



The Japan-America Society of Washington DC
with support from the U.S. National Arboretum present

Otsukimi

*Moon Viewing at the
U. S. National Arboretum*

3501 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

Saturday, October 18, 2008

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Children 15 years old and under are admitted free

Join the **Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASW)** and the **U.S. National Arboretum** for an exclusive nighttime opening of the Arboretum, as we celebrate the ancient custom of admiring the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon will not be visible until 9:00 p.m., but there will be lots to do during JASW's Otsukimi event. This year the National Arboretum will have a Chrysanthemum exhibit on display, and the Bonsai Museum will be open during Otsukimi with docents on duty. The Washington Toho Koto Society will play and inspire all of us to write haiku as we gaze up to the stars. Everyone is encouraged to join with a picnic obento dinner underneath the stars. JASW will provide sake, soft drinks, and dango.

Attendees may choose to bring their own picnic dinner or order an obento dinner through JASW. **Obento orders MUST be received and paid for in advance no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 14.** (Obento includes: cooked fish, chicken, eel over rice, shumai, seaweed salad, steamed vegetables, and Japanese pickles. However, this may change upon availability from the restaurant.) There are no special obento for children. Vegetarian obento are available by request only. **This event is held rain or shine.** Cancellations after **October 14** and no shows cannot be refunded. Families are welcome, and children 15 years of age and under are admitted without charge. Parking is free.

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Registration on-line (www.us-japan.org/dc), by mail or fax it to JASW

<input type="checkbox"/> Check (make payable to JASW)	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa *	JASW member w/ no obento	_____ x \$15
Credit Card #: _____	Exp. Date: ___ / ___		Non-member w/ no obento	_____ x \$20
Signature: _____	V-Code: _____		Children 15 & under	_____ Free
*Credit card registration must include the billing address for the card			JASW member with obento	_____ x \$30
			Non-member with obento	_____ x \$35
			Children 15 & under with obento	_____ x \$15
Total amount enclosed:				\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

All attendees must be on the security guard list for the National Arboretum regardless of age.

Additional Name(s): _____

Payment to: **The Japan-America Society of Washington DC, 1819 L Street NW, 1B Level, Washington, DC 20036 or fax (202) 833-2456. If you have any questions, please call us at (202) 833-2210.**