

ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin

August 2025 Volume 8

[The True Treasure]



Hello everyone, it's August. The summer heat is still with us, but as the season slowly turns, we may find ourselves pausing to wonder, "Has it all been enough? Did I choose well?"

Today, I'd like to share a rakugo story called Shibahama, a tale that invites us to reflect upon our human wishes. This is a classic rakugo story that reminds us of what true treasure really is.

A long time ago in Japan, there was a fishmonger named Katsugoro. He was known in the neighborhood for being a good-hearted man but also for loving his sake a little too much. Most mornings, instead of going to the market early to buy fresh fish, Katsugoro would drink until he fell asleep. His wife, patient but worried, scolded him every day.

One morning, just before the New Year, his wife woke him before dawn. "Get up! If you go now, you can get the best fish at Shibahama beach. Bring back something good so we can start the New Year right." Still half asleep and grumbling, Katsugoro made his way down to the beach. While he was looking for some fish, he saw something half buried in the sand, a large wallet. When he opened it, he couldn't believe his eyes. Inside was a fortune in gold coins! He looked around, but there was no one in sight. He thought, I'll never have to work again! Feeling like the luckiest man alive, he ran straight to a sake shop.

He called his friends together, ordered the best food and drink, and bragged about his good luck all day and night. When he stumbled home drunk, he showed the wallet to his wife. "Look at this! We're rich! No more working!" His wife said nothing, just helped him to bed.

The next morning, Katsugoro woke up with a terrible headache. He looked for the wallet, but it was gone. He asked his wife, "Where's my wallet and the gold coins?" His wife looked him in the eye and said gently, "What are you talking about? There was no wallet. You were dreaming. You drank too much and fell asleep right here."

Katsugoro was shocked. Could it really have been a dream? He felt ashamed. He realized how foolish he'd been, boasting, wasting, and drinking. He decided then and there to change his life.

From that day on, Katsugoro stopped drinking. He got up early every morning, bought the best fish, worked hard at the market, and treated his customers kindly. His wife worked beside him, and together they built a steady, honest life. Little by little, they saved enough to feel secure. People respected Katsugoro again.

Years passed. One New Year's Eve, as they sat together counting their blessings, Katsugoro's wife spoke quietly. "There's something I have to tell you." "That wallet you found at Shibahama, it wasn't a dream. You really did find it." Katsugoro's eyes widened. "What? Then…?" His wife smiled sadly. "When you passed out, I took the wallet and brought it to the town official. It was returned to the owner. If you'd kept it, you would have wasted it all. I didn't want to see you ruin yourself." At first, Katsugoro didn't know what to say. Then, after a long silence, he laughed. "You did the right thing. That dream saved me. If it weren't for you, I'd still be a fool, drinking my life away. Thanks to you, I found something better than gold, honest work, trust, and peace in my heart."

In this story, Katsugoro's wish for easy wealth brought him nothing lasting. When that wish vanished, he found a more precious treasure, a life built on trust and love.

Human wishes always have limits. When one wish is fulfilled, another takes its place. Our desires never run out. But Amida Buddha's wish is different. It is not just for one person or one moment.

Amida's wish is for all beings to be embraced in infinite compassion, without fear or regret.

Shinran Shonin reminds us: "All things are false and empty, except the Nembutsu alone."

Instead of chasing after our own fleeting wishes, may we live in line with Amida's wish, a wish that holds everyone, always, without limit. This is the true treasure that never fades.

Namo Amida Butsu



In Gassho,
Rev. Noritaka Imada
If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: imadabca@gmail.com (916) 383-1831

Meet members of the church



We're creating fun portraits for a future quiz! We will always get permission before publishing anyone's photo. If you're okay with having your likeness appear in the newsletter, please feel free to send me a photo of you, your friends, or your family!

imadabca@gmail.com



💡 Hint: She's a great cook!

Last month's quiz answer



Q: What does the Japanese word "Obon" mean?

(More than one correct answer!)

"A serving tray for food" and "A summer festival to honor ancestors" are correct! 'Obon' is a homonym in Japanese. It has the same pronunciation but different meanings. 🏮

The next quiz



Your friend says "Otsukare!" after work. What do they mean?

