugioka Kason Calligraphy Art Museum

3 Wakido-cho 630-8337

Tel. 0742-24-4111

Brush Calligraphy Experience Corner

Date & Time: December 13 (Sat.) & December 14 (Sun.) 9:00-17:00

(Calligraphy instruction available on December 13 (Sat.))

Admission fee: 300 yen for general; 240 yen for groups (20 people or more). Free for those under 16, high school students, Nara City residents aged 70 and over, and people with disabilities (with certificates) and their caregivers.

Naramachi Center

38 Higashi-Terabayashi-cho 630-8362

Tel. 0742-27-1151

Traditional Culture "What is Japanese Kimono Making?" Exhibition

~Daily Life with Handmade Items~

Date & Time: Dec. 3 (Wed.) - 14 (Sun.) 10:00-16:00 (Until 14:00 on the last day)

Nara Children's CATAN Club

Date & Time: Dec. 13 (Sat.) 13:00

Capacity: Approx. 10 children

Christmas Handbell Concert

Date & Time: Dec. 13 (Sat.) 14:00

Performer: Bell Quartet Artica

Christmas Entrance Concert

Date & Time: Dec. 20 (Sat.) 12:00

Contents: Picture-story Show, Chorus, etc.

Let's make "*Shimenawa*" (straw ornament for New Year's Day) with the entertainer Saruin.

Date & Time: Dec. 21 (Sun.) (1) 11:00, (2) 12:30, (3) 14:00

Instructors: Entertainers Saruin and Nishide-san.

Capacity: 8 pairs each time

Inquiry: "*Yomoya-ro*"

Tel. 090-8535-5376

Nara City Museum of Art (on the fifth floor of Mi-Nara)

3-1 Nijo-ji Minami 1-chome 630-8012

Tel. 0742-30-1510 /Fax 0742-35-7160 (Closed on Monday)

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

Date & Time: Jan. 4 (Sun.) - 6 (Tues.) 10:00-17:30 (Last admission at 17:00)

* Open until 13:00 on Jan. 6 (Tues.)

Notice: The museum will open on Jan. 5 (Mon.) and will close on 7 (Wed.).

Lifelong Learning Center

23 Surugamachi 630-8357 Tel. 0742-26-8811 Fax 0742-26-8813

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Salon Concert	Hit Songs from Your Younger Days Let's enjoy the band performance by JiJi's and their songs. Dec. 20 (Sat.) 13:30-15:00 Christmas Singing Concert Songs by <i>Warabe-no-Hiroba</i> and <i>Sukoyaka Club</i> Dec. 21 (Sun.) 13:00-14:30 *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 & Contents	Application
Voluntary Groups Exchange Meeting Indiaca (a team sport played with a shuttlecock)	Experience Indiaca, exchange players and take part in a Competition. Dec.13 (Sat.) 13:00-17:00 * Free entry For adults (those who work or study in Nara City can join)	Not necessary

Tsukigase Kominkan

2815 Tsukigase-Oyama 630-2302 Tel. /Fax 0743-92-0346

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Night Library Reading Christmas Books	Reading Christmas picture books together Dec. 23 (Tues.) 19:00- 20:00 For elementary school children and their guardians (Children enrolled in a school within the city can join.) * Free entry	Not necessary

Nimyo Kominkan

3684 Gakuen Akamatsu-cho 631-0027 Tel. & Fax 0742-46-9113

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Experience Week in Nimyo	Colored pencil drawing, English conversation, calligraphy, soft tennis, etc. Dec. 10 (Wed.)-Dec. 16 (Tues.), 9:00-19:00 as a general rule *Except Dec. 13 (Sat.) and Dec. 15 (Mon.) * Free entry	Not necessary

Heijo Nishi Kominkan

25 Jingu 4-chome 631-0804 Tel. & Fax 0742 -71-5711

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Let's Experience Voluntary Group's Activities-Folk Dance	Let's all have a great time with "Folk Dance <i>Popuri</i> (Potpourri)" Dec. 10 (Wed.), Dec. 24 (Wed.) 13:30-15:30 For adults (those who work or study in Nara city can join)	Not necessary

