



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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### 2008 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 palate. (707) 998-4471, [www.lakecountywinetours.com](http://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. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com).

##### **Concerts with Conversations, Upper Lake**

*Monthly, January through May*

Five-concert series featuring a gourmet three-course dinner with wine. Held the third Thursday of each month. 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 begins 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 \$80 for the concert with dinner and \$35 for the concert only; reservations are suggested as seating is limited. (707) 275-2244, [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com).

##### **Historic Family Ranch Day Trip, 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 chuckwagon 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](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com).

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**Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville**

*Saturdays, May through October*

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-4211, [www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org](http://www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org).

**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](http://www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org).

**EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown**

*Early June through mid-October*

Large-scale sculptures in dialogue with nature. Middletown County Trailside Park, 21435 Dry Creek Cutoff and Highway 175. Free to the public. (707) 928-0323, [www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org](http://www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org).

**Teddy Bear Reunion, Upper Lake**

*Thanksgiving through New Year's Day*

A 25-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](http://www.upperlakeca.com).

**Guided Bird Walks at Rodman Slough, Upper Lake**

*Saturdays*

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve. The walks, which last an hour and a half, begin at 9:00 a.m. in winter, 8:00 a.m. in summer. Admission is free. 6350 Westlake Road, located on the corner of the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. (707) 279-0923, (707) 994-2404, [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org).

**Blue Wing Monday Blues, Upper Lake**

*Mondays*

Blue Wing Saloon hosts live blues music by artists from Lake County and beyond. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main St. (707) 275-2233.

## HEADLINE CONCERTS

**Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, Kelseyville**

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. (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com).

**Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino, Nice**

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. (800) 809-3636, [www.robinsonrancheria.com](http://www.robinsonrancheria.com).

## JANUARY

### **Ice Bowl Disc Golf, Lakeport**

*January 26*

Singles tournament. Presented by Disc Golf World News; a canned food drive and benefit for the Lake County Community Action Agency. 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.

### **Winter Music Festival, Lakeport**

*January 26 – 27*

“Vaudeville 2008,” the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Music Festival showcasing the various musical and performing talents of Lake County. Sponsored by and a benefit for the Lake County Arts Council. Sponsorships for performers available. Saturday performance: 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee: 2:00 p.m. Soper-Reese Community Theater, 275 S. Main Street. Tickets: \$15. (707) 263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com).

## FEBRUARY

### **Valentine’s Lunch and Dinner Cruises, Lucerne**

*February 14*

Guests are welcomed to enjoy the sights and a meal with a loved one aboard the annual lunch and dinner cruises on the Clear Lake Queen. Lunch: two-hour cruise begins at 11:00 a.m. Dinner: three-hour cruise begins at 5:00 p.m. Board at Lucerne Harbor Park. Admission is \$30 per person for lunch, \$40 per person for dinner. Reservations required. (707) 994-5432, [www.paddlewheel.com](http://www.paddlewheel.com).

### **Wine & Chocolate, Kelseyville**

*February 16*

Second annual benefit for the Lake Family Resource Center’s Domestic Violence Family Shelter. Taste ultra-premium Lake County wines – everything from pear champagne to award-winning Syrah and Port – and luscious chocolates masterfully paired by Sommelier Stephanie Green. The event also will feature music and a silent auction. Wine country lunch available for purchase. Tickets: \$25 advance; \$30 at door. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mt. Konocti Growers, 2550 Big Valley Road. (707) 262-1611.

## MARCH

### **Wine Tasting and Art Show, Clearlake**

*March 9*

Sixteenth-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. \$20 per ticket. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Best Western El Grande Inn, 15135 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-7335.

### **21st Annual Holder Ford Team Tournament, Lakeport**

*March 15 – 16*

Considered by some sportsmen to be the most popular event on Clear Lake, the laid-back atmosphere draws pro and amateur teams alike. A barbecue dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Entry fees are \$100 per team, plus \$50 for the Big Fish Option or add \$50 for the Big Bag Option. The teams especially appreciate the 100 percent payback in prizes on the entry fees for the event. Sponsored by Holder Ford and the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce. The host lodging facility is Skylark Shores Resort, and the teams put in at Library Park, Lakeport. (707) 263-5603, [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com).

**Festival of Tulips, Nice**

*March 29 – 30*

Fourth-annual event will feature wine, food, and entertainment set amid Tulip Hill Winery's gardens blooming with 500,000 tulips imported from Holland. Admission includes a Tulip Hill wine glass for unlimited tastings, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from several upscale Lake County restaurants, live music, winery tours, barbecue and dessert, and demonstrations. Winery tours given every hour beginning at 12:30 p.m.; last tour at 3:30 p.m. Guests will get a chance to explore the crush pad, cellar, and bottling room as the tour guide explains the winemaking process. A raffle will be held each day for a gift basket of Tulip Hill wine and other Lake County products. Tickets are \$25. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, [www.tuliphillwinery.com](http://www.tuliphillwinery.com).

