

SCHEDULED EVENTS ON THE DEMO FIELD & CULTURAL STAGE

All scheduled events are “wind dependent.” Times are approximate and subject to change at any time due to weather and other considerations.

Master of Ceremonies: Glen Rothstein of the American Kitefliers Association
Entertainment Stage Mistress of Ceremonies: Megumi Yuhara

- 10:00 Let's Go Fly A Kite!** Welcome Message and Introductions.
- 10:05 Fighter Kites!** Members of the **North American Fighter Kite Association** will demonstrate the ancient art of flying Fighter Kites in a "round robin" tournament. Our Master of Ceremonies will give an introduction of the demonstration and call the competition.
- 10:45 Chicago Fire** – Sport Kite Ballet continues to be one of the most incredible viewing experiences on the planet. Once again, Seal Beach welcomes a demo team known internationally as one of the best. With over 26 years in the air, team members **Russ Faulk, Elizabeth Gordon & Josh Gordon's** first flight of the day will give insight into its breath-taking nature.
- 10:50 The Kite Kids** – Back with us again this year, **Lynn and Jim Foster**, will put their hearts in the sky and bring us beautiful and patriotic kite ballets throughout the day.
- 10:55 N-Sync** – The Dynamic Duo of **Cass & Carol Pittman** return to our festival this year and promise to delight us with one of their Quadline kite routines.
- 11:00 Taiko from PROTA!** – Welcoming them back for the 3rd consecutive year, the deep and rich sounds produced by the “progressive taiko” troupe, Protta, demonstrating the ancient art of Taiko Drumming which depicts stories through the sounds of the drums. [At the Entertainment Stage]
- 11:20 Catch the Tail Contest** for the kids! Prizes will be given to the winners. Santa Barbara's **Rakesh Bahadur** will fly a kite with a long tail and your kids will run and try to catch the tail! This will be done with several different age groups so many will win a prize!
- 12:00 A Moment for Monty and Friends** – Remembering the One who started it all, and others who have made a difference.
- 12:15 Ondo (Summer Festival) Dancing** – Wear your *happi* coat and grab an *uchiwa* fan! Get ready to join the traditional Japanese festival dance led by Miles Hamada and Christine Inouye. [At the Entertainment Stage]
- 12:35 Chieko Tagami** – Joining us for the 2nd year in a row, we're proud to welcome a member of **Team Aftershock**. “Aftershock” means something to all of us here in Southern California, however, in the kiting world, it is the name of one of the most revered Sport Kite Demo Teams who have ever graced the sky.
- 12:40 Miguel Rodriguez** – As a Masters Class Grand National Champion, Miguel knows just a bit about kites and wind. His talents include designing and producing some of the most radical and wanted competition sport kites on the circuit. We're proud to have him back as a featured artist this year.
- 12:50 Azuma Kotobuki Kai** – The three dancers will showcase classical and modern Japanese dance, uniquely combining classical dance technique with modern influences. **Kendyl Sayuri Yokoyama, Jordyn Masae Yokoyama** and **Kiara Emi Kubota-Stromberg** are joining us today from the Ventura County branch! [At the Entertainment Stage]
- 1:10 All Hail Naginata!** We're thrilled to once again have Traditional Japanese “Stick Fighting” at our festival. The **Southern California Naginata Federation** will share this ancient art.
- 1:30 Kite Master 101!!!** This year, we continue our tradition of bringing you some of the best kite makers from around the world, and right here at home too. Please join us at the demo field to view some of the most beautiful and dynamic works of art, that fly, and hear what designers like **Mikio Toki, Deb Lenzen, Ron Gibian & Jose Sainz** have to say about them.
- 1:45 Sport Kite Ballet** - Our World Champions will again perform award winning routines.
- 2:00 Taiko – Round 2 – PROTA** will again take the stage and bring you the rhythm of Taiko. [At the Entertainment Stage]

