

Shall We Dance?

Come to the Obon Folk Dance Workshop!



Tues. July 14th - 5:30 pm refreshments/6 pm workshop
Buddhist Church of Florin (multi-purpose room)
7235 Pritchard Rd, Sacramento
(off Florin Rd, 2.4 miles east of Hwy 99 and before the railroad tracks)

- Learn the importance of Obon Odori (Obon folk dancing)
- Pick up some tips for new (and not so new) dancers in an informal setting
- Meet other families and students involved in the community.
- Tackle obi (sash) tying on kimono or yukata traditional Japanese clothing.
- Join the Buddhist Church of Florin's Obon practice at 7pm - catch some new dance moves
- Check out Obon Festival schedules throughout Northern California
- Experience a great introduction for families, students, young adults, and those newer to Obon. All religions and backgrounds encouraged to attend.
- Enjoy refreshments
- Donations welcome.

Workshop led by Cheryl Miles and Michelle Takeda, "natori" professional dancers (Hanayagi School of Classical Dance). Obon background by Reverend Ryo Imamura

Obon is the popular Buddhist festival that celebrates, through music and dance, peoples' gratitude for those family and friends who have passed before. The summer Obon Festivals held in dozens of cities across the country are a vital social, cultural, and religious institution strengthening the Japanese American community and a window for raising the awareness of the broader public. Saturday, July 18th 5:30 pm marks Florin's 56th annual Obon Festival!

This Obon Dance Workshop is a great opportunity for families and students of all backgrounds to learn about this meaningful and fun community tradition. Young people in California, Hawaii, Washington, and Oregon often cruise the "Obon circuit" from festival to festival visiting friends and hanging out during the summer.

Sponsored by Florin Dharma School & Florin J.A.C.L. Family & Youth Project (Japanese American Citizens League)



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