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Fall in Love with Tsukuba this Autumn! ~Events to Enjoy the Beauty of Autumn in Tsukuba~

Enjoy Base of Mount Tsukuba with Free Shuttle Bus!

The beauty of the Mount Tsukuba base can be enjoyed by this free of charge sightseeing tour bus, some of which may also have volunteer guides. This micro bus can carry a maximum of 27 passengers, and 2 buses will run per day. (For safety reasons the bus will not carry more than maximum capacity).

Mountain Base Round Trip Course

Dates: October 25, 26, 31. November 1, 2, 3 (Total 6 days)

Time: Tsukuba Community Center (arrival/departure) 9:05~18:15

Duration: About 80 minutes per trip

Frequency: 10 trips per day, buses run about every 50 minutes

Route: ①→②→③→④→⑤→⑥→⑦→⑧→⑨→⑩→⑪→⑫
(Loop back)

Chufuku (Halfway) Route Course

Dates: October 25, 26. November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 (Total 7 days)

Time: Tsukuba Koryu Center (arrival and departure) 9:05~17:25

Duration: About 70 minutes per trip

Frequency: 10 trips per day, buses run about every 45 minutes

Route: ①→③→④→⑬→⑭→⑫ (Cycle)

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Tourism Division (Ext. 4520)

Autumn Festival at the Base of Mount Tsukuba

Experience the hospitality of the people living near Mount Tsukuba through their handmade products. This event will be held between October 25 to November 3, at the base of Mount Tsukuba (Tsukuba, Tai no Sato, Hojo, Hirasawa, Oda). Facility tours, concerts, markets, stalls, exhibitions and more.

Contact: Tsukuba Sanroku Chiiki Zukuri Dantai Renraku Kyogikai. Tel: 080-6788-0693 (Weekday 10:00~16:00)

Volunteer Guides:

“Guide to Highlights of Mount Tsukuba”

Stroll with volunteer guides and get to know the impressive nature around Tsukubasan Shrine, history and more. It is free of charge but only available in Japanese. This event will be held between November 1st to 30th on weekends and public holidays, from 9:30~15:00 (About 30 to 60 minutes per session). Reception is onsite at the Tsukubasan Shrine.

Contact:

- ▲ Tsukuba Tourist and Convention Association.
Tel: 029-869-8333 (only weekdays)
- ▲ Tsukubasan Kanko Annaijo (Mount Tsukuba Tourist Information).
Tel: 029-866-1616 (only weekends and public holidays)



Mount Tsukuba Maple Festival:

“Tinged with Color of Late Autumn”

This event will be held from November 1st to 30th around Mount Tsukuba Miyukigahara and Tsukubasan Shrine.

Content: Cable cars will also operate at nights on weekends and public holidays with the lighting up of maple trees. There will be other events as well during the weekends.

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Ropeway at Night: “Stardust Cruising”

Mount Tsukuba ropeways will operate at night so people can enjoy viewing the night lights extending all around the Kanto Plain.

Operation Period: Weekends and public holidays between October 4 ~ November 30. Fridays, weekends and public holidays from December to March 1st, 2015.

Operation time: 17:00~21:00 every 20 minutes

Contact: Tsukuba Kanko Tetsudo Tel: 029-866-0611

Autumn Festival: Tsukuba Monogatari 2014

This year the theme for Tsukuba Monogatari is "The Autumn where Jazz Meets Archaeological Ruins". Japan's top jazz guitarist Watanabe Kazumi will perform a jazz concert.

Date: October 25, 2014. From 9:00~18:00.

Place: Inside Hirasawa Kanga Site, Tsukuba City, Hirasawa 353
(In case of bad weather, will be held in Civic Hall Tsukubane)

Content: 1) Stage "Music Festival"

1st part: Tsukuba Higashi Junior High School students

2nd part: Tsukuba University Brass Band and Watanabe Kazumi (Jazz)

2) Market

*Booths selling food and beverages made from local ingredients

*Sale of local agricultural and other products

3) Hirasawa Kanga Site guide

4) Hirasawa Kanga Site lightup, bonfire

* Free shuttle bus from Kenkyu Gakuen station—Tsukuba Gymnasium

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Tourism Division (Ext. 4520).

