

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY: 1:00 PM
Tom Lund, Executive Director
Marion County Economic Development

RIBBON CUTTING
Takashi "Tony" Yamamoto - TBMK
Hiro Nakagawa - NSU Corporation
Masahide "Max" Sugimoto - TG Kentucky
Eiji Mizuno - Curtis Maruyasu America, Inc.
Jiichi Tachiki - US Chita

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES
Jeremy Bowman, Owner/ DJ
Breakfast Boy Entertainment
Mobile DJ Service
(270) 699-9126 or (270) 699-1611

1st KARATE DEMONSTRATION: 1:15 PM
KENDO DEMONSTRATION: 2:00 PM
MINYO DANCERS: 2:30 PM
TAIKO DRUMMERS: 3:00 PM
KOTO: 3:30 PM
PRIZE DRAWING: 3:45 PM
2nd KARATE DEMONSTRATION: 4:00 PM

ONGOING ACTIVITIES : 1:00-4:00P.M.
Sample Traditional Japanese Foods
See your name written in Calligraphy
Learn how to make Origami & paper planes
Chopstick Game - Prizes Awarded
Fukuwarai Game - Prizes Awarded
Dress in a Kimono-Have your photo taken!

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Ikebana - the art of flower arrangement
Traditional Japanese Toys
Traditional Japanese Dolls
Japanese Books

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Thanks to the committee members who work tirelessly to make this project a reality year after year. To all of you...our greatest thanks!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Yoshihiro "Hiro" Marumoto, Toshiko McMillin, Fumie Probus, Yunako Aoyama, Clay D'Lugos, AJ Obata, Tetsuya Takase, Ryosuke "Ricky" Aminaka, Jiichi Tachiki, Eiji Mizuno and Mary Lou Brock.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**CENTRE SQUARE
239 NORTH SPALDING AVENUE
LEBANON, KENTUCKY**



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Welcome to Japanese Cultural Day

Japanese Cultural Day is being held to educate citizens of Kentucky to better understand the traditions and customs of the Japanese people.

The Lebanon/ Marion County area has been blessed in past years to have successful Japanese companies locate here providing jobs for our citizens and expanding the local economy.

Although our traditions and customs are quite different, there are more similarities than meets the eye, as you will notice when you attend Japanese Cultural Day in Marion County. One undeniable likeness is the pride that we all take in our heritage. This day is devoted to promoting the business and cultural ties between America and Japan. Come and enjoy this exciting day and thank you for attending!

ACTIVITIES & DEMONSTRATIONS:

Traditional Japanese Fashion

You will have the opportunity to dress in a traditional Japanese kimono. There are two sizes of kimonos available. A photographer will be on hand to take instant photos.

A Taste of Japan

Throughout the afternoon you will have the opportunity to sample traditional Japanese food prepared by Fumie Probus. Don't miss out on this unique taste of Japan!



Japanese Calligraphy

You also won't want to miss out on the chance to have your name written in Japanese at the calligraphy area.



Origami

Young and old alike will be amazed by the craft of origami, Japanese paper folding. You will love the chance to learn how to make your own origami and paper planes.

Indianapolis Minyo Dancers

With extreme dedication to detail, skilled choreographers were brought from Japan to ensure the ancient dance steps and body movements would not be lost. The Minyo Club dancers' kimonos and accessories are tailored to match historically correct samples. The graceful Japanese folk dance is used to tell stories about people, history and nature. Some relate children's tales. The dancers -- typically women -- act out the stories, which can range from the blooming of cherry blossoms to the work of those toiling in rice paddies.



Ikebana - Floral Arrangement

Ikebana, or living flowers, is the Japanese art form of floral arrangement. Ikebana will be demonstrated by Toshiko McMillin throughout the afternoon. Upon request, she will also give individual lessons on arranging.



Games & Competitions

Compete for prizes in traditional Japanese games and competitions like chopsticks and Fukuwari.

Taiko Drumming

The Cincinnati-Dayton Taiko Group is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to the promotion of Japanese-style Taiko drumming through performances and education. Taiko drumming started as folk music for Japanese matsuri or festival. It has developed into a performance art that combines drumming with dance-like movements and coordination. The thundering rhythms from the chudaiko and odaiko drums are powerful and memorable.



Japanese Martial Arts

Kendo will be demonstrated by the Central KY Kendo club of Lexington. Kendo, which literally translates from Japanese as "the Way of the Sword", is the Japanese art/sport of fencing.



John Cox of Lebanon will demonstrate with both his adult and youth students. They will demonstrate traditional **Karate, Judo, and Jujitsu** applications. Students will also demonstrate breaking techniques.

Exhibits & Displays

In addition to all the activities, traditional Japanese toys, dolls, books, photos, and much more will be on exhibit throughout the day!

