



ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS

Opening Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

The Opening Celebration is the ceremonial kick-off of the new Garden season. It is a day filled with family activities in honor of Children's Day in Japan.

VISITOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Activities take place from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Origami Instruction

Origami is the art of paper folding. Keiko Hall and her students will provide instruction on how to create origami.

Ikebana Demonstration

Children will learn the art of Japanese flower arranging by creating their own arrangements with artificial flowers.

Calligraphy Instruction

Calligraphy is an artistic writing form utilizing brush and ink. Sachiyo Koester will provide instruction on how to create calligraphy writing.

Japanese Bazaar

One of a kind items will be available for purchase from the Anderson Japanese Gardens Tea Club.

Noh Masks

Noh is an important art form that utilizes masks. There were originally 60 basic types of Noh masks, but today there are well over 200. Covering the face with a mask during a Noh play is much like wearing makeup. Make your own Noh mask to wear and create your own play.

Candy Sushi (One candy sushi per child)

Sushi is a form of food preparation that originated in Japan and consists of cooked rice combined with other ingredients such as raw, uncooked seafood, vegetables and sometimes tropical fruits. Children will be able to make a sweet sushi roll out of candy!

Presentations in Lower Level Gallery

The Way of the Samurai in 1890's Japan: 1:30 PM

Sarah Thal

Associate Professor of Japanese History-University of Wisconsin Madison

Ukiyo: The Language and Culture of Japanese Prints: 2:15 PM

James Ketelaar

Professor at the University of Chicago

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Activities Take Place from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Unless Otherwise Specified

Taiko Drum Performances: 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Ho Etsu Taiko returns to Anderson Japanese Gardens. Performances will take place at the Pavilion.

Duo Yumeno: 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM

New York based koto/shamisen player, singer (*Yoko Reikano Kimura*) and cellist (*Hikaru Tamaki*) create a singular fusion sound, inspired by tradition with a contemporary sensibility. Performances will take place at the Pavilion.

Okinawa Dance Group Performances: 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

The Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai will be performing Okinawan dance and traditions at the Pavilion.

Tsukasa Kids: 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM (located at the Pavilion)

Tsukasa Taiko is one of the largest taiko groups in the Midwest and offers taiko drum instruction, education and performances. Performance will take place at the Pavilion.

Carp Flags (located on the West Waterfall deck)

Children and parents are encouraged to create a carp flag in celebration of Children's Day. Carp (koinobori) flags are part of Children's Day because Japanese legend is carp swim upstream to become a dragon. The flags blow in the wind and look like they are swimming. On Children's Day, families raise carp flags; one for the father, one for the mother and one for each child.

Otedama (located near the Guest House circle)

Otedama is a traditional Japanese children's game. Small bean bags are tossed and juggled in a game similar to jacks.

Tea Ceremonies: 11:45 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:15 PM, 2:00 PM

\$10 participation fee

Tea Ceremonies will be led by students of Professor Kimiko Gunji and will take place at the Tea Hut and Gazebo. Registration is available at the Guest House circle. Space is limited and registration is required.

Scavenger Hunt

Try your luck at finding all the clues on the scavenger hunt map that leads you through the Garden. Find all the clues and you win a prize! Receive and redeem your map at the Visitor Center Admissions Counter.

Takoage (located on the West Waterfall deck)

Takoage is a kite flying game played during New Years in Japan. Make your own kite to fly! These kites can come in diamond, rectangular, and hexagonal shapes, or sometimes they can be in the shape of Japanese characters or various animals! Often the designs painted on the kites signify good luck.

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