

Mori no Halloween 2017 森のハロウィーン 2017

The leaves are changing, the sun is setting earlier. It's time for the annual 「Mori no Halloween」 event at the Tokachi International Relations Center!



This year's event will feature the annual costume contest, stamp rally, trick or treating, as well as a picture book reading! All activities are free of charge and do not require reservation. As this event is aimed at children 15 and

under, we do ask for children aged 10 and under to come with a parent/guardian.

The event will be split into a morning session **10:00-12:30** and an afternoon session **13:30-**

15:30 to provide volunteer and staff time to prep and have a break. Both sessions will have the same activities available.

As one of the center's largest events, it takes many helpers to put on a successful Halloween. We are looking for volunteers to help with preparations as well as for the day of. Please contact the Tokachi International Relations Center for more information or if you would like to **volunteer!**

Mori no Halloween 2017

When: October 29th, Sunday 10:00—15:30

Where: Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC) West 20, South 6, 1-2

Who: For children 15 and under (10 and under must come with a parent/guardian)

Featured Activities: Trick or treating, costume contest, a picture book read-aloud, stamp rally, arts & crafts, and more!

Fee: Free!

Contact: 0155-34-0122 (TIRC Office)

***Break time:** 12:30—13:30

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Events at TIRC and in Tokachi and Obihiro

When	What	Where/Contact
10/11 (Wed) 19:00-21:00	International Mini-Volleyball Night Meet new friends from around the world while enjoying a fun and easy sport.	Tokachi International Relations Center 森の交流館・十勝 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihiko.hokkaido.jp
10/14 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	Japanese Conversation and Learning Table Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment.	
10/21 (Sat) 19:00-21:00	International Potluck Night (Singapore) Meet local and international Tokachi residents while enjoying a dish from abroad. This time, a CIR from Singapore will introduce you to Singaporean Laksa (curry noodle). Fee: Free of charge (no registration required) Please bring along a dish or drink for sharing. Organized by the Committee for improvement of the City	
10/28 (Sat) 15:00-17:00	Mori no Pumpkin Carving We will make Jack-o-Lanterns to be displayed during the Mori no Halloween 2017 event. Please come dressed in comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. TIRC Multipurpose Hall / Free of charge (lottery to pick 10 groups) Application period: Sep 23rd - Oct 20th (9:00-17:00) For children 15 years and below & parents/guardians. Please bring aprons and indoor shoes. ※ We will only contact selected people.	
10/29 (Sun) 10:00-12:30 13:30-15:30	Mori no Halloween 2017 Have fun at our Halloween Party with a trick or treat game, costume contest, stamp rally, quiz rally, crafts, coloring, storytelling and many more TIRC / Free of charge (no registration required) Children under age of 10 should be accompanied by their guardians. ※ Traffic will be regulated from 8:30 to 12:00 due to the Food Valley Tokachi Marathon happening on the same day. Please check Obihiro City's homepage for more details. Organized by the City of Obihiro	
10/1 (Sun) 10:00-14:30	44th Delicious Shintoku Festival 第44回 うまいっしょ「しんとく」大雪まつり Shintoku produces a variety of food, in addition to the soba noodles that it is famous for. Enjoy barbecuing meat and local specialty in Kuttari Park. Of course, soba will be on the menu!	Taisetsu Festival Committee 大雪まつり実行委員会 0156-64-0522
10/1 (Sun)	Ainu Culture Exhibit 帯広市アイヌ生活文化展 Experience Ainu culture through learning Ainu sewing techniques, eating Ainu cuisine and dancing the traditional Ainu dance.	Ainu Culture Exhibit Committee 帯広市アイヌ生活文化展 実行委員会 0155-65-4146

Living in Tokachi: Beware of Bears!

The leaves are already changing, signaling the last couple of months before the long winter. As we try to make the most of the last chances to spend outside, but we aren't the only ones with that thought. Many of our furry friends are out and active looking for food to keep them full over the winter months. One of these creatures includes the infamous brown bear or ヒグマ *higuma*. In this month's Living in Tokachi, we will introduce a few tips to keep both humans and bears safe this fall.

