

## Japanese American Community Picnic – Sept. 6

The 2025 Japanese American Community Picnic was held at the Japanese Pavilion in Swinney Park West. It was a pleasant day and 46 people participated.

We enjoyed lots of traditional Japanese food and some traditional American food too. (Thank you, Ryan for grilling all those hot dogs!) We especially want to thank the Miyabi Restaurant (Georgetown Shopping Center) for their donation of food: Lo Mein Chicken, Chicken Fried Rice, Crab Rangoon and spring roll appetizers, and sushi rolls (crab Rangoon, Yummy rolls, shrimp tempura, spicy California, spicy tuna) -all delicious.



This was a family event and featured a favorite summer festival game called "Yo-Yo Water Balloon". The child uses a hook tied with paper to try to remove a balloon from the water before the paper breaks.



Another favorite Japanese summer activity is the MELON BASH. Just like it sounds, people are blindfolded, handed a stick, and try to bash open a watermelon. One young man gave such a powerful swing that the stick broke! Terry O'Brien supervised this.



There was also a putting contest with both youth and adult winners. Carol Wilhems did a great job of running this contest.



*Putting champs*

One final game was a more American game – Bingo. Its popularity crosses international borders.



Here are some photos of the picnic event. If you attended, see if you can find your photo in one of these.



**We definitely had a great time!**