



Hello!

It's Spring, and along with April showers and the baseball season getting underway, it's time to celebrate Japanese culture and community at the [Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival](#) (NCCBF). On April 12-13 and 19, the Center will be the venue for live cultural entertainment featuring Odori (Japanese Classical Dance), Karate, Minyo (singing), Shamisen (string instrument) and our own **Ito Yosakoi (dance)**, along with exhibits of Ikebana (flower arrangement), Bonsai, Mataro Kimekomi dolls and a **Center ongoing monthly workshops Washi Ningyo (Japanese paper dolls)**. Please check the NCCBF website for exact times and locations. Sutter Street will also be closed, so if you're planning on coming to visit, take public transportation or come early. Please be advised that **the Center will be CLOSED on Sunday, April 20.**

Please see our upcoming programs and **Member Benefit ticket offers** for the **SF Giants**, **Golden State Valkyries** and **BroadwaySF**. Make sure to save the date for our Annual **Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day Festival) in Japantown on Saturday, May 3.**

Lastly, meet our **new Membership Coordinator Shelby Tsudama**. Does she look familiar? Of course! She was one of our Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Interns last summer. Learn more below and stop by to welcome her and say hello!

See you soon!  
The Center Staff

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**SPRING AUCTION - April 4-14**  
**View Items and Register to Bid TODAY!**


  
**The Center's Spring Online Auction**
  
 April 4 - 14, 2025

Browse and bid online at [auctria.events/centerspringauction](https://auctria.events/centerspringauction)






From sushi parties to exclusive owner's seats at Giants games, this auction is one you won't want to miss!
   
 Kicks off at 12:00PM PST on April 4. All proceeds support the Center's cultural heritage preservation
   
 initiatives and community programs.

We have amazing UNQIUE and EXCLUSIVE items in our Spring Auction from Giants Dugout Club seats near home plate that included foods and drinks, a Sushi Dinner for up to 30, Giants Funko Pop collectibles, Japanese Heritage Night View Reserve Tickets,

[View Items and Register to Bid!](#)

## TAKAHASHI YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Application Deadline **EXTENDED** to April 11



The Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program is seeking high school students for an 8-month program with travel to Japan from July 31-August 8, 2025. Activities for the Fellows include community volunteer activities, Japanese and Japanese American history and cultural workshops, leadership development and planning activities and fundraising activities developed and implemented by the youth leaders. Applications due April 11th.

[CLICK to learn more and apply](#)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**HANAMI - A Spring Celebration**  
 Sunday, April 6 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
 \$40 Members | \$50 General Public  
*Only a few spots left!*

Enjoy a seasonal Spring bento created by Chef Brian Ishii of Kiri that captures the essence of Spring, paired with sake by True Sake and accompanied by live koto music and a brief lesson highlighting the significance of Hanami in Japanese Culture. Menu includes Miso Cured Black Cod, Spring Vegetable Korokke, Dashimaki, Ume /Sakura Rice, Kinpira Gobo and Seasonal Roll Cake.

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A vertical poster for a Hanami event. The background is a light blue with pink cherry blossom branches at the top. The text is in white and black. It includes the event name, date, time, and price, followed by a list of activities and a bento menu with an illustration of a bento box.

花見  
Hanami

1:00 - 3:00pm on April 6, 2025  
\$40 Center Members | \$50 General Public

SPRING CELEBRATION • LIMITED TIME BENTO  
LIVE KOTO MUSIC • DESSERT A LA CARTE  
SAKE • CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

bento menu

- miso cured black cod
- ume/sakura rice
- dashimaki
- kinpira gobo
- spring vegetable korokke



### **Pet Accessory Kit Sewing Workshop with Katie Furukawa Bonafacio**

April 7, 2025 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
\$60 Members | \$75 General Public

We all love our pets, so join us to create a bandana and waste bag holder for your dog, cat or any pet. All materials/supplies will be provided. Please note basic proficiency with a sewing machine or completion of our Introduction to Sewing workshops is required to participate.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### **Kabuki Theatre Appreciation Class with JETAANC**

April 17, 2025 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Free Admission

Are you interested in Japanese Kabuki theatre? Learn why millions have come to love the drama, spectacle and beauty of this powerful theatre tradition. The class is free and open to the public. Feel free to bring snacks and all ages are welcome!