Wakakusa Kominkan

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

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Let's Play Together Parent & Child Christmas Concert	Let's enjoy live music by "Four-leaf Clover" Dec.23 (Tues.) 10:30- 11:30 For prekindergarten children and their guardians *Free entry	Not necessary



Education Center KIDS LEARNING FLOOR

Class Name	Date	Time	Deadline
Kids Planetarium “Nijiro and Seasonal Constellations-The Story of Gemini” Capacity: 40 seats each time	December 6 (Sat.) 7(Sun.)13(Sat.)14(Sun.)	1. 10:30-10:50 2. 13:30-14:00	Reception on the day
Movie Screening “Boku Heso Made Manga. / A lonely wolf and seven baby goats.” Capacity: 190 seats each time	December 24 (Wed.)	1. 11:00-12:00 2. 13:00-14:00	Not necessary
Night Planetarium “<i>Kimagure</i> Planetarium- We will deliver the seasonal starry sky” Capacity: 40 seats (from elementary school upper graders to adults. Adults by themselves can also apply.)	December25(Thurs.)	18:30-19:10	Reception on the day
Movie Screening “Manga World Folktales / Beauty and the Beasts / Golden Deer / The Birthday Secret/ Frost Giant” Capacity:190 seats each time	December 25(Thurs.)	1. 11:00-12:00 2. 13:00-14:00	Not necessary
Programing Class (for beginners) “First Scratch program/ Let’s create a balloon game” Capacity:12 elementary school 1 st graders and over each time	January 12 (Holiday)	1. 10:30-11:30 2. 13:30-14:30	December15 (Mon.)
Science Experiment Class “Thinking about disaster prevention -We will enjoy learning knowledge and wisdom to help us survive even if a disaster happens” Capacity:18 elementary school 1 st graders and over each time	January 18 (Sun.)	1. 9:30-10:30 2. 11:00-12:00	December 22 (Mon.)
Science Experiment Class “Miracle! Science! -Floating and sinking, how floaters work” Capacity:15 children (age 5 and over) each time	January 24 (Sat.)	1. 10:30-11:30 2. 13:30-14:30	January 5 (Mon.)

Education Center Winter Festival

December 21 (Sun.) 9:30-15:00

Class Name	Date & Time	Deadline
Exciting Stage “Sign Language & Ventriloquism” “Let’s play together with Shin-chan” Capacity:100 seats for each time *No entry after starts * A numbered ticket will be distributed at 9:30 am	1. 10:00-10:40 2. 11:00-11:40	Reception on the day
Planetarium “We are eight planetary brothers” Capacity: 40 seats for each time	1.10:10-10:40 2. 10:50-11:20 3. 11:30-12:00 4. 13:30-14:00 5. 14:10-14:40	Receptionon the day
Christmas Paper Craft “Sparkling Christmas Decorations * Free entry	1. 9:30-12:00 2. 13:00-15:00 *Each 10-15 minutes	Not necessary
Fun Observation and Experiment “Microscope Observation & Hovercraft ?!” * Free entry		
Programming Class “Let’s move the robot” Capacity: 6 children 5 years old and over each time	1. 10:40-11:00 2. 11:20-11:40 3. 13:10-13:30 4. 13:50-14:10 5. 14:30-14:50	Reception on the day

Place: Hagukumi Center 9F

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

Others: On the day of the class application will start 15 minutes prior to the starting time of each class and will be closed when the prescribed number of participants is reached. Children must be accompanied by guardians. In addition to the above, other courses may also be held. No entry to the planetarium after program start. The planetarium is available for use by groups (application required). The facility will be closed from December 27 (Sat.) to January 5 (Mon.). For the latest information, please check the city website or contact us directly.