A) I'm sleepy! 😪💤

B) Good job! You worked hard! 👍

C) Let's drink! 🍻

D) Let's go home! Take care! 🏡

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN
P.O. BOX 292006, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95829-2006

July 14, 2025

Hello Sangha! During the past few months there have been lots of activities at the BCF that I'd like to share with you:

- **Kitchen Remodel:** Thanks to Ann and Lon Tsukamoto, Sharon Okamoto, and Lloyd Okimura for working with KW Construction on this project. In September (date TBD) we are planning to host an open house for all to see the impressive upgrades made to the kitchen. The cost to the church for the kitchen remodel was significantly reduced by several generous donations made towards this remodel, and by the sale of 11 new bricks which have been installed in the front of the Hondo. Thanks to all who made monetary donations, to those who invested their time (and physical labor) and to Margie Sunahara for coordinating the brick fundraiser.

- **Bright Lights:** Have you been in the Hall lately? When you do you'll notice how bright it is in there now. A big thank you to Kenny Teranishi and Darrell Matsuda for installing the LED lighting fixtures.

- **Newsletter:** Reverend Imada has volunteered to produce the BCF Oneness monthly newsletter. Thank you Ginny Syphax for performing this function for many years, and thank you Sensei for volunteering to serve as Publication Chairperson.

- **OBON:** The Church's Obon festival was held in July, thank you Lois Kashiwase for coordinating this event.

- **ACTIVITIES:** We have a variety of activities at the church to keep you busy, such as Pickle ball (contact Sharon Arase); Dharma School (youth basketball clinics, contact Judy Yuki); Kyudo Kai (Fridays in the Hall, contact Paula Yoshioka); cooking demonstrations (hosted by Reverend Imada, see newsletter for dates); Kimekomi Dollmaking Classes (Monthly, contact Peggy Okabayashi)

Two additional items to bring to your attention:
1) Website alert! Note that the old website previously used by the BCF is no longer utilized by our church All current information can only be found on the church's current website address: **https://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org**
2) I'm happy to report that our church is one of the few that have maintained membership levels and welcomed new members. If you see someone you don't recognize, I hope you will take a moment to welcome them and introduce yourself.

Thank you for your continued support of the Buddhist Church of Florin!
Gassho,

Eric Fujii, President
Buddhist Church of Florin

August Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of August will be held on **Sunday, August 10, 2025, beginning at 10: am.** The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of August are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (altar) before the service. If the year 2025 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed love one, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin 916-383-1831 or email imadabca@gmail.com to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Abe, Hiroshi	08-25-1917	Nakashima, Yasuke	08-10-1918
Asano, Yoshiro	08-10-1910	Nishiguchi, Toshiyuki	08-19-1923
Baishiki, Tsune	08-07-1943	Nobuso, Seishiro	08-09-1975
Fujii, Keiji	08-27-1939	Okamoto, Fusano	08-22-1970
Fujimoto, Satono	08-21-1918	Okazaki, Baby	08- -1939
Fukagawa, Chester Kiyoshi	08-01-2001	Okimura, Alice	08-10-2009
Fuwa, Rikizo	08-26-1936	Ono, Miyokichi	08-27-1911
Fuwa, Warren Hitoshi	08-28-1996	Otani, Robert Alan	08-06-2011
Hamataka, Sue Yoshiko	08-12-2002	Saigo, Toshiaki	08-05-1976
Haramoto, Manzo	08-16-1939	Sako, Morito	08-24-1956
Ishigaki, Hisako	08-02-1917	Sasaki, Fumiko	08-05-2016
Ishikawa, Infant	08-23-1912	Sekiguchi, Mitsue	08-09-1984
Kadoya, Kay Haruye	08-29-2023	Shijo, Susumu	08-03-2006
Kato, Kiyomi	08-13-2014	Sugimoto, Yei	08-04-1997
Kawanishi, Natsue	08-11-1930	Sumida, Katsumi	08-03-1918
Kimura, Fumiko	08-17-1920	Sumida, Roy Kazuo	08-08-2023
Kodama, Ritsu	08-09-1948	Tahara, Tome	08-17-1913
Kumamoto, Allen	08-07-1990	Takeoka, Kanao	08-31-2010
Maruki, Shozaburo	08-04-1930	Takeoka, Mikio	08-30-1999
Maruki, Tsuyuko	08-09-1930	Tanaka, Kay	08-08-2009
Mito, Isuyo	08-27-1918	Terada, Kansuke	08-21-1934
Mitsuyoshi, Misako	08-21-1926	Tsukamoto, James	08-19-2006
Mitsuyoshi, Toshiko	08-21-1926	Unno, Toshiuemon	08-04-1904
Miyata, Yoshinori	08-20-1912	Uno, Yoneko	08-07-1918
Mukai, Sannosuke	08-21-1951	Yabumoto, Miyeko	08-24-2008
Nakaguchi, Sana	08-18-1917	Yamamoto, Akio	08-15-1921
Nakahira, Kazutaro	08-04-1976	Yamamoto, Jayne Michiko	08-18-2023
Nakamura, Hisako Katherine	08-18-2008	Yamamoto, Minoru	08-16-1911
Nakashima, Aiko	08-04-1920	Yoshida, Heikichi	08-18-1934

