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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ONGOING

Lake County Wine Tours, *countywide*

Year-round, by reservation only

Lake County is fast becoming a destination wine-tasting region, and visitors can explore more of “The Undiscovered Wine Country” with Lake County Wine Tours. Visitors will taste award-winning wines at a variety of tasting rooms, as well as out in the vineyards amid spectacular views of Clear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Tours include comfortable seating in a 16-passenger motor coach, a knowledgeable guide, all tasting fees, and a gourmet lunch to further stimulate the palette. (707) 998-4471, www.lakecountywinetours.com.

First Friday Fling, *Lakeport*

First Friday of every month

Reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Artists from Inspirations by Salituri and New California Gallery also will be open to the public. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com.

Concerts with Conversations, *Upper Lake*

Monthly, January through May

Five-concert series featuring a gourmet three-course dinner with wine. A benefit for the Soper-Reese Community Theatre Fund for the creation of a state-of-the-art performing arts center in Lakeport. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner in the dining room at 6:30 p.m. An informal concert and dialogue with the artist will be at 7:30 p.m. in the adjacent Riffe's Meeting House. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. Admission is \$75 for the concert with dinner and \$35 for the concert only; reservations are suggested as seating is limited. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com.

Historic Family Ranch Daytrip, *Clearlake Oaks*

April through October, by reservation only

Guests' journey begins with a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, and magnificent wildflowers during the spring and ends with an authentic chuck wagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Eleven Roses Ranch, 5456 New Long Valley Road. (707) 998-4471, www.elevenrosesranch.com.

EcoArts: Coyote Film Festival, Middletown

Monthly, June through September

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers. Admission fee. Langtry Estate & Vineyards, 21000 Butts Canyon Road. (707) 928-0323, www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org.

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

Early June through mid-October

Large-scale sculptures in dialogue with nature. Reception June 10, 2007. Middletown County Trailside Park, 21435 Dry Creek Cutoff and Highway 175. Free to the public. (707) 928-0323, www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org.

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

June through October

8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-6787, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org.

Thursday Night Market, Upper Lake

Weekly, July through August

Produce market, street fair, yard sale, and musicians. Sponsored by Upper Lake Community Council. Main Street. (707) 275-3170, www.upperlakeca.com.

Teddy Bear Reunion, Upper Lake

Thanksgiving through New Year's Day

A 20-year Lake County tradition, teddy bears of all types and eras fill the downtown shop windows throughout the holiday season. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council. Main Street. (707) 275-2309, www.upperlakeca.com.

HEADLINE CONCERTS

Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa

Lake County's largest full-service destination resort hosts top-name entertainers year-round in both The Konocti Field Amphitheatre, a 5,000-seat outdoor lakeside amphitheater, and The Joe Mazzola Classic Concert Showroom, an intimate 1,000-seat dinner theater. 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino

Lake County's largest casino features 600 video slots and several table games, a 600-seat bingo hall, 48-room hotel, state-of-the-art conference center and banquet facility, a full-service restaurant and 24-hour snack shack, sports bar featuring a video wall with high-definition TV screens and more, and a showroom where well-known artists frequent the stage. 1545 E. Highway 20, Nice. (800) 809-3636, www.robinsonrancheria.com.

JANUARY

Ice Bowl Disc Golf, Lakeport

January 20

Singles tournament. Presented by Disc Golf World News. 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Highland Springs Disc Golf Course, 3600 E. Highland Springs Road. Rain or shine. (707) 245-3025.

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Dinner Cruise, Lucerne

February 14

Guests are welcomed to enjoy the sights and a meal with a loved one aboard the annual two-hour cruise on the Clear Lake Queen. 5:00 p.m. Board at Lucerne Harbor Park. Admission is \$40 per person. Reservations required. (707) 994-5432, www.paddlewheel.com.

MARCH

Wine Tasting and Art Show, Clearlake

March 10

Fifteenth-annual event featuring wine by local vintners, exhibitions by local artists, and live music. Sponsored by the Park Study Club; a benefit for the club's scholarship fund. (707) 994-7335.

Festival of Tulips, Nice

March 31

Third-annual event will feature wine, food, and entertainment set amid the Tulip Hill Winery's gardens blooming with 30,000 tulips imported from Holland. Entrance to the Festival of Tulips includes a Tulip Hill wine glass for unlimited tastings, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from five upscale Lake County restaurants, jazz music, winery tours, lectures, and ballroom dance and other demonstrations. Winery tours will be given every hour beginning at 12:30 p.m. with the last one at 3:30 p.m. Guests will get a chance to explore the crush pad, cellar, bottling room, and everything in between, as the tour guide gives an overall view and explanation of the winemaking process. A raffle will be held on the day of the event for a gift basket of Tulip Hill wine and other Lake County products sold in the winery's gift shop. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. Tickets may be purchased over the phone or at the winery in advance or on the day of the festival; regular tickets are \$30 and advance tickets are \$25. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com.

