## ALL ABOUT **SHINGEN-KO** FESTIVAL

#### Who was Takeda Singen-ko?

Takeda Shingen was a famous warlord in the province of Kai, present-day Yamanashi Prefecture, during the Warring States period. Considered the greatest strategist of the Warring States period, he won numerous battles and expanded his territory.

Not only was he a powerful ruler, but he was also an exceptional politician and an innovative administrator. In particular, his famous achievement involved the construction of an embankment in the area that had long been prone to flooding from heavy rains. This levee is called "Shingen Tsutsumi (Shingen Levee)" and still protects the lives of the nearby residents.

#### What is the Shingen-ko Festival? What is the Koshu Battalion Deployment?

The Shingen-ko Festival is a festival held every year to commemorate the legacy of Takeda Shingen, a renowned general of the Warring States period. The main event of the festival is the "Koshu Battalion Deployment."

This event reenacts the Koshu Battalion Deployment of warriors marching to the battlefield of Kawanakajima (Battle of Kawanakajima), in which Takeda Shingen fought Uesugi Kenshin, a rival warlord who ruled the northern part of Japan.

It is a spectacular sight to witness with more than 1,000 participants dressed in samurai

The whole area is transformed into a great picture scroll of the Warring States period.



## Introducing "Fu (wind)- Rin(forest)- Ka (fire) -Zan (mountain)" Koshu Battalion

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The Koshu Battalion is composed of a headquarters command and four troops: Wind Troop, Forest Troop, Fire Troop and Mountain Troop, which represent "Fu-Rin-Ka-Zan"

Each troop is made up of six units, parading in order from the Wind Troop to the Mountain Troop.

#### What is "Jinya"?

A "jinya" is a temporary military camp where samurai warriors wait in preparation for battle. Each of Takeda Shingen's troops prepared for battle and prayed for victory while drinking sake at their

Each camp is a waiting area for troops, where visitors can take pictures with samurai in armor.



9 W1	Obu Toramasa	A fierce general trusted by Shingen, who led the strongest troops in red armor		
4 W2	Yokota Takatoshi	A distinguished archer who received 34 certificates of merit for his military service		
<b>5</b> W3	Sanada Yukitaka	With the banner of a famous family crest (Rokurensen), he demonstrated great strategy in attacking castles		
9 W4	Takeda Nobukado	Shingen's younger brother, who showed great skill as a painter and a warrior		
8 W5	Baba Nobuharu	A war hero who monitored the movements of Uesugi Kenshin		
7 W6	Saigusa Masasada	Demonstrated his skills as a competent administrative bureaucrat		
12 F1	Naito Masahide	A distinguished military strategist, a hereditary chief retainer who ruled over the Nishikozuke region		
3 F2	Oyamada Nobushige	An intelligent general who played an important military role		
6 F3	Anayama Nobukimi	Demonstrated an excellent skill in warfare as the head of the Takeda clan		
8 F4	Tsuchiya Masatsugu	Close advisor to Shingen and his son, Katsuyori		
10 F5	Takeda Nobushige	A well-educated and scholarly aide to Shingen		
1 F6	Ichijo Nobutatsu	Having a chic and sophisticated persona, he assembled the best warriors		

9	Hara Masata	A commander who advanced territorial control by using his superior geographical sense
	Kosaka Masand	
11 E	Sanada Nobuts	the trent lines of hatties with culteranding
13 E	Amari Torayas	A chief administrator who was renowned for su his bravery and courage
2	Obata Toramo	Achieved victory in 36 wars despite 41 wounds
9	Yamaga Masaka	
8 N	Tada Mitsuyo	Specialized in nighttime ambush, he was said to defeat the legendary "fire wheel" demon
9 N	Itagaki Nobuka	Negotiated with the Hojo clan who excelled in both literary and military affairs
10 N	Obata Masam	A great warrior who distinguished himself in ori 17 out of 17 battles
9 N	Akiyam Torashi	
9 N	Hara Toratan	A rigid and brave commander compared to legendary warrior "Watanabenotuna", famous for his extermination of demons
8	Yamam Kansuk	through his knowledge of intelligence and

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## PARADE SCHEDULE October 28

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13:15~	Prayer Ceremony for Victory Koshu troops enter each Jinya
<u>15:00 ~</u>	Koshu troops depart from each Jinya Temporarily converge at locations throughout the city
15:15~	Koshu troops converge on Maizuru Castle Park