2025 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

Year	Service	Year	Service
2024	1st Year	2001	25th Year
2023	3rd Year	1993	33rd Year
2019	7th Year	1976	50th Year
2013	13th Year	1926	100th Year
2009	17th Year		

Join us for August Services

August Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service
Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Ladies of Jodo Shinshu/Family Service
Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada

** The front gates may be locked 15 minutes after the start of scheduled services and/or activities.

In the event of a change, we will post the updates on our website, Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.



Buddhist Church of Florin Governing Board Meeting Highlights July 10, 2025

• Remember our temple website is: BuddhistChurchOfFlorin.org. Be sure you have the right website if you are doing a search in your browser. **BEWARE, the old website no longer belongs to us and does not conduct legitimate business for the temple**.

• Check the temple website regularly for updates to BCF Organizations (BWA, Dharma School, Kendo, Kyudo Kai, etc.) and to find information about services, events, fundraisers and how to donate.

• Dharma School is hosting a Basketball Camp for 4–8-year-olds. Contact Judy Yuki for more information (jhmyuki@gmail.com). The first session will be August 24.

• BCF is a sponsor of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education Yoga Retreat to be held at the Hard Rock Casino in Wheatland on September 26-28, 2025. See the BCA CBE website (BuddhistChurchesOfAmerica.org/CBE) for more information.

• BCF is also a sponsor of the Sacramento Valley Film Premiere of "Our League of Dreams – A JACL Civil Rights Story" showing on July 26, 2025.

• The Golf Tournament was highly successful! Check the temple website for photos of the teams, fun activities on the course and the winners! Huge thanks to Eric and Elizabeth Fujii and your hard-working, fun-loving volunteers.

• The Sacramento Kendo Dojo has been active in the community hosting a 4th grade field trip for the Jan Ken Po Gakko and presenting a demonstration at the BCF Obon (and helping with Obon cleanup!) Thank you!

• BWA is hosting their annual Summer Camp on August 13. See announcement in this Newsletter if you are interested or contact Sandy Okuno (whocares13@comcast.net).

• Read your Wheel of Dharma for the latest BCA news.

2025 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2025 membership dues received in June/July:

Myrna Hitomi Masako Tomono Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)
Tadashi Yuki (quarterly)

Please direct membership questions to Susan Takeda at (916) 837-5699 or s.takeda@comcast.net.
No directory changes.



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School
News & Events- August 2025
"B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness

Sunrise

O'er the horizon
Lies a light that burns the sky
To nourish the earth

-Skylar Lam

Upcoming Dharma Lesson/Activities

August 10, 2025	Origami (cranes, lotus flowers and Obon Themed lanterns).
August 24, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 11-12:30 am
Sept.14, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 11-12:30 am
Sept. 28, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 11:00am-12:30pm
Oct. 26, 2025	Halloween Party 11:00am-1:00pm
	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 1:00-2:30pm
Fall 2025	Field trip to Buddhist Church of Lodi and Science Museum
November and December	Game Day and mini Undokai







SAVE THE DATES!