APRIL

Historic Family Ranch Daytrip: The Wildflower Tour, Clearlake Oaks

April 1 – 30, by reservation only

Wildflowers are the highlight of April's daytrips as guests experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, and other flora and ends with an authentic chuck wagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Eleven Roses Ranch, 5456 New Long Valley Road. (707) 998-4471 or visit www.elevenrosesranch.com.

Heron Festival, Clear Lake State Park, Kelseyville

April 27 – 29

This fun, family-oriented weekend features pontoon boat tours, birding and nature walks, nature talks and exhibits, and children's activities, opening with the Heron Festival Art Show reception on Friday at the Main Street Gallery in Lakeport. The Spring Wildflower Brunch will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Reservations are requested; cost is \$12. Ninety-minute pontoon boat bird-watching excursions will be held between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required; donation is \$15. The Clear Lake State Park Visitor Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with interpretive displays of Lake County's natural and cultural resources. Speaker presentations, slide shows, and videos on local birds and wildlife will be held at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Presented by the Redbud Audubon Society and the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association. 5300 Soda Bay Road. Park admission is free all weekend. (800) LAKESIDE, www.heronfestival.org.

MAY

Lakeport Yacht Club Spring Regatta 2007, Lakeport

May 4 – 5

A weekend of sailing, including three sailboat races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Friday night begins with a welcome dinner of spaghetti at 6:30 p.m. prepared by the Lakeport Yacht Club. Cost is \$8 per person. Races begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Following the races Saturday night, there will be a steak dinner at 6:30 p.m., also served by the Lakeport Yacht Club. Cost for the steak dinner is \$12 per person. An awards banquet will be held Sunday afternoon following the races. Registration is \$25 per person. All other clubs from the region, including those in Lake, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties, are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Lakeport Yacht Club. North boat ramp, 15 Fifth Street. (707) 743-1220.

Art & Nature, Nice

May 5

A festival celebrating the arts that relate to nature, featuring Konocti Plein Air and other painters demonstrating and selling artwork, a children's art exhibit, local poetry groups, strolling minstrels, nature and gardening lectures, as well as hikes, bird watching, and wildflower tours. Admission is free; guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. Sponsored by Lake County Land Trust. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6350 Westlake Road, located on the corner of the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. (707) 995-1398.

Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks

May 18 – 20

"The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi" and a benefit for community projects, the 24th annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with a grand prize of a new boat, motor, and trailer, and a Kids Derby for those 16 years old and younger. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, for \$45. No registrations will be accepted after 11:00 p.m. Friday. Registration is \$10 for kids. Barbecues, which are included with registration, will be held both Saturday and Sunday. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 East Highway 20. (707) 998-3795. Applications: (888) CL-DERBY or (707) 998-1006.

Lake County Passion Play, Upper Lake

May 20 – 21

Twenty-sixth-annual outdoor play re-enacting the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. No entrance fee; spectators are asked to bring their own chairs. Beltramo Ranch, 7010 Westlake Road.

(707) 279-0349, www.lakecountypassionplay.org.

Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport

May 26 – 28

Annual community celebration, featuring a three-day arts and crafts show. Saturday begins with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to benefit the Lake County 4-H, followed by the Memorial Day Parade. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakeportchamber.com.

JUNE

Wood & Glory IX, Lakeport

June 2

Annual event featuring more than 60 classic wooden boats on Clear Lake. Photography is encouraged and guests vote on their favorite boat, thereby entering a drawing for a commemorative Wood & Glory IX poster. Sponsored by the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Library Park. Advance registration is required for participants: (707) 433-4289. Admission is free; fee for barbecue. (707) 263-5092, www.lakeportchamber.com.

Wild West Day, Upper Lake

June 2

Annual Western-themed street festival with Old West skits, a parade, pancake breakfast, tri-tip barbecue, wagon rides, and country music. Contests for best beard, bonnet, and costume. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council for community projects and the Upper Lake Volunteer Fire Department. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 275-2000, www.upperlakeca.com.

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Kelseyville

June 17

Fifth-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 40 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. Live jazz music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts; also sponsored by the Kelseyville Business Association. 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Main Street.

Tasting is \$15 per person and includes a commemorative wine glass. (707) 277-7076,

www.clearlakeperformingarts.org.

Art in the Pines, Cobb

June 23 – 24

Annual event featuring more than 30 artisans displaying and selling fine art, art glass, pottery, handpainted silks, jewelry, and other high-end crafts all hand made by members of the Cobb Mountain Artists collective and other artists. Food will be available from Rob Roy and local wineries will offer tasting. Sponsored by the Cobb Mountain Artists; a benefit for the Cobb Mountain Elementary School art programs. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Rob Roy Golf Course, 16451 Golf Road. Entrance donation is \$1.