On day of event Tel: 090-6488-5298

11th Tsukuba Industrial & Agricultural Fair 2014

"Connect to the Future: Industries of Tsukuba"

The biggest industrial festival in Tsukuba this Autumn!

Tsukuba Industrial Fair

Date and time: October 25 (Saturday) 11:00~16:00,

26 (Sunday) 10:00~16:00

Place: Tsukuba Capio (Tsukuba City, Takezono 1-10-1)

Content: "Genki" Tsukuba

*Products of "Genki" enterprises: Introduction of techniques, products and services of the "Genki" enterprises of Tsukuba.

*Tsukuba gourmet line-up: exhibition and sale of local specialties

City Economy and Industry Interchange Event

* Exhibition by municipalities along TX line

* Introduction of Tsukuba's attractions and traditional arts

* Exhibition and sale of specialties and introduction of industry and tourism along TX line

Special Project of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

* "Talk event on the use of satellites" with theme: grasping changes on the earth from space

* Workshop for kids

Contact: JAXA Tsukuba Space Agency Public Relations Division

Tel: 050-3362-6265

Details: <http://fanfun.jaxa.jp/visit/tsukuba/>

Contact (Other than JAXA) :Tsukuba City Hall, Industry Promotion Division (Ext. 4570)

Tsukuba Agricultural Fair: Lineup of Autumn Delicacies

Fresh Agricultural Products of Tsukuba

Date and time: October 25 (Saturday) 11:00~16:00, 26 (Sunday) 10:00~16:00. Place: Ohshimizu Park.

Content: Sale of Processed Agricultural Products

* Sale of Ibaraki pork "miraiton"

* Blueberry ice cream, cookies and more

Various tastes to enjoy!

Promotion of Local Products for Local Consumption

* Tasting of bread made from local wheat "Yumeshiho"

* Limited sale of "Yumeshiho"

* Quiz on weight of jumbo pumpkins

* Distribution of balloons

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Agriculture Division (EXT. 4420)

Subsidy for Vaccinations Started from October 1st

Subsidy for vaccinations against chickenpox and pediatric influenza will begin as follows:

Eligibility:

Those having a residence registration in Tsukuba and qualify to the age range for the vaccination.

* Notification has been sent to those who qualify.

The vaccinations can be received at collaborating medical institutions, so please confirm at those medical institutions.

(1) Chickenpox

Periodic vaccinations will begin from October 1st (Vaccinations are free of charge)

Eligible Age:

① 1 year old to under 3 years old

② 3 years old to under 5 years old

(Special measures for 2014)

Vaccination frequency:

Age group ①: twice.

Age group ②: Once

* Depending on the condition of infection, number of previous vaccinations, the frequency of vaccinations may change.

Things to bring:

Mother and Child Health Handbook

(2) Pediatric Influenza

Eligible Age:

① 1 year old to under 13 years old

② 13 years old to Junior High 3rd year (Born on/before April 1, 2000)

Subsidy Period:

October 1, 2014 ~ January 31, 2015

Subsidy amount:

1000 yen per vaccination (maximum of 3600yen per vaccination for those receiving welfare, present welfare certificate)

Vaccination frequency:

Age group ①: Up to twice.

Age group ②: Once

* Vaccination cost may be different depending on the medical institution. The remainder, after the subsidy is subtracted from actual cost, must be paid by the individuals.

*If the vaccination is received at an undesignated medical institution, all cost must be born by the individual.

Things to bring:

Mother and Child Health Handbook, money for paying the remainder after subsidy, welfare certificate (only those receiving welfare assistance)

Information for Parents and Guardians

Application for Day-care (Hoikuen) Entrance 2015

Parents and guardians who wish to enroll their children into a day-care center or change to a different day-care center from April 2015 can make the first application as follows:

Eligibility: Children who reside in Tsukuba, need day-care service (unable to be cared for at home) and are able to be cared for in group caring at day-care centers (Please note that to let children experience life in groups as a preparation for primary school entrance, is not a good enough reason for eligibility). If a child is expected to be born by January 31, 2015 and will be registered as a Tsukuba citizen after birth, they are eligible for the 1st application.

Reception date for first application: The reception date depends on the day care centers and application can be made to all day care centers on November 30.

