

Toyooka Local Information (Mid-August to Early September)

Toyooka “Notte ECO”

Date and Time: Every Friday August 14 (Fri), 21 (Fri), 28 (Fri), September 4 (Fri)

Details: In conjunction with Toyooka No-Car Day, let's use the public transportation, tickets offering unlimited rides for one day on Toyooka City's route buses, Kobus, Inakar, Chikutaku, and Takenoru will be sold. Tickets are 500 yen each for junior high school students and older, and 250 yen each for elementary school students. There are two types of unlimited-ride tickets: paper tickets and digital tickets.

Inquiries: Toyooka city Transportation Policy Office

Phone: 0796-21-9022

9th Movie Screening: “A Love Letter After 35 Years”

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29, 1:30 p.m. and on

Location: Hidaka Cultural Gymnasium

Synopsis: A heartwarming and moving true story depicting the life journey of a husband who cannot read or write and the wife who taught him what happiness is.

Inquiries: Community Hidaka

Tel: 0796-42-2505

Summer Vacation Woodcarving Workshop

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Activity: 3D woodcarving of small animals

Eligibility: 3rd grade and up (adults welcome)

Capacity: Approximately 15 participants

Fee: 500 yen per piece (covers material costs)

Registration: Please call the contact number by Friday, August 7

Other: Please bring your own lunch

Inquiries: Lifelong Learning Salon

Phone: 0796-23-9770

Kinosaki Onsen Dream Fireworks

Dates: Through Friday, August 21

(*Excluding Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, August 10, and August 12-14)

Details: These fireworks light up the night sky over the Kinosaki Onsen town and are launched for about 5 minutes starting at 9:00 PM on weekdays during summer vacation (excluding Obon, weekends, and national holidays). After enjoying dinner and the hot springs, be sure to stop by the Otanigawa River to watch the fireworks while touring the hot springs.

The “Yunomachi Festival” will be held for three days—August 17 (Mon), 18 (Tue), and 19 (Wed)—on Kiyamachi Alley. The hot spring town will be filled with a festival atmosphere, and you can enjoy various events, including a raffle.

Admission: Free

Parking: Municipal and private parking lots available in the hot spring district

Inquiries: Kinosaki Onsen Tourism Association

Phone: 0796-32-3663

Otani River Summer Lantern Floating Festival

Date & Time: Friday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Event Details: Write drawings or wishes on lanterns and float them down the Otani River.

The sight of countless lit lanterns floating down the river is truly magical.

Admission: Free

Parking: Municipal and private parking lots available in the hot spring district

Inquiries: Kinosaki Onsen Tourism Association

Phone: 0796-32-3663

Takeno Umi-machi Market

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Details: The “Takeno Umi-machi Market” will be held in the area around Takeno Beach. A variety of vendors will be on hand, offering fresh seafood—perfect for a seaside town—delicious local vegetables and bread, and other easy-to-enjoy foods, as well as miscellaneous goods and hands-on craft workshops.

Admission: Free

Parking: Several parking lots available around Takeno Beach

Inquiries: Please visit the Takeno Umi-machi Market Executive Committee website

Obon Special Event: Let's Play in the Stream

Date & Time: Friday, August 14, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Stork Cultural Center

Activity: Playing in the stream in front of the Cultural Center *No registration required

Inquiries: Stork Cultural Center

Phone: 0796-23-7750

Stork Friendship Concert

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 5:30 p.m. –

Location: Stork Cultural Center –

Program: Concert featuring Erina Mariho and Asato Yuma *No registration required

Inquiries: Stork Cultural Center

Phone: 0796-23-7750

Animal Identification Workshop

Date & Time: Sunday, August 23, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Stork Cultural Center

Description: A workshop to identify different types of animals

Registration: Please call the contact number by the day of the event

Contact: Stork Cultural Center

Phone: 0796-23-7750

Takeno B and G Camp

Dates and Times: August 18 (Tue) – 20 (Thu), 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activities: Table tennis, hike up Mount Jaja, SUP experience at the pool, activities at Takeno Children's Experience Village (flowing somen noodles, making original candles), outreach class (from the city library), karate experience, and Mega SUP at the pool

Eligibility: Elementary school students in grades 3–6

Capacity: 16 participants

Fee: 3,000 yen (includes materials, insurance, and other costs)

Additional Information: Participants must bring a packed lunch on August 18 and 20

Inquiries: Takeno B&G Marine Center

Phone: 0796-47-1805

Pool Open

Dates & Times: Through Sunday, August 30; 9:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed on Mondays)

Location: Takeno B&G Marine Center

Activities: Let's Have Fun at the Pool!