(707) 928-6461.

Clearlake International Worm Races, Clearlake

June 30

Internationally recognized worm race competition that has summoned competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. This 37th-annual event has attracted the attention of Animal Planet, NBC, and Bay Area Backroads. Held in conjunction with the City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities. Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600.

JUNE – JULY

Independence Day Fireworks, countywide

June 30 – July 4

Lake County is home to numerous fireworks shows during the Fourth of July holiday, many of which dazzle the skies over Clear Lake, illuminating the water's surface. The city of Lakeport hosts its Independence Day fireworks show following a lighted boat parade. Other fireworks shows include the city of Clearlake fireworks display, the Maxine Sherman Annual Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks, the Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa fireworks display that follows a concert, and more. (800) LAKESIDE, www.lakecounty.com.

JULY

Lake County Wine Adventure, countywide

July 28 – 29

Third-annual gives guests a chance to explore "The Undiscovered Wine Country" of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample award-winning Lake County wines and mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres at each of the 18-plus participating wineries. Some locations offer barrel tastings, entertainment, and winery tours. After visiting participating wineries, wine "tourists" will become eligible for a raffle drawing, including an overnight stay at a local bed and breakfast. Purchase of two-day Adventure Ticket for \$25 includes tasting at participating wineries and a logo wine glass. (707) 998-4471, www.lakecountywinetours.com.

AUGUST

BoardStock XII, Kelseyville

August 16 – 19

Annual international pro/am extreme sports competition, featuring the world's top wakeboard and wake surf athletes competing for the championship. Event also features fusion skydiving, freestyle motocross, mountain boarding, modeling competitions, concerts, and barbecue all weekend. One hundred tons of imported sand create a beach party experience, and more than 40 vendor booths will sell clothing, gear, and more. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Admission fee each day. (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

The Pepsi Celebrity Quarterback Golf Shootout, Kelseyville

August 24 – 25

Annual golf tournament in which amateurs pair up with 20 former professional football greats. Friday's activities include a pool party and luau, live music, and pairing of celebrities with their amateur at-large foursome. Saturday starts with a Celebrity Sunrise Champagne Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Teams meet at 7:30 a.m. on the Buckingham Golf Course, 2855 Eastlake Drive in Kelseyville; tee time is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Spectators can watch celebrities up close from the gallery. Awards show and concert after shootout. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

Lake County Summerfest, countywide

August 24 – September 2

End-of-summer celebration with countywide community festivals, art events, arts, crafts, entertainment, indoor and outdoor concerts, street dances, theater productions, wine tasting, farmers' markets, food, a celebrity golf tournament, car show, motorcycle rally, and the Lake County Fair. Concert, tournament, and bike rally details: (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com; general information: (800) LAKESIDE, www.lakecounty.com.

SEPTEMBER

Takin' It to the Streets Road Rally Weekend, Kelseyville

September 1

Eleventh-annual event featuring the Motorcycle Road Rally Poker Run around Clear Lake, along with concerts and other activities. A benefit for the five area high school athletic programs. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Reservations recommended. (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

Kelseyville Pear Festival, Kelseyville

September 29

Fifteenth-annual festival celebrates Lake County's agricultural heritage with a showcase "Pear Pavilion" that features pear tastings, cooking demonstrations, pear-packing contests, historical photos, agricultural memorabilia, fresh pears, pear products, and pear-inspired gift items. This fun-filled festival includes a quilt show, fine arts exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, farm animals, parade, children's activities, musicians, cloggers, dancers, and even an antique tractor and farm equipment display. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Main Street. (707) 279-9022, (707) 279-4456, (707) 279-2550, or www.kelseyvillepearfestival.com.

OCTOBER

The Konocti Challenge, Lakeport

October 6

Sixteenth-annual bicycle ride, set in beautiful Lake County, that features three challenging courses: a 30-mile course that winds through the resort and vineyard sections of north Lakeport; a 65-mile adventure course along the lakeshore; and the endurance-testing 100-mile course around the lake. A project of the Rotary Club of Lakeport, the course includes rest stops offering snacks and drinks, including the Lakeport Yacht Club, where

riders begin and end the ride. Thirty-mile riders leave between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; the 65- and 100-mile riders leave between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Barbecue follows. Lakeport Yacht Club, 15 Fifth Street.
www.pedalride.com.

Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville

October 13 – 14

Eleventh-annual festival famous for its grape-stomping competition for kids and adults, as well as its Vineyard Run for Literacy — a certified 5K/10K run and 5K walk amid autumn-colored vineyards and orchards. Various musicians will perform live both days. Visitors also will get to taste the wines of Steele's extensive collection and enjoy the 4-H Club's barbecue, as well as a myriad of vendor booths with plentiful food, fine art, arts and crafts, and other unique souvenirs and gifts. A kids' corner will feature a storyteller and face painting. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Vineyard Run for Literacy will be held Sunday. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 279-9475, www.steelewines.com.