Time and Place: 9:00~11:30, 13:00~16:00 City Hall, 2nd floor Employee training room. * The order of application is not related to the screening for enrollment.

* After the deadline of the 1st application, selection will be made from those who applied in the 1st application period. After the review is completed for 1st application, review will be done for the 2nd application and selection will be made. Notification of 2nd application reception will be announced on November 1, on the City's newsletter (Japanese) and website. It is highly recommended to bring somebody who can speak Japanese if you have difficulty to speak Japanese for interviews upon application.

Things needed for application: Please check the "Guide for Day-care Center Entrance" distributed by the city hall.

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Children Services Division, (Ext.1530~1532,1540)

2014 Public Kindergarten Admission

Eligibility: Having residency in Tsukuba City and born between the following period:

Child Age: 4 (born between April 2, 2010 and April 1, 2011)

Child Age: 5 (born between April 2, 2009 and April 1, 2010)

Monthly Fees: 6000yen plus additional charges for meals, etc.

Reception date: October 27 ~ October 31, 2014, 9:00~16:30

Application Method:

There will be a simple interview at the respective kindergarten. Please attend with your child and bring your name seal. Foreign residents should bring their Alien Registration Certificate or Residence Card. If you do not speak Japanese, please bring somebody who can speak Japanese.

* Application forms are available at the respective kindergartens and can also be downloaded from the city hall website.

Contact: Respective kindergartens or Tsukuba City Hall, School Affairs Division, (ext. 4770, 4771)

Health Checkups Before Entering Elementary School

Health checkups will be given to preschool children who enter school in 2015. Please take the health checkup notice "*kenko shindan tsuchisho*" (postcard sent in September) to the respective schools. However, if you moved to Tsukuba after September 1, 2014 contact the Board of Education, Health Education Division. Children born between April 2, 2008 ~ April 1, 2009 are eligible.

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Board of Education Health Education Division (ext. 4920, 4921)

Let's Have Fun at the Childcare Support Center "Kosodate Hiroba"

In Tsukuba there are 7 childcare support centers and another 8 childcare plazas where both parents and children can play freely. This provides a great opportunity to talk to other parents, find people from the neighborhood and discuss child raising techniques with staff. From October, 4 more child care plazas have been added. It is free of charge, so please join and have fun at the child care plaza.

* **Kosodate Hiroba (Child Care Plazas): Not open on public holidays**

Child Care Support Plaza	Operation	Tel:	
Civic Hall Yatabe, tatami-room	Every Wednesday 10:00~11:30	029(847)6185	NEW!
Wakaba Daycare Center Bunen 1st floor	Every Thursday 10:00~11:40	029(836)8803	NEW!
Yoshinuma Community Center 2nd floor	Every 2nd Thursday of month 10:00~11:30	029(875)4539	NEW!
Rest House inside Tsukuba Housing Park	Every 4th Saturday of month 10:00 ~ 11:30 (December not confirmed)	029(875)4539	NEW!
Kasuga Community Center	Every Tuesday + Thursday 10:00~11:40	029(857)9037	
Shimin Kenshu Center	Every Friday 10:00~11:40	029(857)9037	
Oho Community Center	Every Thursday 10:00~11:30	029(863)0053	
Ninomiya Community Center	Every Friday 10:00~11:30	080(8740)1988	

* **Kosodate Shien Kyoten: Childcare Support Center**

Childcare Support Center	Tel:
Tsukuba Childcare Support Center	029(857)9037
Katsuragi Club (Katsuragi Day Care Center)	080(8740)1988
Cherry Club (Sakura Gakuen Day Care Center)	029(863)0053
Ohisama Club (Wakaba Day Care Center)	029(830)7455
Mama Tone Tsudoi no Hiroba	029(838)5080
Kodomo no Mori Hiroba (Tsukuba Kodomo no Mori Day Care Center)	029(875)4539
Suginoko Club (Shimana Suginoko Day Care Center)	029(847)6185

Contact:
Tsukuba City Hall, Children Services Division,
(Ext. 1511)

Interesting To Know... Japanese Manner!!

Japanese table manners: How to use chopsticks!

