

## 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 costumes.

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

A reenactment of the military council meeting of Shingen-ko, Yamamoto Kansuke, and 24 of Takeda's generals in preparation for battle will be performed on the stage, as well as "Sankon-no-Gi", a ritual prayer for victory.

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



### P49 Jinya No./Troop No.

9 W1	Obu Toramasa	A fierce general trusted by Shingen, who led the strongest troops in red armor	9 B1	Hara Masatane	A commander who advanced territorial control by using his superior geographical sense
4 W2	Yokota Takatoshi	A distinguished archer who received 34 certificates of merit for his military service	11 B2	Kosaka Masanobu	Governed Shinano region as a castle keeper of Kaizu Castle
5 W3	Sanada Yukitaka	With the banner of a famous family crest (Rokurenson), he demonstrated great strategy in attacking castles	13 B3	Sanada Nobutsuna	A commander from Shinshu region who led the front lines of battles with outstanding warfare skills
9 W4	Takeda Nobukado	Shingen's younger brother, who showed great skill as a painter and a warrior	2 B4	Amari Torayasu	A chief administrator who was renowned for his bravery and courage
8 W5	Baba Nobuharu	A war hero who monitored the movements of Uesugi Kenshin	9 B5	Obata Toramori	Achieved victory in 36 wars despite 41 wounds
7 W6	Saigusa Masasada	Demonstrated his skills as a competent administrative bureaucrat	9 B6	Yamagata Masakage	Central figure in the administrative, diplomatic and military affairs
12 F1	Naito Masahide	A distinguished military strategist, a hereditary chief retainer who ruled over the Nishikozuke region	8 M1	Tada Mitsuyori	Specialized in nighttime ambush, he was said to defeat the legendary "fire wheel" demon
3 F2	Oyamada Nobushige	An intelligent general who played an important military role	9 M2	Itagaki Nobukata	Negotiated with the Hojo clan who excelled in both literary and military affairs
6 F3	Anayama Nobukimi	Demonstrated an excellent skill in warfare as the head of the Takeda clan	10 M3	Obata Masamori	A great warrior who distinguished himself in 17 out of 17 battles
8 F4	Tsuchiya Masatsugu	Close advisor to Shingen and his son, Katsuyori	9 M4	Akiyama Torashige	A hereditary chief retainer who served as a negotiator with the warlord Oda Nobunaga
10 F5	Takeda Nobushige	A well-educated and scholarly aide to Shingen	9 M5	Hara Toratane	A rigid and brave commander compared to legendary warrior "Watanabenotuna", famous for his extermination of demons
1 F6	Ichijo Nobutatsu	Having a chic and sophisticated persona, he assembled the best warriors	8 M6	Yamamoto Kansuke	A brilliant commander who achieved distinction through his knowledge of intelligence and military law in other countries

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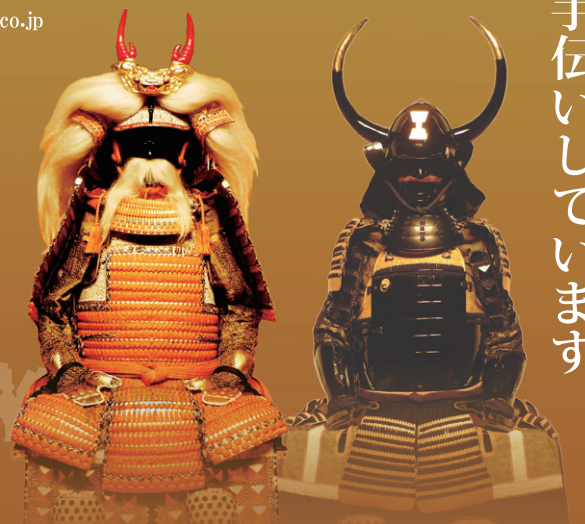
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