- 2:20 Kite Control** – Our MC will go in depth with our Demo Artists and run through the motions of what it takes to be a Competition Sport Kite Flyer.
- 2:30 Sport Kite Ballet** – Strap in and look up as our world class fliers bring you 30 minutes of breathtaking beauty, set to music.
- 3:00 Candy Drop!** You and your children will enjoy our version of Chicken Little's "The Sky is Falling" when candy magically falls from the sky. 3 separate drops for 3 separate age groups. **A Big Thank You to the San Diego Kite Club** for their valiant efforts and sponsorship of the Candy Drop.
- 3:25 Azuma Kotobuki Kai** – Encore performance of classical and modern Japanese dance! [At the Entertainment Stage]
- 3:45 Kite Master 401!!! Mikio, Deb, Ron, Jose and Who Knows?** will share their latest creations and remind us all of how we can live better, through kite flying.
- 4:00 All Hands on Deck !!! - Sport Kite Ballet Grand Finale!!!** – Here in Seal Beach, where the winds pick up in the afternoon, **ALL of our Demo Flyers** will be put to the test as they bring you the best of the best in expression of dynamic flight in more challenging conditions.
- 4:30 Ondo Dancing - Grand Finale!!** – Get ready to join us for the finale Japanese Festival Dance and Japanese folk music. Be sure to bring out your *uchiwa* fans!

◆◆◆◆ ADDITIONAL FUN STUFF FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ◆◆◆◆

Mikio Toki is a Japanese Kite Master from Tokyo. He will display his beautiful, handmade *edo-dako* “Tokyo style” kite designs that feature a “bridle” of up to 50 strings that allow them to fly without a tail. Mr. Toki's traditional designs are sought after around the world.

Ron Gibian – Internationally known as one of the most dramatic kite designers, Ron will share some shapes and uses of color few have dared to experiment with. Ron does it like he's flying a single diamond kite in an 8 mph onshore breeze.

Show Kites on the BIG Field! Honoring Seal Beach and America with his patriotic displays, our beloved local flyer **Lyle Walter** will be unfurling some new kites from his collection along with the Red, White & Blue that he's famous for.

Chieko Tagami is Japan's 1998 world-champion of sport kiting. Tagami will conduct introductory lessons on precision sport kite flying!

Joining us for the fourth straight year from the Bay Area, former AKA Regional Director, **Brian Champie**, brings big acreage of Ripstop & Polyester to dazzle you.

Pick a Gecko, any Gecko – First Gentleman of the Up Up and Away Kite Club, **Jay Sabic**, will be flying one of his 90 foot pets with us today.

Kites, Kites and More Kites! As you stroll along the beach, watching the demos and listening to Taiko, you'll be among some of the greatest kite enthusiasts in the world. The **Up Up and Away Kite Club**, the **San Diego Kite Club** along with members of the **Ventura County Kite Flyers** and many others will have kites and ground displays throughout the entire festival.

Hello Kitty Street Team will be distributing Big Red Bow crowns and temporary tattoos near the main tent!

◆◆◆◆ ACTIVITIES IN THE MAIN TENT ◆◆◆◆

Free Kids' Kite Workshop in the Main Tent! Volunteers will help kids make *Cobra* kites! From 10am to 2pm.

Japanese “Candy Sculpture” by Shawn Ichiyanagi – The Candy Master will create glass art like Japanese candy sculptures, called “Edo Ame Zaiku,” right before your eyes! From 11am to 2pm.

Official Japan America Kite Festival® T-Shirts, Japanese merchandise, Happi Coats and more! – Get yours quick before they're gone!

Kids Game Corner – Have fun on the ground too! Try Origami and crafts, Japanese yo-yo fishing, face and hand painting and lots of fun games for the kids! From 10am to 2pm.

Silent Auction to support educational programs offered by Japan America Society - Antique kites, DVDs to T-shirts and more!

GENERAL INFORMATION: Japan America Kite Festival® is an annual event that attracts nearly 15,000 visitors. Since its inception, the festival has grown to become one of the largest kite festivals in Southern California! It has also gained international acclaim as the most “Family Friendly” kiting event worldwide. The event is open to the public with free admission and is presented by:

**Japan America Society of Southern California (JASSC)
Up Up & Away Kites! and Up Up & Away Kite Club**

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| | North American Fighter Kite Association | Ventura County Kite Flyers |
| | <i>And many other kite enthusiasts!</i> | |

SUPPORT KITING FOR AT-RISK YOUTH! Proceeds from the festival will support the **HITACHI Japanese Kite Workshops** hosted by Japan America Society of Southern California (JASSC), which serve at-risk youth in the Greater Los Angeles region. The children learn how to make Japanese-style kites and learn about Japanese culture. In 2014, 1,400 students will benefit from this program and to-date, over 10,000 elementary school students have participated in the workshops. **Want to help increase the number of students served?** Stop by the information desk in the main tent and donate today or visit www.jas-socal.org/DonateJAKF for more details.

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SAFETY NOTES: When flying your kites during the festival, please fly safely and be considerate of other flyers and non-flyers alike.

Please Obey All Direction Given by Seal Beach Lifeguards!

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