Fees: Morning: 200 yen for high school students and older; 100 yen for junior high school students and younger

Afternoon: High school students and older 300 yen, junior high school students and younger 150 yen

Inquiries: Takeno B&G Marine Center

Phone: 0796-47-1805

Insights from the TV Anime “Jardugal of the Tenmaku” — “Beautiful Women of the Mongol Empire” Exhibition

Dates: August 22, 2026 (Saturday) – August 21, 2027 (Saturday) (for 1 year)

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Last admission at 4:30 p.m.)

Closed on Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday); Year-end and New Year holidays (December 28–January 4)

Location: Toyooka City Japan-Mongolia Ethnographic Museum

Content: The exhibition explains “The Beautiful Women of the Mongol Empire” and “The History of the Mongol Empire” using original illustrations created specifically for this exhibition and stills from the anime.

A try-on corner featuring traditional costumes inspired by Solkochtani Beki Doregene, respectively, and reimaged in a modern style.

Screening of official interview videos with voice actors from the TV anime *Jadugal of the Tenmaku*, and display of posters autographed by the voice actors.

Original merchandise featuring illustrations created exclusively for this exhibition will be on sale.

Admission Fees: Adults : 500 yen / College and High School Students: 300 yen / Elementary and Junior High School Students: 250 yen

Inquiries: Toyooka City Japan-Mongolia Ethnographic Museum

Phone: 0796-56-1000

13th Special Exhibition: “Play and Learn: Toy Exhibition—A Picture Book of Traditional Children’s Toys”

Dates: Through Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Last admission at 4:30 p.m.)

Closed on Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday)

Location: Toyooka City History Museum – Tajima Kokufu Kokubunji Hall

Exhibition Details: A grand gathering of toys from the Warabe-kan.

Toys can be seen as a mirror reflecting their era.

Selected from the collection of the “Warabe-kan” (Tottori City)—a museum dedicated to children’s songs and toys—this exhibition features approximately 150 toys, primarily from the Showa and Heisei periods in Japan. In addition to evoking nostalgia and showcasing rare items, the exhibition offers an opportunity to learn about the historical context and the history of toys.

Admission: General: 500 yen / University and college students: 300 yen / Elementary and junior high school students: 250 yen

Inquiries: Municipal History Museum – Tajima Kokufu Kokubunji Hall –

Phone: 0796-42-6111

Let's Make a Toy with a Floating-Sinking Toy!

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Location: Municipal History Museum, Hands-On Learning Room

Activity: Let's make a fishing game using a mysterious floating-sinking toy.

Cost: Free

Capacity: 6 participants per session (Reservations required; first-come, first-served)

Registration: Please register using the hands-on activity reservation form.

Inquiries: City History Museum – Tajima Kokufu Kokubunji Hall –

Phone: 0796-42-6111

Special Exhibition: “Come One, Come All! Yoshifumi Hasegawa Original Picture Book Art Exhibition”

Dates and Times: Through Sunday, September 27, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Last admission at 4:30 p.m.)

Location: Toyooka City Museum Kiyonaga Ito Memorial Hall –

Exhibition Details: The exhibition features original illustrations from Yoshifumi Hasegawa's picture books—beloved by children and adults alike—as well as sketches made in Izushi and preparatory drawings that offer insight into his creative process.

Admission: Adults : 800 yen / College and High School Students: 600 yen / Elementary and Junior High School Students: 400 yen

Inquiries: Toyooka City Museum Ito Kiyonaga Memorial Hall”

Phone: 0796-52-5456