Basketball Clinic

Ages 4 to 8 years old

Bring your kids out for 1.5 hours to learn basic skills of basketball. No experience needed. Bring a water bottle, dress appropriately, and wear appropriate shoes.

Sunday, August 24th: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Sunday, September 14th: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Sunday, September 28th: after service (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM)

Sunday, October 26th: after the Halloween get together (1:00 PM to 2:30 PM)

For more information, please contact Kimiko Yamamoto Hayashida (kimikoyamamoto11@yahoo.com)



August '25 BWA Dana Project

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC. SACRAMENTO STATE

SACRAMENTO Food Bank & Family SERVICES



ASI FOOD PANTRY
Summer 2025
For Sacramento State students with financial hardships and low food security
University Union 1246

The ASI Food Pantry exists to provide food and basic necessities at no cost to Sac State students facing financial hardships and limited access to food.

Requesting $$ for BWA's August Dana Project. BWA will then send a check to the CSUS ASI Food Pantry.



AUGUST ACTIVITIES



Ladies of Jodo Shinshu Service
Aug. 24, 2025

July '25 BWA Dana Project

SACRAMENTO LOAVES & FISHES

Bottled Water Drive

Bottled water or check to BWA. BWA then sends $$ to L&Fishes.



LOTUS News

August '25

[July 2025]

W. Land Park Pond 7-'22

LOTUS spruces up the church grounds in preparation for Obon

Obon festivities preparation: The area surrounding the back parking lot (used for Obon odori) & the Heisei Garden was the landscaping/maintenance focus in early July.

Below: Lloyd & Darrell installed cabinets (old kitchen cabinets) in the parsonage garage.







LOTUS Garden Update

July: Bumper crop of cherry tomatos. On this particular day though, there were fewer veggies than usual. Some of the crop had succumed to the summer heat & lack of water. Gary had to purchase a new water timer. More vegetables are now expected.



JoAnn – Providing water to LOTUS members
Sharon – Cold water quenching thirst during hot morning

JoAnn Kusaka	*Head food preparer*
Sharon Okamoto	*Provides weekly desserts*
Linda Menda	*Lunch prep*
Jan Takeuchi	*Peach crisp, melons*
Ginny Syphax	*Macadamia cookies, watermelon*



Photos:
Jan & Sharon

Historical Japanese Kamigamo-Style Mataro Kimekomi Doll Class

One-Day Workshop – Buddhist Church of Florin

Date: Saturday – **August 16, 2025** ***Please register 10 days prior to workshop date***

Place: 7235 Prichard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (lunch provided for $10, or bring your own lunch)

WS Fee: Florin Church member – $45

Non-Florin Church member – $55

(Part of registration fee goes to BC Florin's BWA as a donation)

Lab Fee:

Choice 1 – Osana Kime (Young Prince)	$45
Choice 2 – Osana Hime (Young Princess)	$45
Choice 3 – Kokeshi Ningyou (Kokeshi Doll)	$69
Choice 4 – Kouun Fukurou (Fortune Owl)	$40

❄ Bring small, pointed scissors and a hand towel for your workstation.

Dress casually. Please register early. Seats are limited.



Choice 1 = $45.



Choice 2 = $45



Choice 3 = $69



Choice 4 = $40

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Registration Form – BC Florin Kimekomi Doll Making Workshop

WS Date: August 16, 2025

Name: _____

Choice of your Doll #: _____ **Order lunch? Yes** _____ **No** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Total Amount of Payment: $_____ Check #_____

(Please remit Registration + Lab Fee check payable to: **Northern California Shibu Mataro Miyabi Kai**.