**Battalion Deployment Ceremony** 

Parade of Koshu Battalion

Parade of Shingen-ko headquarters command

18:40~

**Triumphant Return Ceremony** \*Conducted by Mountain troop #6 and Shingen-ko

TIME TABLE *The order and time of parade of each troop may be subject to change.									
	Departure from Maizuru Castle Park	In front of Kofu Station	In front of the Disaster Prevention Annex	Kofu Police Station intersection	Scramble Crossing				
Wind Troop <b>①~⑥</b>	16:36	16:52	17:03	17:12	17:18				
Forest Troop •~6	16:48	17:04	17:15	17:24	17:30				
Takeda Shiro Katsuyuori Troop	17:00	17:19	17:30	17:39	17:45				
Takeda Jiro Nobuchika Troop	17:02	17:21	17:32	17:41	17:47				
Lady Oi Parade	17:04	17:23	17:34	17:43	17:49				
Lady Sanjyo Parade	17:06	17:25	17:36	17:45	17:51				
Princess Koihime Troop	17:08	17:27	17:38	17:47	17:53				
Bacon Troop	17:10	17:29	17:40	17:49	17:55				
Nishina Goro Morinobu Troop	17:12	17:31	17:42	17:51	17:57				
Takeda Taro Yoshinobu Troop	17:14	17:33	17:44	17:53	17:59				
Fire Troop <b>1~6</b>	17:16	17:35	17:46	17:55	18:01				
Mountain Troop <b>①~⑥</b>	17:28	17:47	17:58	18:07	18:13				
Takeda Shingen-ko Headquarters Command	_	18:02	18:16	18:25	18:40				

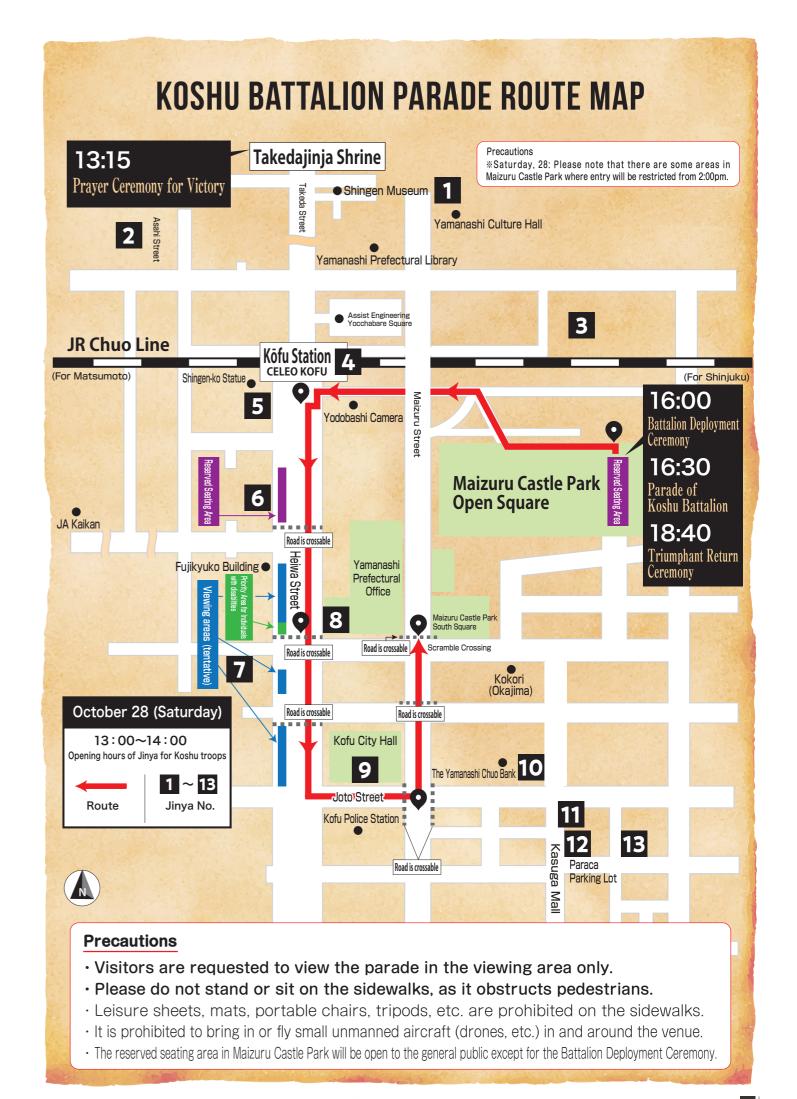












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## **Prayer Ceremony for Victory**

A ceremony to pray for victory in battle and the success of the festival.

Held at Takedajinja Shrine, built on the site of the former Takeda clan residence.



## **Triumphant Return Ceremony**

After returning from battle, Shingen-ko, his headquarters command, Yamamoto Kansuke, and the Mountain troop #6 perform a ritual requiem ceremony and raise a triumphant shout.



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## **FESTIVAL AREA MAP**

