# Know Your City Newsletter 2024

















Protect Yourself in Case of Disaster

Inquiries: Regional Safety Division & 435-1005, Disaster **Prevention Division** & 435-1199

November 5th is "World Tsunami Awareness Day," which originates from the Ansei-Nankai Earthquake that occurred in 1854. Earthquakes can happen anywhere and at any time, so it's crucial to take action to protect yourself when one strikes.

#### Nov 5 (Tue) at 10:00 AM Wakayama City Wide Safety Drill

A nationwide emergency earthquake warning (for drill purposes) will be broadcast through the disaster alert radio system. Please practice the "earthquake safety actions" (illustrated on the right) at home or at work for one minute.

Earthquake Safety Actions







DROP!

COVER!

【Illustration Source】効果的 な防災訓練と防災啓発提唱会議

#### **Emergency Earthquake Warning**

▶ "Kinkyu jishin sokuho. Ojishin desu. Ojishin desu.' ("Emergency Earthquake Warning! A major earthquake is coming! A major earthquake is coming!")

Repeated 3 times

▶ "Kore wa kunren hoso desu." ("This is a test



#### Application Info for Child Development Support Centers (FY 2025)

#### **Facilities for Daily Care Only**

Facility	Address	TEL	Capacity
Aoi Gakuen	2-9-35 Imafuku	<b>22-0347</b>	10
Kojika-en	460-2 Kamikurodani	<b>2</b> 462-2895	10
Kojika-en No. 2	155-1 Tajiri	<b>2</b> 476-4410	12
Tsuen Aruba	1-15 Shimabashikitanocho	<b>2</b> 451-5100	10

- Eligibility: Children approx. 2 or over (born on or after April 2, 2019), who have developmental concerns and require support.
- Application Period: Oct 1, 2024 (Sun) Dec 13, 2024 (Fri) (excluding weekends and holidays), 8:30 AM -5:15 PM (until 7:00 PM on Thursdays).
- \*Application forms are available at city hall (Division for the Support of People with Disabilities), Child Development Support Centers, or local Health Centers. Please contact your local Health Center to arrange a visit to the desired facility before applying.
- \*Selection will be based on a screening process.

#### Facilities offering joint attendance with kindergartens or nursery schools

Facility	Address	TEL	Capacity
Kana no le	3-25 Aoicho	<b>2</b> 496-2368	7
Wakatake-en	1451-1 Kemi	<b>2</b> 445-5721	7
Tsuin Aruba	1-15 Shimabashikitanocho	<b>2</b> 451-5100	8

- Eligibility: Children approx. 1 year old or older who require support due to developmental concerns.
- Applications and Inquiries: Please contact each facility directly

**Child Development Support Centers** 

These centers provide a nurturing environment for preschool-aged children with developmental concerns. By offering appropriate care to support their mental and physical development, the centers ensure that children can grow up healthy and lead a stable life in the future.

#### Tax and Insurance Payment Deadlines

### Oct 31 (Thur)

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance Premium (period 4) Insurance General Affairs Division & 435-1062

National Health Insurance Premium (period 5)

National Health Insurance and Pension Division & 435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance Premium (period 5) Nursing Care Insurance Division & 435-1334

Municipal and Prefectural Inhabitants • Forest Environment Tax (period 3) (General Collection)

Consider paying your municipal inhabitants tax via bank transfer. This can be done at designated financial institutions online or in-person.

Inquiries: Tax Revenue Division & 435-1038

#### Nature Events at Shiki-no-Sato Park

White Northern Shrimp Fishing & Salt-Grilling

Date & Time: October 19th, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM,

1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, and 3:00 PM Capacity: 30 participants per session Registration: Apply online by October 11th Fee: 2,000 yen per person (3 shrimp per person)

**Sweet Potato Digging & Charcoal-Roasted Sweet Potatoes** (with Butter and Mini Soft-Serve Ice Cream)

Date & Time: October 26th and 27th, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM,

11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM Capacity: 15 groups per session

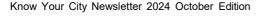
Registration: Apply online by October 18th

**Fee:** 3,000 yen per pair (2 sweet potato plants per pair) Please note that duplicate reservations for both events are not allowed. A separate system registration fee of 300 yen applies.