When using chopsticks, there are some taboos called "kirai bashi" (or imibashi, kinjibashi) which are against the table manners of Japanese people. However, even among Japanese people there are only a few who know the correct way to use the chopsticks. Here, 3 of the many taboos of chopsticks usage are introduced. Let's pay attention to the following taboos when using chopsticks from now on.

Watashi Bash: Resting your chopsticks horizontally on top of the bowl. You may have seen this a lot, however it is a bad manner. Doing this can show the side of chopsticks with food stuck on it to others as well as increase the chance of touching other people making their clothes or other belongings dirty. The correct way to rest chopsticks in between eating is to place on the chopsticks rest if one is available or on the case the chopsticks were in, or the edge of the tray.

Sashi Bash (Tsuki Bash): Sticking chopsticks into food. Even if it is difficult to grab food with chopsticks, poking the chopsticks into food is disrespectful and is considered very bad manners.

Saguri Bash: Stirring soup with chopsticks searching for the last piece of tofu or other materials. Although some people do it with a good intention of showing appreciation for the food by not letting any remain in the bowl, this gesture gives the opposite impression by showing disrespect for the cook.

These types of incorrect usage of chopsticks can be seen very often, even some Japanese people make these mistakes, so if you see a Japanese friend breaking these taboos, please let them know about it.

Potato Harvesting, Baked Potatoes and Forest Exploration

Date and time: November 15 (Saturday) 10:00~15:00

Place: Tsukuba Fureai no Sato (Tsukuba City, Usui 2090-20)

Content: Harvesting sweet potatoes at a farm, baking potatoes and making potato stew. In the afternoon explore the nature at the base of Mount Tsukuba with an instructor.

For: Parents and children (no age restriction)

Maximum participants: First 60 people

Participation fee: Primary school and older 900yen, younger than primary school level 700yen

Application: Apply by phone stating your name, address, phone number, school year of children and their age.

Application starts October 3rd (Friday)

Contact:

Tsukuba Fureai no Sato
(9:00~17:00, Tuesday is holiday)

Tel: 029-866-1519.

*Guide will be in Japanese.



City Chat Café

City Chat Café is a place where people from various cultural backgrounds can mingle and have a conversation in English. In November, there will be a special program at the Tsukuba Science Festival 2014.

November Special Program

Date: November 9 (Sunday)

Place: Special Venue in front of Tsukuba Capió (Takezono 1-10-1)

Schedule and Content:

1) AM: 10:00~12:00

"Presentation World Cup— Introduction of Countries of International Students"

International students from University of Tsukuba will introduce their countries and culture through presentations, followed by questions from audience. All communications will be in English.

2) PM: 1:00~3:00

"City Chat Café meets Science— Let's Talk Science in English"

In the afternoon, international students from University of Tsukuba will facilitate discussions on science, Japan, their countries, culture and more in English.

December Regular Program

Date and Time: December 14 (Sun), 14:00 to 16:00

Place: LALA Garden Tsukuba, first floor community room (Tsukuba City, Onozaki 278-1)

Entry fee: Free

Registration: not required

Contact: Tsukuba International Association

Tel: 029-869-7675

"Tsukuba Business Fair 2014": New Event

This is a great event related to research and development and advancement of technologies!

Gathering of industry and research institutions that support innovation of science and technology in Tsukuba.

From this year, the "Tsukuba Business Fair 2014" has started with the aim of supporting research and development through exhibitions.

Other than the cutting edge industries, producers, industries with high precision measurement equipment and more will be present. Information on getting new collaborations, transactions and regarding research and development will be available.

Date and Time: October 24 (Friday) 10:00~16:00

Place: Tsukuba Capió, Cyberdyne Arena (Tsukuba City, Takezono 1-10-1)

Number of Exhibitors: About 60 booths (Industries and research institutes located in Tsukuba)

Exhibition Genre: Manufacturing, research and development equipment, IT solutions, materials nanotechnology, next generation technology (robot, medicine) and more.

Entrance fee: Free (On site registration)

Lectures: 1) "Tsukuba Aims to Be an Innovation Hub"

2) Panel Discussion "Technologies of Research Institutions and Transfer of Patents of Scientific Technologies for Business"

Other: International business support seminars and more

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall, Industry Promotion Division (Ext. 4570)

For more details, check: <http://tsukubacity.jp>