[LEARN MORE](#)





## KODOMO NO HI MATSURI

(Children's Day Festival)

Saturday, May 3 from 11:00am - 4:00pm

**Free Admission**

Enjoy our annual Kodomo no Hi Festival offering fun games and prizes, craft activities, a bounce house, and live cultural stage performances for everyone to enjoy! Admission is free and open to the public, and children are encouraged to wear a kimono, yukata or other Japanese clothing.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Ramen and Gyoza Cooking Workshop

May 11, 2025 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
\$100 Members | \$120 General Public

Learn the techniques and skills to create authentic ramen and gyoza from cooking instructor Yukiko Zinke! Learn how to make everything from scratch including the noodles, gyoza filling, and broth! Register today for this fun hands-on workshop!

[LEARN MORE](#)



## MEET our NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



### SHELBY TSUDAMA

Shelby grew up in San Jose Japantown, where she went to preschool, participated in Girl Scouts, basketball and San Jose Obon. She recently graduated from UC Irvine, majoring in Political Science. She is excited to be back at the Center and work in San Francisco Japantown, meet members and do what she can to sustain her Japanese American culture and community for generations to come! **Come by to meet her!**

## MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONS

### GOLDEN STATE VALKYRIES GROUP TICKETS

#### Select Valkyries Group Tickets AVAILABLE SOON

Be there for the inaugural season of the Golden State Valkyries as **Head Coach Natalie Nakase** leads the team.

Tickets in the Upper Level Center Court for the following games coming soon:

Sunday, June 1 vs. Lynx (start at \$45)  
Wednesday, June 25 vs. Liberty (start at \$65)  
Sunday, August 31 vs. Fever (start at \$105)

August **Japanese Heritage Night** game (date TBD) starting at \$45/Center Court and corners/high rows \$30-35.

\*To add your name to the waiting list, email [membership@jccnc.org](mailto:membership@jccnc.org).



### SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS GROUP TICKETS

**JHN Tickets are Selling FAST - don't miss out ORDER TODAY!**

**JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHT**  
*SF GIANTS VS. A'S*  
*FRIDAY, MAY 16 @ 7:15 PM*

SCAN FOR TICKETS

EVERY SPECIAL EVENT TICKET INCLUDES THE SAKURA LONG SLEEVE HOODED SHIRT!

VIEW RESERVE 308, 310-312  
**\$36 MEMBERS / \$39 GENERAL**  
PREMIUM LOWER BOX 105  
**\$75 MEMBERS / \$80 GENERAL**

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#### SF Giants Japanese Heritage Night

Celebrate Japanese culture and community and enjoy pre-game entertainment. Each Japanese Heritage Night (JHN) Special Event Ticketholder will receive an exclusive Sakura Long Sleeve Hooded Shirt. Tickets start at \$36 for View Reserve (Sec 308-312) and \$75 for Premium Lower Box (Sec 105). Click [HERE](#) to learn more + order tickets

#### Upcoming Special Events

**Monday, June 2 - Peanuts Night vs Padres**  
(VR310) | \$33 Members / \$36 General

**Sunday, June 8 - Hello Kitty Day vs Braves**  
(VR 310) | \$39 Members / \$42 General  
(promo item is for first 15,000 - no guarantee)

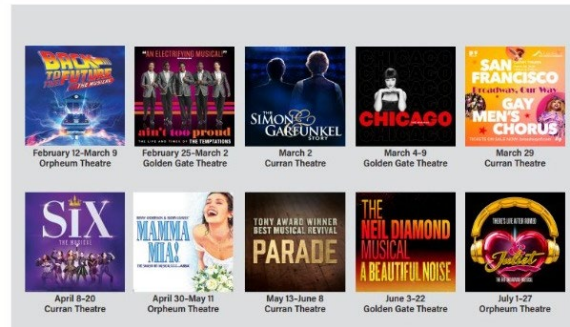
**Wed, June 18 - Pixar Night vs Guardians**  
(VR 310) | \$28 Members / \$31 General

### BROADWAY SF DISCOUNTED TICKETS

#### Center Members enjoy up to 20% off BroadwaySF tickets

Catch current hits fresh from Broadway, original Broadway cast productions and one-of-a-kind events that are at the forefront of the national theater scene at the **Golden Gate Theatre** or **Orpheum Theatre** in San Francisco, or any locations with a BroadwaySF showing.

To enjoy your Center benefit, enter code: JCCNC  
when buying tickets.



## ABOUT THE CENTER

Founded by the Japanese American community, the Center is dedicated to sharing and celebrating Japanese American cultural heritage, histories and traditions. Open to all, the Center strives to engage the community through the educational efforts of our programs, services and community support.

### Center Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-10:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Directions - [Google Maps \(link\)](#)

[Learn More @ jccnc.org](http://jccnc.org)



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