

Odawara-Jo Bajo Yumikurabe Committee

7th Annual “Bajo Yumikurabe” at Odawara Castle (Japanese Traditional Archery on Horseback event)



“Bajo Yumikurabe” is “Archery tournament on Horseback”, known also as “Yabusame” when performed with religious backgrounds. Japanese horseback archery tradition goes back to the days of earlier Samurais. Evolving over the years, current style is based on the 14th, 15th century Muromachi era Samurai’s battle training.

Archers/Riders dressed in traditional costumes from all over Japan will compete to present their skills. In seek of originality; the horses are of the Japanese breed. Horses have been chosen and bred to reproduce the smaller but the gallant Samurai horses.

The event is performed at the inner court of the historic and magnificent Odawara Castle. Founded in 1417. The moats, walls, gates and great architecture of the castle along with the historical museum should provide you with a vivid image of the days of the Samurais.

Event Schedule:

March 21 st Saturday	9:00 to 14:00:	Practice & Qualify sessions
March 22 nd Sunday	10:40:	Samurai Parade
	12:30:	Samurai assembly ceremony
	13:00 to 14:00	Skill shot performance ”Kasagake” etc
	14:15	Finals

* Pony & archery experience for children available

* Schedule may depend upon whether conditions. Event on partial rain.

Place: Odawara-Joshi Park, Ninomaru Hiroba

Directions:

- 10min. on foot from JR or Odakyu Odawara Station
- To Odawara, by JR Shinkansen, 35 min from Tokyo Station, by Odakyu line, 75min from Shinjuku Station

For information:

- Saddleback Ranch e-mail : voice@saddle-back.com

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