1. **Make noise!** Fortunately, many bears in the Tokachi area are not used to humans. While out foraging for mushrooms and mountain



vegetables, make sounds unnatural to the bears. This could be made by

attaching bells to your bag/person and/or keeping up a conversation with a friend.

2. Speaking of friends, **don't go alone!** There's safety in numbers. Along with making noise, a bear is less likely to approach a group of people.
3. **Avoid going during dawn and dusk.**
4. If you meet a bear, **do not take your eyes off of the bear.** If possible, **throw something to distract its attention.**

Enjoy fall and stay safe!

Pumpkin Carving Event

What's Halloween without decorations? On the night before the grand 「Mori no Halloween」, there will be a pumpkin carving event for parent-child pairs. Space is limited to 10 pairs and in the event of more than 10 reservations, pairs will be chosen by lottery.

Reservations will be accepted from September 23rd to October 20th.



A pumpkin and all supplies will be provided. Carved pumpkins can be taken home AFTER the Mori no Halloween event has finished. Please contact the TIRC Office for more information or to place your reservation!

Pumpkin Carving

When: October 28th, Saturday 15:00—17:00

Where: Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC) West 20, South 6, 1-2

Who: For pairs of children 15 and under and a parent/guardian (up to 10 pairs)

Reservation Period: 9/23—10/20

Fee: Free!

Contact:/To reserve: 0155-34-0122 (TIRC Office)

Movies At Cinema Taiyo, in Obihiro

(Nishi 3, Minami 11)
Tel: (0155) 20-1525

Times and movies are subject to change! (for space reasons not all movies are listed)
To confirm, call or check online at: http://www.taiyogroup.jp/cinema/theater/_obihiro/movie.shtml

Title	Language	Dates
Dunkirk	ENG Subtitles	Until 27th
Alien: Covenant	ENG Subtitles R15+	Until 27th
War for Planet of the Apes	ENG Subtitles	From 13th
Baby Driver	ENG Subtitles	14th~26th
Blade Runner 2049	TBD	From 27th

Events Continued

When	What	Where/Contact
10/1 (Sun) 10:00-14:30	44th Ikeda Autumn Wine Festival 第44回 池田秋のワイン祭り Free flow wine, grape juice and grilled beef—what more can you ask for? At 4000 yen for adults, 2000 yen for middle/high students and 1000 yen for elementary school students, this is a steal! Call to reserve your tickets now.	Ikeda Tourism Association 池田町観光協会 015-572-2295
10/8 (Sun)	Shimizu Food Festival 清水「食」の元気祭り Winners of the Hokkaido Cuisine Grand Prix will participate in this festival, exhibiting dishes such as beef bowls, which placed 3rd in the local food category.	Shimizu Tourism Association 清水観光協会 0156-62-5042
10/14(Sat) ~11/5 (Sun)	Autumn Festival (Tokachi River) オータムフェスタ in 十勝川 Enjoy the autumn night skies near Tokachi River, where you can try out various activities such as pumpkin carving, hot air balloon rides and Jack-O-Lantern illumination.	Otofuke Onsen Tourism Association 音更町十勝川温泉観光協会 0155-32-6633
10/15 (Sun) 10:00~15:00	Hagukumu Autumn Festival はぐくむ秋祭り Take a break from your daily routine with activities such as wood chopping and tree thinning.	Obihiro-no-Mori Hagukumu 帯広の森・はぐくむ 0155-66-6200 http://haguku-mu.net
10/29 (Sun)	Food Valley Tokachi Marathon 2017 2017 フードバレーとかちマラソン This is the 6th consecutive year that Tokachi Food Valley Marathon is being held. In addition to the half marathon, there are also family-oriented marathon. Enjoy the view of the Obihiro cityscape and Hidaka mountain range in autumn while following the marathon's course!	Food Valley Tokachi Marathon Organizing Committee 2017フードバレーとかちマラソン大会実行委員会事務局 0155-65-4210

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