



July 20, 2022

Via email

Dear Topaz Museum Board members,

The Wakasa Memorial Committee is planning a community-organized observance on Sat. July 23 at Topaz to mark the one-year anniversary of the removal of the Wakasa Monument from the Topaz concentration camp site.

After the ceremony, we will come to view the Monument at the Museum courtyard before the Museum closes at 5 p.m.

We will have several Topaz Yonsei (fourth generation) and Gosei (fifth generation) members traveling with us, their first time to visit the Topaz site. Additionally, half of our group has not seen the Memorial stone yet.

Sincerely,  
Wakasa Memorial Committee

Att: Wakasa memorial graphic

Akemi Yamane Ina, Topaz Survivor, born at Topaz the day after Wakasa was killed

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Gail Nanbu, Topaz Descendant

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Karen Kiyo Lowhurst, Heart Mountain Descendant  
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