Mail Registration Form + check to: **Isako Wasano P.O. Box 28, Rescue, CA 95762 or pay on the WS day.**

Buddhist Church of Florin

buddhistchurchofflorin.org

Fall Food Fundraiser

Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To Order:

1. Return your order form **with** payment
2. Orders **MUST** be postmarked by **August 13, 2025**
3. Please make check payable to: **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN**
4. Mail check and order form to:

   Buddhist Church of Florin
   Fall Food Fundraiser
   P. O. Box 292006
   Sacramento, CA 95829
5. Email or phone orders will **not** be accepted

Pick up your order on September 7th, between 11:00 AM -1:00 PM

7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, 95828

Prepaid, contactless drive thru pick-up only

Any order not picked up by 2:30 will be considered a donation

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
Chicken Plate (½ teriyaki chicken, vegetable, rice, pickled vegetable, orange slices)		x $20.00	
Age Zushi (6 pieces)		x $10.00	
Chinese Chicken Salad		x $7.00	
Udon (Fresh udon; cooking instructions will be provided)		x $7.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Name (Print)	
Address	
City	Zip
Contact Phone Number (required)	
Email Address	

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Address	
City	Zip
Contact Phone Number (required)	
Email Address	



JOIN OUR

JAPANESE STUDY CLASS

Every 4th Thursday
7PM - 8PM
at Buddhist Church of Florin



Wanted!!!

If you have old bath towels needing to find a new home, please donate to the Church. Our towels to clean the gym floors are turning to shreds due to use four times a week (which is a good thing!). Any color accepted. Please drop off in the labeled box in the Multipurpose



The Woodcrafts of Mr. Yamamoto

Did you attend Obon service and see the improvement made to the osaisen box when you entered the Hondo?

	
Before	After

Thank you Mr. Yamamoto for beautifying our osaisen (to receive your donations) box!

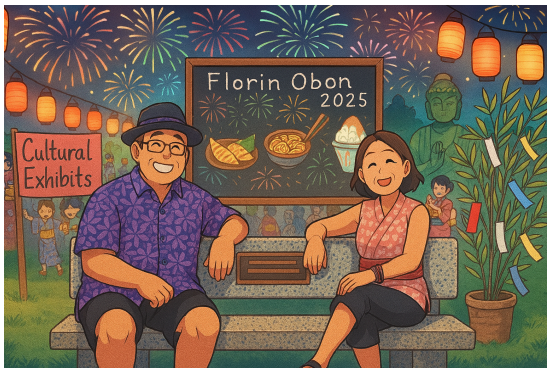
Thank you Elizabeth Fujii for suggesting this was needed!

Florin Obon 2025





















Obon Festivial 2025

Lois Kashiwase, Obon Chairperson

The Obon Festival commemorates and remembers deceased ancestors. It is believed that their spirit returns at this time to visit their relatives with the guidance of the Chochin lanterns and to surround us during the Obon odori dances. It is also a time for all families to come together and to remember their loved ones who have passed on. Our Obon Festival was just that and more due to everyone who came out to celebrate and support our Obon Festival.

Grateful for everyone behind the scenes that helped to make this event a huge success by being very generous with their time and energy. 2025 Obon Committee Chairperson(s): Facilities: Kenny Teranishi; Snack Bar: Sharon Okamoto, Sandy Okuno; Cultural Exhibits/Demonstrations: Jennifer Kubo, Peggy Okabayashi; JACL Workshop: Jennifer Kubo; Obon Odori: Cheryl Miles, Judie Miyao; Sound System: Lenny Mizusaka; Publicity: Ginny Syphax, Lois Kashiwase; Signage: Ginny Syphax, Kris Takeda-Miller; 50/50 Raffle: Eric Fujii, Judy Yuki; Security: Eric Fujii; Finances: Janice Shintaku, Walter Menda, Ginny Syphax, Sharon Okamoto, Ann Tsukamoto; Clean-Up Crew: Scott Louie, Keith Nakaoka. Special thank you to Rev. Noritaka Imada and Walter Menda for conducting a beautiful Hatsubon Obon Service with guest speaker Rev. Henry Adams from San Mateo Buddhist Temple. ***THANK YOU!!***



Tentative Itinerary for Florin Lodi Japan Tour in Oct.2026

We are now taking reservations for the wait list for this Japan trip. Priority will be given to BCF members. Contact Peggy Okabayashi to add your name to the wait list.