Inquiries: Kids Learning Floor (Education Support and Consultation Section)
<https://www.city.nara.lg.jp/site/kids-manabi/10783.html>

Tel. 0742-36-0401

Apply from here →



Nara Slow & Loop: Kyobate Christmas Market 2025

“Nara Slow & Loop” is a promotion project for the Manyo Mahoroba line. As part of this project, a Christmas Market will be held in front of Kyobate Station on that line. Shops with stylish goods and gourmet restaurants will pop up, and a Christmas tree will be lit. It is an event you can enjoy together with your family. Don't miss it!

Date & Time: December 20 (Sat.) 11:30-17:30

Place: In front of Kyobate Station and at Seibi-Chiiki Fureai Kaikan (Minami-Kyobate-cho)

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

Tel. 0742-34-473

On-Matsuri Festival of Kasuga Wakamiya Shrine

The *On-Matsuri* Festival is a traditional festival held at Wakamiya Shrine of Kasuga Taisha Shrine and is known as one of the most iconic cultural events in Nara. The festival began in the *Heian* period (1136). Since then, the festival has been held every year without interruption. It will be held for the 890th 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 (Mon.)	<i>Miyutate</i> (Special purification ritual for participants / 14:30) <i>Oh-shukusho-sai</i> (17:00)
Dec. 17 (Wed.)	<i>Senko-no-gi</i> (0:00), <i>Akatsuki-sai</i> (1:00), <i>Tameshi-no-gi</i> (Ritual of testing / 11:30) <i>Owatari-shiki</i> (12:00), <i>Nandaimon-Komyo-no-gi</i> (Performance modeling the confirmation of a proper procession / 12:50) <i>Matsu-no-shita-shiki</i> (Traditional performing arts performed under a divine pine tree) <i>Kurabe-uma</i> (Two-horse races / 13:00), <i>Chigo-yabusame</i> (Horseback archery by children) <i>Otabisho-sai</i> (14:30-22:30), <i>Kanko-no-gi</i> (23:00)
Dec. 18 (Thurs.)	<i>Hono-zumo</i> (Dedicatory sumo wrestling / 13:00) <i>Goen-Noh</i> (post-festival <i>Noh</i> 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.

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

Senko-no-gi/Akatsuki-sai: At midnight on Dec. 17 (Wed.), the soul of the god travels from Wakamiya Shrine in Kasuga Taisha Shrine to the *Otabi-sho* temporary shrine. In darkness, *gagaku* is performed. With torches and incense in front, the procession along the approach feels otherworldly. Arriving at *Otabisho*, *Akatsuki-sai* 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 (Wed.) from 14:30 to around 22:30 on the *Shiba-butai* 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 (Thurs.), 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

For *Sajiki-seki* (special seating) reservations: Nara City Tourism Association Tel. 0742-30-0230

Rooftop Kids' Square for Children from Age 0 Up to Early Elementary School Open Fridays to Sundays, and on certain holidays, 9:00-17:00

Kids' Square is open on the rooftop of the East Wing of City Hall. Three types of playground equipment, two sets each, made of Nara timber, have been installed. Children can play safely, with no worries about traffic accidents. We look forward to your visit!

Inquiries: Shisan-Kanri-Ka (Asset Management Section)

Tel. 0742-34-4707

Tobu Kogen (Eastern Highlands Area) Marché 2025 in Hokubu Kaikan

Come to the Marché to discover fresh seasonal produce and local specialties. Delicious Nara food awaits!

Date & Time:

	Date	Marché	Time
1 st	Dec. 11 (Thurs.)	Tsuge-no-hatake Kogenya	10:00-12:00
2 nd	Dec. 12 (Fri.)	Tsukigase Onsen Fureai Market	
3 rd	Dec. 19 (Fri)	Sakahara Market Cosmos	
4 th	Jan. 16 (Fri.)	Tawara-Yamazato Market	
5 th	Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Lakeside Village Tsukigase	

The events will be held rain or shine, unless canceled due to inclement weather.

While supplies last. Start and end times may vary.

Place: Hokubu Kaikan (Ukyo 1-chome)

Inquiries: Tobu Shutcho-sho

Tel. 0742-93-0001

For more information, please visit Nara City's website.

<https://www.city.nara.lg.jp/event/naraharu/249654.html>



