

Here is your long awaited monthly news letter!

It was a great turn-out at our annual July 4th picnic. We had good food, games with prizes, and practiced our Bon-Odori dances. Big thanks to the Santa Fe Budokan for accommodating us at the last minute, and to everybody who brought delicious food and participated in the event! There are two more exciting activities that are scheduled for July:

Activity #1: Bowling!

Date and Time: 7/24/11 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Strike Gold Lanes (at Cities of Gold Casino in Pojoaque)

Cost: \$10 (Santa Fe JIN will pay for part of the cost so it is going to be \$10 per person, shoes rental included in the price)

To participate: Please contact Maggie at via phone (505) 603-4408 or email at maggie12353@yahoo.com

Activity #2: Conversational Japanese Practice!

Would you like to practice your Japanese with a native speaker?
If so, this class is for you!

Data and Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Cost: A one hour of private one-on-one lesson is only \$15
A small group (up to 3 people) is \$10 per person

To participate: Please contact Yukari Kuma at (505) 438-2463

Small Trivia: Tanabata

For anybody who is interested, July 7th is Tanabata, a Japanese star festival celebrating the meeting of Orihime (Vega) and Hikoboshi (Altair). They are two lovers separated by the Milky way and allowed to meet only once a year, on the seventh day of the seventh month. Although how celebrations differ by region, in my hometown we wrote our wishes on paper strips (Tanzaku) and hang them from bamboo grass.