2026 Florin/Lodi Japan Tour

Tentative Itinerary – As of May 8, 2025
Made by: Naomi Takehara, Kintetsu Travel on May 08,2025

✈️ Flight Information

Departure:

- **NH 007** | Oct 14 | SFO → NRT | 12:00 PM – 3:20 PM (+1)
  Domestic Transfer:
- **NH 540** | Oct 15 | NRT → CTS (Sapporo) | 5:50 PM – 7:35 PM
  Return Flights:
- **NH 683** | Oct 29 | HIJ → HND | 4:10 PM – 7:35 PM
- **NH 108** | Oct 29 | HND → SFO | 10:55 PM – 4:35 PM (same day)

📅 Day-by-Day Itinerary

October 14 (Wed) – Departure

- **09:00 AM** Assemble at ANA counter, SFO Airport
- **12:00 PM** Depart for Narita via ANA Flight NH007

October 15 (Thu) – Arrival in Japan

- **03:20 PM** Arrive at Narita Airport
- Immigration, baggage claim, and transfer to domestic terminal
- **05:50 PM** Depart for Sapporo (CTS) via NH540
- **07:35 PM** Arrive at Shin-Chitose Airport
- **09:30 PM** Check-in at *Mitsui Garden Hotel Sapporo West* (or similar)
  Dinner on your own

October 16 (Fri) – Sapporo Sightseeing

- Explore the **Historical Village of Hokkaido**, an open-air museum showcasing life in the frontier
- Visit **Shiroi Koibito Park**, a whimsical chocolate factory and theme park loved by all ages
- Head to **Mt. Okura Ski Jump Stadium & Museum**, and enjoy a scenic ride up the lift to the observation deck for panoramic views
- Enjoy a **self-guided tour of the Sapporo Beer Museum**, with time to browse the souvenir shop
- **Dinner:** BBQ feast with all-you-can-drink at the lively **Sapporo Beer Hall**
- 🛏️ **Overnight at Mitsui Garden Hotel Sapporo West**

October 17 (Sat) – Biei & Furano

- Shikisai-no-oka flower fields
- Blue Pond
- Tokachidake Observatory
- *Lunch & dinner on your own*
- 🛏️ *Mitsui Garden Hotel Sapporo West*

October 18 (Sun) – Lake Toya

- Check out, drive to Lake Toya
- Visit **Upopoy National Ainu Museum & Park,** Lunch on own at Upopoy
- Optional stop: Noboribetsu Hell Valley for autumn leaves
- **03:00 PM** Arrive at hotel, enjoy hot spring
- **05:30 PM** Buffet dinner at hotel
- 🛏️ *Nonokaze Resort, Lake Toya (Lake View Room)*

October 19 (Mon) – Hakodate

- Shikabe Town: cooking class with fishermen's wives for your lunch
- Hakodate Wine Factory: tour & tasting
- **Dinner:** Buffet at hotel
- 🛏️ *Yunokawa Prince Hotel Nagisatei*

October 20 (Tue) – Bullet Train to Aomori

- Hakodate Morning Market
- Hakodate Ropeway
- Lunch is on own at Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse
- Goryokaku Tower
- Bullet train: Shin-Hokuto → Shin-Aomori
- **Dinner:** Live Tsugaru shamisen performance at Aiya
- 🛏️ *Art Hotel Hirosaki*

October 21 (Wed) – Hirosaki

- Neputa Village (lantern-making experience)
- Hirosaki Castle Park
- Apple Park
- Choshoji Temple
- **Dinner:** Apple-inspired French course at Yamazaki
- 🛏️ *Art Hotel Hirosaki*

October 22 (Thu) – Akita – Morioka Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Hn1J3Pwhe2i8W

- Depart for Oga, Akita
- Namahage Museum & performance
- Samurai District of Kakunodate (Ishiguro & Aoyagi Houses)
- **Dinner:** Wanko Soba Challenge at Hatsukoma, Morioka
- 🛏️ Hotel near Morioka Station

October 23 (Fri) – Travel to Tokyo

- Walk to Morioka Station
- Bullet train to Tokyo
- Half-day sightseeing upon arrival
- 🛏️ *TBA – Tsukiji Keihan Grande or Keio Plaza Hotel*

