

2017 New Year U.S. Karuta competition

Ogura Hyakunin-isshu karuta is a card game using 100 ancient poems written between the 7th and 13th century in Japan. Because Tori-fuda --cards for players-- are written in Hiragana, if you can read Hiragana, you can participate. We will read Shimo-no-ku, or the second half of the poems, so you don't have to have memorized any of the poems. You can just come to see the games or enjoy free-of-charge Chirashi-dori, Pick-up Priest (no Hiragana knowledge necessary), calligraphy, etc. to enjoy Japanese New Year atmosphere, too. We also show the dynamic Kyogi Karuta (one-on-one game) demonstration.

Date January 2nd (Monday), 2017

Time 9:00-12:00 Genpei-sen (team match) for beginners
13:00-17:00 Kyogi Karuta (experienced players only)

Venue Bethesda Elementary School Cafeteria
7600 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814



Genpei-sen (for beginners): 2-3 people in a team compete at a table. You don't have to sit on your knees. If you cannot find a partner, please apply by yourself. We will try to find a partner for you. Any age groups are welcomed.

- ① Native Japanese speakers' division: Anybody can attend. We separate groups depending on age.
- ② Japanese learners' division: Even if you cannot speak Japanese fluently, you can attend if you can read Hiragana.

※All teams play 3 games. The rank is decided depending on the 3 games results. If you have three people in a team, two people take turn to play one game. As the reciter reads the second half of the poems, you don't have to know any poems of Hyakunin-isshu.

※People who remember the 100 Kimari-ji can attend Kyogi Karuta division. Please contact us for details. (D~F level of All Japan Karuta Association.)

※Please accept that winners names and school may be published in media.

Attendance fee: Gempei-sen division \$10/person
Kyogi Karuta division \$20/person

※ Each division is free of charge for students who are non-native Japanese speakers.

How to register (Gempei-sen division)

Please send the following information to karutastone@gmail.com.

Only pre-registered people can attend the competition. When you register, you will receive the rules and study guide.

- 1) Division (Native Japanese speakers or Japanese learners)
 - 2) Full name of all team members (In Japanese and in English).
 - 3) School name if you are students
 - 4) Team name --please name a unique and funny name
 - 5) Japanese level (how many years of studying, N1~N5 level, etc.)
 - 6) The name and mobile number of the team leader (parent or guardian for minors) to be able to be contacted on the competition day.
- We will reply in a few days after you send the registration. If you wouldn't receive in a few days, please contact us. You may be in a waiting list if we have too many people.

★ First to Third places will be awarded in addition to the special award.

★ Please trim your nails before the competition. Any injury or accident will be paid by the player's own expense.

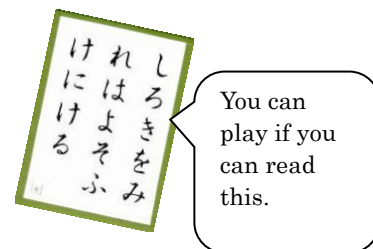
Inquiry

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Karuta information (general) : <http://karuta.game.cocan.jp/>

Practice information : <http://dcinishiekarutakai.wordpress.com/>

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9:00-12:00

Free of charge activities including Chirashi-dori (Hiragana requirement), Pick-up Priest (no Japanese language necessary), calligraphy, etc. First 20 people to come in Japanese traditional costume (Kimono) will get a souvenir.

Free of Charge to watch games at any time.