

Good afternoon, here is the August newsletter!

The bowling event we had on the 24th was a blast and there was a large turnout. There are a number of fun activities planned by JIN for the month of August as well.

EVENT #1: Benefit Event for Japan

Date and Time: 8/11/11 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hosted by: Kindness America - Sendai Alliance

Sponsored in part by: SF JIN

Location:

Vanessie Restaurant & Bar

434 N. San Francisco St.

EVENT #2: General Meeting/Bonodori Practice

Date and Time: 8/13/11 4 p.m.

Location: Santa Fe Budokan

Details: Potluck followed by general meeting and Bonodori practice

EVENT #3: Bonodori

Date and Time: 8/20/11 5:30-7:30 p.m. (save the date!)

Location: Sunrise Springs

Attire: Members are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and beach sandals for Bonodori

Optional Attire:

Happi [from Matsuri, if you forgot to bring it back after the Matsuri, now is your chance!]

Yukata:

If you have a Yukata but do not know how to wear it, then we will be happy to assist! Just bring a undershirt, 2 strings (long enough to go around your waist), obi, and sandals. We will need some lead time to get you ready, so please come to the "Willow building" by 4:45 p.m.

There will be Taiko, music and a short explanation of each songs.

Further details will be forthcoming as we get closer to 8/20/11

Trivia about Bonodori

When directly translated, Bonodori means Bon dance. It is a style of dancing performed during Obon. Originally a dance to welcome the spirits, each region has a local dance and different music.

The music can be songs specifically pertinent to the spiritual message of Obon, or local minyo folk songs. Consequently, the Bon dance will look and sound different from region to region.