



## Japan-Related Events in Washington State - 2018

### WASHINGTON STATE

#### ***The 28<sup>th</sup> Japan-America Grassroots Summit – September 18-24, 2018***

- An annual large-scale exchange of Japanese and American people, held alternatively in Japan and America. This year's summit is organized by the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) and the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange.
- Nearly 150 Japanese visitors will come to Washington State, tour Seattle and experience home stays at 15 local sessions across the state.
- Host family applications and additional information can be found at <http://jassw.org/grassroots-summit/>

### SEATTLE

#### ***Sakura-Con – March 30-April 1, 2018***

- Held at the Washington State Convention Center, Sakura-Con is the Northwest's oldest and largest anime, manga, gaming, and Asian culture convention.
- More information and registration can be found at <http://sakuracon.org/>

#### ***Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival (Sakura Matsuri) – April 20-22, 2018***

- Hosted at the Seattle Center, this year's festival will be the event's 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary! Showcases Japanese arts and culture with live performances, activities, and food.
- More information can be found at <http://www.cherryblossomfest.org/>

#### ***35<sup>th</sup> Washington State Japanese Speech and Skit Contest – April 20, 2018***

- Showcases the abilities of Japanese language learners from local high schools who will compete in either speech or skit performances.
- Held in conjunction with the Sakura Matsuri at the Seattle Center.
- More information can be found at <https://jwsspeechskit.wordpress.com/>

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### BELLEVUE

#### *Japan Fair – July 7 & 8, 2018*

- 2018 will mark the third year for this exciting Japan-related event.
- In conjunction with the traditional Tanabata Matsuri (Star Festival), the fair will be a gathering of Japanese arts and culture, a market place, community organizations and friends.
- Held at the Meydenbauer Center.
- More information can be found at: <http://japanfairus.org/>

#### *Matsuri - Japan Week at Bellevue College – October 6, 2018*

- Bellevue College invites the community to celebrate Japan on the first Saturday in October at its Matsuri event.
- BC students join members of the community in showcasing Japanese culture with fun activities, interesting programs, and food for everyone to enjoy.
- More information can be found at <https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/japan-week/>

### EVERETT

#### *Japanese Anime and Manga Arts Festival (JAMAF) at Everett Community College – May 18 & 19, 2018*

- 2018 will mark the fourth year for Everett Community College to host this event.
- This year's festival will feature cosplay competition, tea ceremony, screening of Hayao Miyazaki's *The Wind Rises*, and more fun activities!
- Special Guest of Honor from Japan, manga artist Yoshimi Kurata will be in attendance.
- <https://www.everettcc.edu/programs/communications/nbi/anime-manga>

For more information about the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

Please visit:

[http://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](http://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)