

## The 75<sup>th</sup> Shimizu Port Festival (Fri 2 to Sun 4 August)

This beloved festival featuring fireworks displays, parades, and mass dancing is back for the 75<sup>th</sup> time!  
Help us make it an event to remember!

### Join the Dancing

We want as many people as possible to participate in the Shimizu Port Festivals' characteristic mass dances (*odori*). Two of the main mass dances at the Shimizu Port Festival are the Kappore So Odori and the Yukata Odori. To help get you ready, we have arranged the following free practice sessions.



### Kappore So Odori and Yukata Odori Practice Sessions

\*Free, no reservation required, limited parking available

Date	Time	Songs to be Practiced	Where	What to Bring
Sun 5 & Fri 31 May	18:30-20:30	Minato Kappore & Kappore Eisa	Shimizu Sports Complex Gymnasium	Indoor shoes
Sun 12 May & Sun 9 June		Kappore Nebuta		
Sat 18 May & Sat 15 June		Kappo-Reggae		
Sat 25 May & Sat 22 June		Kappore Flamenco		
Thurs 27 June & Thurs 11 July		Ji Odori (6 Songs)		

### Kappore in Hinode

In advance of the festival, we will also be playing the songs for the Kappore So Odori and the Yukata Odori over loudspeaker at Shimizu Marine Park. Anyone can come on down and practice the steps!

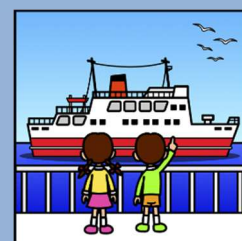
**When:** Fri 12, Sat 13, Fri 19, and Sat 20 July, 19:00-20:45

\*Canceled in event of rain (check the website to see whether the event will take place)

**Where:** Shimizu Marine Park

\*No reservation required. Please use public transport or paid parking in the area.

**Cost:** Free!



### Help Carry the Mikoshi (Portable Shrine)!

**When:** Sun 4 August (last day of the festival)

**What:** Help carry the *mikoshi* through the streets of Shimizu, from Minowa Inari Shrine to Shimizu Marine Building.

**Who:** Anyone! (Free)

**Applications:** Apply by postcard or fax to the Shimizu Port Festival Executive Committee (see address and fax number below).

\*Must be postmarked by Fri 28 June.

\*Please include your address, name, sex, age, and phone number when applying.



### Kids Wadaiko (Japanese Drum) Lesson

**When:** Sat 3 Aug, 10:00-11:30

**Where:** Shimizu Marine Building

**What:** Learn the correct way to hold the drumsticks, swing your arms, and play a simple beat.

\*Students will perform what they have learned the next day (Sun 4 Aug).

**Who:** 20 Grade 1-4 elementary school students (parental accompaniment required)

**Cost:** 2000 yen

**Applications:** Apply to via Shimizu Port Festival Executive Committee by return postcard (往復ハガキ, *ofuku hagaki*), available at post offices.

\*Must be postmarked by Mon 1 July

\*Please write "wadaiko taiken kyoshitsu" on the post card and include the child's and parent's names (including furigana), address, sex, and the child's school and grade.

\*If applications exceed the number of available spots, successful applicants will be chosen randomly.



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