Inquiries: Food Hunter Park & 499-4370

Wakayama City Hall International Affairs Division 2 073-435-1010 23 Shichibancho, Wakayama City 640-8511





#### Wakayama Welfare, Nursing Care, and Childcare Job Fair

Meet and talk with HR representatives from recruiting companies at interview booths.

Date & Time: November 5th, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Location: Wakayama-jo Hall

Inquiries: Wakayama Prefecture Social Welfare Council, Welfare Personnel Center "Heartwork"

**%** 435-5211

#### **Kumano Kodo Walking Tour**

**Date & Time:** November 16th, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Meeting Point: JR Hashiya Station

End Point: Wakayama Electric Railway Itakiso Station **Details:** Guided walk with explanations from a curator. Capacity: Approx. 25 people (selected by lottery)

Fee: Free

Application: Send a postcard or apply via QR code by

October 25th (must arrive by this date). Include the participant's address, name, date of birth, and phone number (for groups, up to 2 people).

Inquiries: Culture Promotion Division & 435-1194

#### Cycling Stamp Rally "Senshu-Wakayama Cycle Ride 2024"

**Date:** October 4, 2024 – January 3, 2025

Details: Cycle through Senshu and Wakayama to collect stamps using your smartphone's GPS. Participants will be entered into a lottery for a chance to win local products from Senshu and Wakayama.

Inquiries: Event Office \$\&\times\$ 072-436-3440

Weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM)

#### Food Poisoning Caused by Clostridium **Perfringens**

Clostridium perfringens food poisoning commonly occurs with foods like curry or stews that are prepared in large quantities and stored for a long time. This bacterium forms highly heat-resistant spores, which may survive standard cooking processes.

Main Symptoms: Abdominal bloating, abdominal pain, and diarrhea may occur within 6 to 18 hours after eating. Nausea and vomiting are rare, and fever is either absent or only mildly present.

#### **Prevention Tips:**

Avoid preparing large quantities of food the day before and leaving it at room temperature for extended periods. If storing food while keeping it warm, maintain a temperature of at least 65°C.

If cooling and storing food, cool it rapidly and place it in the refrigerator.

When reheating leftovers, stir thoroughly and heat them well before consuming.

Inquiries: Healthy Lifestyle Division & 488-5111

#### Wakayama Koi-Musubi Matchmaking Event

Date & Time: November 17th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Shiki-no-Sato Park

Details: A matchmaking event for singles, featuring a barbecue and

helpful tips to make the best of your time!

Capacity: 20 men and 20 women between the ages 20-40 (selected

by lottery) Fee: 2,000 yen

Application: Apply by November 6th via QR code.

Inquiries: Child Rearing Support Division

**&** 435-1329

For more details, visit the city's website (ID: 1052732).

#### 45th Civic Culture Festival: "Blooming the Flowers of Culture with Citizen Participation"

School of Singing: Let's Sing Together with Kayoko Tada!

Date & Time: October 20th, 2:00 PM

**Chorus Festival** 

Date & Time: November 3rd, 1:00 PM Location: Wakayama Castle Hall

Inquiries: Culture Promotion Division & 435-1194

#### **Events at Waka-no-Ura Art Cube**

Introduction to Plastic Model Making Workshop

Date & Time: November 9th, 10:00 AM~, November 10th, 1:30 PM~ Capacity: First 8 pairs (one elementary school student and their

accompanying guardian)

Fee: 500 yen

Registration: October 16th – 30th, from 10:00 AM via phone

**Team Over-Rev Plastic Model Exhibition** Date & Time: November 9th, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

and November 10th, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Waka-no-Ura Art Cube Cultural Festival

Art Exhibition

Date & Time: November 2nd - 4th,

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (until 4:00 PM on the last day) Also features paintings by 2nd and 5th graders from

Wakaura Elementary School.