October 24 (Sat) – Free Day in Tokyo

- *Breakfast included*
- *Lunch & dinner on your own*
- 🛏️ *Tokyo hotel – TBA*

October 25 (Sun) – Travel to Kyoto

- Bullet train to Kyoto
- Afternoon (Nishiki Market – Nishi Hongwanji-Otani Honbyo)
- 🛏️ *Kyoto hotel – TBA*

October 26 (Mon) – Kyoto https://maps.app.goo.gl/A2hj7Mh4tnfCHbPU7

- **Breakfast included**
- Visit **Kiyomizu Temple**, one of Kyoto's most iconic landmarks
- Explore the impressive **Sanjūsangendō**, known for its 1,001 statues of Kannon
- **Lunch on your own** at **Aeon Mall Gojo**, featuring a variety of local dining options
- Enjoy a hands-on experience of **making matcha tea** and **Kyoto's famous sweet, Yatsuhashi**
- **Meet & greet with a Maiko** – photo opportunity, Q&A session, and visit to the **Embroidery**
- Stroll through the serene grounds of **Nanzenji Temple**
- **Dinner:** Kyoto-style tofu course meal at **Junsei Restaurant** (Nanzenji Tofu specialty)
- 🛏️ **Overnight at Kyoto hotel** – TBA

October 27 (Tue) – Free Day in Kyoto

- *Breakfast included*
- *Lunch & dinner on your own*
- 🛏️ *Kyoto hotel – TBA*

October 28 (Wed) – Hiroshima

- Bullet train to Hiroshima
- *Lunch on own & shopping at station*
- Okonomiyaki cooking class for lunch if it's available.
- Visit: Peace Memorial Park, Museum, and Monuments
- Farewell dinner at the hotel
- **Evening:** Night cruise to Miyajima Torii Gate
- 🛏️ *Aki Grand Hotel(Ocian view room)*

October 29 (Thu) – Miyajima → Departure

- Morning: Visit Itsukushima Shrine
- Return to hotel, pick up luggage
- Transfer to Hiroshima Airport
- **04:10 PM** Depart for Haneda
- **07:35 PM** Arrive at Haneda
- **10:55 PM** Depart for San Francisco via NH108
- **04:35 PM (same day)** Arrive at SFO

Total 14 nights/16 days

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 No Service 7PM DS Mtg 9AM Pickle Ball	4	5	6	7 8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	8 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	9
10 10 am Shotsuki/Family Service 1PM Pickle Ball	11 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM 7:30 PM BWA Mtg (zoom)	12	13 BWA Summer Camp	14 8AM Lotus Club 7:30 BCF Board Mtg	15	16 9AM-4PM Kimekomi Workshop
17 No Service 9AM Pickle Ball	18	19	20 10AM BWA Social	21 8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	22 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	23 Florin JACL Women's Forum
24 10 am Ladies of Jodo Shinshu/Family Service (BWA) 1PM Pickle Ball	25 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM 7:30 BEC Mtg	26	27	28 8AM Lotus Club	29	30
31 9AM Pickle Ball						

NOTES

On going events:
Sacramento Kendo, Tuesdays/Fridays at 7:30PM Kyudo Kai, Fridays at 6:30PM
Men's Basketball, Tuesdays/Thursdays at 8:00PM.

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 8AM Lotus Club	5	6
7 No Service Fall Food Bazaar 7PM DS Mtg	8 7:30 PM BWA Mtg (zoom)	9	10	11 8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM 7:30 BCF Board Mtg	12 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	13
14 FALL OHIGAN/Shotsuki/Family Svc, Installation,DS& Registration, Welcome Luncheon 1PM Pickle Ball	15 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	16	17 10AM BWA Social	18 8AM Lotus Club	19	20 9AM-4PM Kimekomi Workshop
21 No Service 9AM Pickle Ball	22	23	24	25 8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	26 Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	27
28 Family Service/Keiro Appreciation 1PM Pickle Ball	29 7:30 BEC Mtg	30				

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