Lake County Wine Auction, Kelseyville

October 20

Eighth-annual wine auction and black-tie gala is a must-attend event that benefits local organizations and programs that support the arts, health, and community — promising once again to be a sell-out. Local and regional wineries provide ample wine-tasting opportunities while local purveyors serve gourmet foods. Guests can enjoy live music by local bands all amid the buzz of a silent auction and the energy and excitement of a live auction. Sponsored by the Lake County Wine Alliance. 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Buckingham Golf and Country Club, 2855 Eastlake Drive. Cost is \$100 per person. (707) 278-0129.

NOVEMBER

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner & Cruise, Clear Lake

November 22

Eleventh-annual two-hour cruise on the Clear Lake Queen paired with a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Admission is \$35 per person; \$17.50 for children under age 12. Reservations required. Board at Lucerne Harbor Park, Lucerne. (707) 994-5432, www.paddlewheel.com.

Dickens Christmas Market, Lakeport

November 24

Annual Christmas event transforms Lakeport into an old English village, complete with costume-clad characters, food booths, and entertainment, as well as an all-day Christmas Market from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lighted parade begins at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas tree lighting follows at 6:30 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakeportchamber.com.

DECEMBER

Lake County Country Christmas Craft Faire & Specialty Food Purveyors, Lakeport

December 1 – 2

Nearly 30 years old, this weekend-long event features only the highest quality crafts by crafters from all over California. Eventgoers also may sample the specialty foods from local purveyors, including walnuts from Barrett Farms and goat cheese from Yerba Santa Dairy. Sponsored by Lake County Farmers' Finest. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. Admission is free. (707) 263-4211.

Christmas in the Country, Kelseyville

December 7

Old-fashioned Christmas featuring a merchants' open house and parade of lights. Eventgoers are invited to enjoy hot cider, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and other hors d'oeuvres with downtown merchants, as well as a lighted parade, pictures with Santa Claus, and a tree lighting at the firehouse. A chowder and chili dinner, provided by the Presbyterian Church, will be held in conjunction with the event. Sponsored by Kelseyville Business Association. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 279-8559.

Christmas Concert, Kelseyville

December 16

Performance by the Lake County Symphony Orchestra. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for general public; \$10 for members. (707) 279-0877.

New Year's Eve Spectacular, Kelseyville

December 31

Eighteenth-annual event, featuring four bands of different genres and one giant party. 9:00 p.m. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Packages available. (800) 660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

OTHER LAKE COUNTY EVENTS

Lake County Arts Council Art Auction, Lakeport

February

Auction of local artists' donated artwork with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658.

Winter Music Festival, Lakeport

February

Talent gathering and live performance of different local musicians. Presented by Lake County Arts Council. Lake County Fairgrounds' Little Theatre, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6658.

Middletown Days, Middletown

June

Annual Western-themed event featuring a ranch rodeo, live music, craft and food booths, children's activities, and more. Saturday begins with a parade and ends with a dance. Sunday will feature the gymkhana. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road, Middletown. (707) 987-8319.

Pastels in the Park, Lakeport

September

Annual art event includes an artists' fair for enjoying and purchasing fine art and arts and crafts, as well as artists on the strip, live demonstrations, and opportunities for eventgoers of all ages to demonstrate their own artistry with pastel chalk on the park's sidewalks. Businesses or individuals may sponsor a sidewalk square for \$40. Presented by the Lake County Arts Council. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Library Park, Park Street. Admission is free. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com.

Clear Lake Splash-In, Lakeport

September

Twenty-eighth-annual event features all types of seaplanes, including Grummans, Republics, Lakes, Cessnas, Pipers, and DeHavillands, plus exhibits, film, presentations and seminars, seaplane rides and instruction, spot landing and water bombing contests, vendors, raffle drawings, and dinner Saturday night. Weekend-long event begins at noon Friday and lasts through Sunday. Skylark Shores, 1120 North Main Street; seminars and presentations at Natural High School, 810 North Main Street. (877) 828-2286, www.clearlakesplashin.com.

Children's Creative Arts Day, Lakeport

October

Art activities for children, plus demonstrations, performers, and entertainment throughout the day. Museum Park, 255 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartsCouncil.com.

Holiday in the Pines, Cobb

November

Fifth-annual event featuring unique works of art and arts and crafts for sale, plus a chance to win a raffle prize of original artwork donated by a Cobb Mountain artist. Sponsored by Cobb Mountain Artists; benefit for the Cobb Mountain Elementary School Art Program. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rob Roy Golf Course, 16451 Golf Road off of Highway 175. Entrance donation is \$1 for ages 15 and older. (707) 928-6461.

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com.

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