

## Mori no Halloween 2018 森のハロウィーン 2018

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 haunted house. 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 prepare 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 the event. Please contact the Tokachi International Relations Center for more information or if you would like to **volunteer!**

### Mori no Halloween 2018

When: October 28th, 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, haunted house, 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
10/10 (Wed) 19:00-21:00	<b>International Mini-Volleyball Night</b> 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
10/13 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	<b>Japanese Conversation and Learning Table</b> Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment.	
10/20 (Sat) 19:00-21:00	<b>International Potluck Night ( Halloween Hotpot)</b> Meet local and international residents while enjoying a dish from around the world. This time, we will be holding a hotpot special, where participants bring one ingredient to put into the hotpot. Please come dressed in your Halloween costume! 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	
10/20 (Sat)	<b>Tea Ceremony ～Autumn～</b> Experience Japanese traditional tea ceremony. Eligibility of participants: Foreign citizens residing in Tokachi (first 50 participates for free) Obihiro residents above the age of 13 (limited to 10 participants ) 300 yen — Tea ceremony (TC) 500 yen — Tea ceremony with tea-making session (TCM) The time slots for the Winter Tea Ceremony are as below: 1st session 10:00-10:20 (TC) 2nd session 10:30-10:50 (TC) 3rd session 11:00-11:20 (TC) 4th session 11:30-11:50 (TC) 5th session 13:00-13:40 (TCM) 6th session 13:50-14:30 (TCM) Applications taken from 10/8 to 10/19 (Phone in to sign up)	
10/27 (Sat) 15:00-17:00	<b>Mori no Pumpkin Carving</b> We will make Jack-o-Lanterns to be displayed during the Mori no Halloween 2018 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: Oct 5th - Oct 19th (9:00-17:00) For children 15 years and below & parents/guardians. Please bring aprons and indoor shoes. We will only contact selected people. Organized by the City of Obihiro.	
10/28 (Sun) 10:00-12:30 13:30-15:30	<b>Mori no Halloween 2018</b> Have fun at our Halloween Party with a trick or treat game, costume contest, stamp rally, quiz rally, crafts, storytelling a haunted house and much 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	

## Getting the Right Information: Disaster Information

Last month the Iburi sub-prefecture experienced a magnitude 6.7 earthquake, leading to a massive power outage across Hokkaido. While most parts of Hokkaido, including Tokachi, are returning to their normal lives, this has also been a learning experience for the next disaster. In this month's Obihiro Pioneer, we will introduce how one can find the right information in the wake of a disaster.

### Time is of the Essence

Getting information before it's too late can make all the difference. Most Japanese phones are automatically set up to have push-alerts in emergency/disaster situation. Check your settings for "Emergency Alerts" or 緊急連絡 きんきゅうれんらく and make sure it is turned on.

Phones without this option can download various applications for disaster information.

The Japan Tourism Agency launched the application "Safety Tips" for free. "Safety Tips"

is aimed at international visitors to Japan and

provides up-to-date info in 5 languages.



### Local Information

For more relevant information, look locally.

Most city/town halls have homepages online and will list the most up-to-date information for its residents. Obihiro City has a homepage and an official Facebook page, which both posts the same information in the event of a disaster.

### Obihiro City Home Page :

<http://www.city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp/>

### Obihiro City Official Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/obihorocity>

### About "Safety Tips"

<https://www.jnto.go.jp/safety-tips/eng/app.html>

## 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 **October 5th to October 19th.**

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 27th, 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:** 10/5—10/19

**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](http://www.taiyogroup.jp/cinema/theater/_obihiro/movie.shtml)

Title	Language	Dates
Ant-man and the Wasp	JPN Dub & Subtitles	Until 11th
Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again	JPN Subtitles	Until 18th
The Meg	JPN Subtitles	Until 25th
Christopher Robin ( <i>Pu to Otona ni Natta Boku</i> )	ENG Dubbing	14th~26th
Ocean's 8	JPN Subtitles	From 12th

## Events Continued

When	What	Where/Contact
10/14 (Sun) 10:00~14:15	<b>63rd Iwanai Gorge Momiji Maple Festival</b> 第63回岩内仙峡もみじまつり Enjoy the tastes of fall until the autumn leaves. There will be performances, produce sales and a petting zoo.	Iwanai Gorge Festival Committee 岩内仙峡付近 岩内仙峡まつり実行委員会 0155-22-8600
10/14 (Sun)	<b>Hagukumu Autumn Festival</b> はぐくむ秋まつり Take a break from your daily routine with activities such as wood chopping and tree thinning. There will also be crafting and activities for children as well. Be sure to wear appropriate clothes and gloves.	Obihiro-no-Mori Hagukumu 帯広の森・はぐくむ 0155-66-6200 <a href="http://haguku-mu.net">http://haguku-mu.net</a>
10/27~31 (Sat~Wed)	<b>49th Obihiro Chrysanthemum Festival</b> 第49回おびひろ菊まつり One of Obihiro's "Big 3 Festivals," the Chrysanthemum Festival is sure to please. Chrysanthemums are an iconic symbol of Japan's autumn season. See some of the largest and most beautiful chrysanthemums while enjoying various festival activities.	Tokachi Plaza とかちプラザ 帯広のまつり推進委員会 0155-22-8600
10/28 (Sun)	<b>Tokachi Obihiro Airport 「Halloween Festival」</b> とかち帯広空港「ハロウィンフェスティバル」 Have a spooky Halloween at the Tokachi Obihiro Airport! There will be a costume contest for kids and a prize lottery. Try to find the ghosts of the Obihiro Airport!	Obihiro Airport 帯広空港 0155-64-5678

**Obihiro Pioneer** can be found at the following locations: Obihiro City Hall, Tokachi International Relations Center, Obihiro University International Center, Obihiro Tourism and Convention Center inside the Obihiro JR Station, Obihiro Public Library, Tokachi Plaza, Cinema Taiyo, Joy English Academy and online at [www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp](http://www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp) (click on "Information for Foreigners")

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