Art Cube Music Festival: November 2nd, starting at 1:30 PM Fire Department Band Concert: November 3rd, starting at

Police Band Concert: November 4th, starting at 1:30 PM For all events listed above, please contact Waka-no-Ura Art Cube: & 445-1188 (Closed on Tuesdays).

#### Shirasu Festival

#### **Wakaura Fishing Port Morning Market** (Ottotto Hiroba)

Date & Time: Nov 3rd, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Inside Wakaura Fishing Port

Details: Fresh fish sales, direct sales of shirasu,

and various food stalls.

Inquiries: Bayside Wakaura & 446-3308



#### Opening in April 2025: Enroll at Wakayama City's Night Junior High School

Location: 45 Musota Station (inside Wakayama Municipal High School)

Eligibility: Individuals aged 15 or older as of April 1, 2025.

People who have not completed elementary or junior high school in Japan or in their home country, or those who graduated from junior high school but did not receive sufficient education.

Please refer to the application guidelines for more details.

Application Period: Submit your application to the Education Support Division (11th floor of Wakayama City Hall) by Friday, November 29, 2024. (Application guidelines and forms are available at the Information Desk on the first floor of Wakayama City Hall, the Education Support Division on the 11th floor, the Culture Promotion Division, Welfare Centers and Community Centers. They can also be downloaded from the city website, ID: 1056141.)

Inquiries: Wakayama City Board of Education, Education Support Division

TEL: 435-1139 (excl. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays).



# The 47th Ryuo Championship



Wakayama Competition Nov 27 - 28

The 47<sup>th</sup> Ryuo Shogi Championship, offering the highest title in the world of shogi, will be held in Wakayama City for Game 5 of the best-of-seven series. The venue is Wakayama-jo Hall, which offers a sweeping view of Wakayama Castle and the surrounding area. Ryuo Champion Sota Fujii will face off against the 8<sup>th</sup> rank challenger, Yuki Sasaki.

☎ 435-1194, Public Information and Relations Division ☎ 435-1009





# Early bird tickets available for residents of Wakayama City!

# Nov 26

# **Pre-Event Party**

The day before the match, there will be an event featuring both players as special guests. The event will include statements from both players on their determination and highlights of the upcoming match.

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 6:00PM (subject to change)

Venue: Daiwa Roynet Hotel Wakayama \*Includes course meal and free drinks

O Availability: 110 tickets available (subject to change) (by lottery)

© Price: 15,000 yen (tax included)

• Purchases: Via web, mail, or in-person at the Culture Promotion Division or Public Information and Relations Division \*Each person may apply only once and can include one companion.

**Sale Period:** From 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 1 until 11:59 PM on Wednesday, October 16.



**Daiwa Roynet Hotel Wakayama** 



If either of the competitors win four games before Game 5, the Wakayama match will not be held. In this case, a celebration banquet will be held to honor the Ryuo Champion on Tuesday, November 26.

# November 27: Ryuo Championship, Wakayama Match, Day 1

November 28: Ryuo Championship, Wakayama Match, Day 2

The match will take place in the Japanese-style room of Wakayama-jo Hall, offering a view of the castle.



## Nov 28

# **Commentary Panel**

Enjoy real-time commentary by professional shogi players while watching the match on a large screen.

- O Date: Thursday, November 28, 11:00 AM (subject to change)
- O Venue: Wakayama Castle Hall, Main Hall
- Availability: 450 tickets available (subject to change) (by lottery)
- Price: 2,000 yen (tax included)
- **O Purchases:** Via web, mail, or in-person at the Culture Promotion Division or Public Information and Relations Division. \*Each person may apply only once and can apply with up to three companions.
- **Sale Period:** From 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 1 until 11:59 PM on Wednesday, October 16.





The meal, snack, and drink candidates to be provided to both players during the competition will be announced. Additionally, a menu book featuring the selected items will be created and widely publicized to promote Wakayama City's cuisine across the country. For more details, please check the city website (ID: 1058413).