



# Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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## Invitation to the Okinawan Obon

The Rinzai Zen Mission is pleased to invite you, your family, and friends to our Obon service and dance. Come and experience the traditional dance styles of Okinawa, the only one of its kind on Maui. Schedule is as follows:

**August 17 (Saturday)**  
**6:00 p.m. - Service**  
**7:00 p.m. - Bon Dance**

This year the Maui Ryukyu Culture Group will host many college students from Okinawa to dance Eisa in our dance program. Come out and enjoy our biggest dance circle ever and taste the delicious Okinawan foods.

今年もお盆の季節となりました。沖縄から30人ほどの学生がエイサーを踊りにやってくることになり、例年以上に賑やかな踊りの輪が広がりそうです。皆様のお参りをお待ち申し上げます。ボランティアも宜しくお願い申し上げます。



## Bon Dance practice

Our Bon Dance practice starts July 18 at 7:00 p.m. and will run every Thursday evening through August 8. We will have only four nights of practice this year. Please enjoy and practice Maui's only Okinawan Bon Dance.

And if you can't come to practice, no worries! Join us in the ring anyway on Obon night and have fun!

## Tanagyo service

Rev. Yamaguchi will take appointment calls on his cell phone (268-2209) for Tanagyo, the home service for Obon. In our tradition, we do our Tanagyo services in mid-July.

## Preparations for Obon

Manpower is needed on Friday, August 16 to set up the tent and dressing rooms. Help is also needed for making nantu, 8:00 a.m.

Bazaar items will be accepted on Saturday morning, August 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We welcome donations of baked goods, pickles, plants, flowers, and vegetables.



No rice dishes, please, and also no items with cream fillings or homemade frosting (commercial frosting okay). On food items, please provide ingredient labels, listing ingredients in descending order of quantity. And please enclose containers in plastic wrap or baggies to prevent ants from getting into them. Thank you!

Cleanup help is needed on Sunday, the 18th, 8:00 a.m.

## Schedule

- July. 14(Sun) 8:00 a.m. Cleaning Day
- 18(Thu) 7:00 p.m. First Bon Dance practice
- 21(Sun) 10:00 a.m. Service
- 25(Thu) 7:00 a.m. Bon Dance practice
  
- Aug. 1(Thu) 7:00 p.m. Bon Dance practice
- 8(Thu) 7:00 p.m. Last Bon Dance practice
- 11(Sun) 8:00 a.m. Cleaning Day
- 16(Fri) 8:00 a.m. Set up tents and dressing rooms  
8:00 a.m. Making Nantu
- 17(Sat) 8:00 a.m. Bring bazaar items  
6:00 pm. Obon Service  
7:00 p.m. Bon Dance
- 18(Sun) 8:00 a.m. Clean up