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Local

## BBQ Party



On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 65 people joined a BBQ Party held in Hayagake Lakeside Park in Mutsu-city. Kikuchi-san (one of the organizers) says “it was 9<sup>th</sup> in the series, but was by far the liveliest and loveliest”. The park, surrounded by a lake and woods, is located 3 km north from the downtown Mutsu, one-hour drive from Rokkasho. Two people drove all the way from Naka and shared the fun.

The BBQ party started around noon under a clear blue sky. The Party was organised by Ushigusa-san, Kikuchi-san and young Shimada-san. Some people cooked on the spot. Okumura-san fried tempura. Mori-san roasted beef. Other people brought special dishes, favorite beverages or home-made desserts to share. Three kinds of beer on tap were served. Sharing

local sake and foreign wine was also fun. About 10 children enjoyed suikawari (watermelon splitting). Its rules are similar to those of the piñata. A watermelon is laid out, each is blindfolded, spun around a few times, handed a stick to strike with and attempt to smash open the watermelon.

More than 20 people stayed overnight in wooden lodges and tents in the park. Some opted to go to karaoke in the town and sang up to the next morning. People had a lot of fun, saw old friends and made new ones. If you have missed the fun this time, why don't you join us next year?

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