

Lion Dance of Asahine

The Shishimai (Lion Dance) of Asahine was dedicated after 6 years, as it has been suspended owing to Corona epidemic. We received many visitors from both local and outside regions. The outsider people from Kaiya region talked us “I came here for the first time in a while, to see the Lion Dance”. We felt the relationship with the traditional culture and people.

Lion Dance of Sengen Jinja

It is said that the Lion Dance of Sengen Shrine was initiated in Muromachi period to pray for plague retreat and illness healing in Ouchizawa region. Adults and children performed a dance alternately. We felt children's innocence and loveliness, and adults' veteran taste, and generation transfer.

Lion Dance of Hagidaira

It is said that the priest of Jokoji began in 1746 this Lion Dance wishing plague retreat. In the mountains the people ran up to the shrine with the sound of Japanese drums. In the precincts impressive Lion Dance was shown off. The Lion Dance of Hagidaira can be danced by outsiders. We felt the wish that the traditional culture be continued.

Kamiyo-sato-kagura of Hachiman Daijinja

Kamiyo sato Lion Dance is an entertainment to pray for the god transmitted from 1854 to 1860. Kagura consists of 18 stories including sweeping preliminary, and each of them has proper story, and makes the viewers joy. At the final stage the customary children's cheers echo “Give me rice cake!”, making it a cheerful dedication.