

Winter Delights

Christmas illuminations



They start in the middle of November, at Kishiwada Cancan Bay Area, where Namikiri Hall is. This modern area is beautifully lit up with Christmas illuminations.

Come and see the west Japan's greatest illuminations in a Christmas tree style.

It is a new year's regular event. Red, white and yellow rice cakes are made in the traditional way; steamed rice is pounded in a large wooden mortar, with special mallets.

Just-made cakes are given away to worshippers, wishing them happiness.

"Kumeda-ji Senbon-duki" -the making rice cake event at Kumeda Temple-



New Year's parade of fire brigades

The event consists of a march by fire fighters and their fire engines, a traditional and exciting ladder performance by the rescue team, fire-fighting simulation by the citizens' fire patrol groups. Lastly the fire engines put on a fine water spray show.



Kishiwada City Long-Distance Relay Race and Senshu International City Marathon



The long-distance relay race is held in mid-January. After leaving Katsuragi sports ground, the sashes runners wear link the team members and team spirits together during the race.

The following month, on the 3rd Sunday of February, Senshu International City Marathon is held. The runners are cheered by the Danjiri festival music along the route.

They are breath freezing mid winter events

Snow covered Mt.Katsuragi

Enjoy the beauty of Mt.Izumi-Katsuragi in white on a hike.

Even if it's rainy in town, a hike to the mountain always ends in snow. You should be well equipped.



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Information & Orientation

Kishiwada Cancan Bay Area ▶ 10 minutes on foot northwestwards from Kishiwada station on the Nankai line. The area includes Namikiri Hall, a shopping center, a cinema complex, etc.

Kumeda-ji ▶ 15 minutes on foot southeastwards from Kumeda station on the JR Hanwa line.

Mt.Izumi-Katsuragi ▶ There are two ways to get to the mountaintop. First one is to start from Tonohara-tozanguchi. About 3.6km to the top, takes about 2 hours on foot. To get to Tonohara-tozanguchi, take the Nankai Wing Bus Nanbu to Tonohara from Kishiwada station on the Nankai line or Higashi-Kishiwada Station on the JR Hanwa line. Second one is starting from Ushitaki-tozanguchi. About 4.3km, takes about 2 hours on foot. To get to Ushitaki-tozanguchi, take the Nankai Wing Bus Nanbu to Ushitaki-san from Kishiwada or Izumiomiya station on the Nankai line.