**APRIL**

**Historic Family Ranch Day Trip: 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 chuckwagon 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](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com).

**Blue Lakes Trout Derby, Blue Lakes**

*April 26 – 27*

This 21<sup>st</sup> annual derby is sponsored by the Blue Lakes Association, and local merchants and businesses donate prizes. Proceeds from the event go to support volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other Blue Lakes community projects. Held Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with weigh-ins each day at the Narrows Resort. Entry fees are \$8 per person; \$4 for those under 16. The top prize is \$150, second place is \$75, and third place is \$50. The derby is open to the public and hosted by the Narrows Lodge Resort, 5690 Blue Lakes Road. (707) 275-2718, [www.thenarrowsresort.com](http://www.thenarrowsresort.com).

**Heron Festival, Clear Lake State Park, Kelseyville**

*April 26 – 27*

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. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday 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. Park admission is free all weekend. 5300 Soda Bay Road. (800) LAKESIDE, [www.heronfestival.org](http://www.heronfestival.org).

## MAY

### **Lakeport Yacht Club Spring Regatta 2008, Lakeport**

*May 2 – 4*

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 tri-tip dinner at 6:30 p.m., also served by the Lakeport Yacht Club. Cost for the tri-tip dinner is \$12 per person. An awards banquet will be held Sunday afternoon following the races. Registration is \$25 per entry. 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, Upper Lake**

*May 3*

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. Rodman Slough Nature Preserve, 6350 Westlake Road, located on the corner of the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. (707) 995-1398, [www.lakecountylantrust.org](http://www.lakecountylantrust.org).

### **Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks**

*May 16 – 18*

"The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi" and a benefit for community projects, the 25th annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with a grand prize of a new boat, motor, and trailer, plus cash prizes; and a Kids Derby for those 16 years old and younger, with the winner receiving a four-wheel ATV. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 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, with a Saturday breakfast planned. Sunday will feature live music. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 East Highway 20. (707) 998-3795, [www.clearlakeoaks.org](http://www.clearlakeoaks.org).

### **Lake County Passion Play, Upper Lake**

*May 17 – 18*

Twenty-seventh-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](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org).

### **Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport**

*May 24*

Annual community celebration, featuring an arts and crafts show and Memorial Day Parade. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com).

### **Wood & Glory X, Lakeport**

*May 31*

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 poster. Sponsored by the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Docks at Library Park. Admission is free; fee for barbecue. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com).

**Car Roundup, Lakeport**

*May 31*

Seventeenth-annual car show with food, entertainment, vendors, music, and awards. Sponsored by the Lake County No Name Car Club. Benefit for local charities. Registration is from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Awards ceremony is from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Park Street, Library Park. Third Street boat ramp. (707) 262-1508.

**JUNE**

**Historic Family Ranch Trip, Clearlake Oaks**

*Through October, by reservation only*

Warm summer evenings are the highlight of June's trips 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, [www.elevenrosesranch.com](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com).

**Wild West Day, Upper Lake**

*June 7*

Fifteenth 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 Northshore Fire Protection District. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 275-2000, [www.upperlakeca.com](http://www.upperlakeca.com).

**Middletown Days, Middletown**

*June 21 – 22*

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. (707) 987-9310.

**Art in the Pines, Cobb**

*June 21 – 22*

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. both days. Rob Roy Golf Course, 16451 Golf Road. Entrance donation is \$1. (707) 928-6461, (707) 928-4201.

**Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Kelseyville**

*June 28*

Sixth-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 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. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street. Tasting is \$15 per person and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. (707) 277-7076, [www.clearlakeperformingarts.org](http://www.clearlakeperformingarts.org).

**Clearlake International Worm Races, *Clearlake***

*June 28*

Internationally recognized worm race competition that has summoned competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. This 38th-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 28 – 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](http://www.lakecounty.com).

**JULY**

**Lake County Rodeo, *Lakeport***

*July 11 – 12*

Seventy-ninth annual event, featuring CCPRA-sanctioned professional rodeo, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, barrel racing, mutton bustin, cow chip bingo, and more, plus barbecue, vendors, and a dance Saturday night. Sponsored by the Lake County Rodeo Association. Admission fee. 7:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-1845.

**Cobb Mountain Music Festival, *Cobb***

*July 19*

Fifth-annual music festival, plus arts and crafts vendors, food, beer, and wine. Sponsored by the Cobb Merchants Association. Benefit for a local charity. 11:00 a.m. to sunset; gates open at 10:00 a.m. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park and Camp Resort, 14117 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 928-0390, [www.cobbmountainmusicfestival.com](http://www.cobbmountainmusicfestival.com).

**Lake County Wine Adventure, *Countywide***

*July 26 – 27*

Fourth-annual adventure gives guests a chance to explore "The Undiscovered Wine Country" of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample award-winning Lake County wines from more than 20 participating wineries plus mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres during this two-day event, which is held at wineries and tasting rooms throughout Lake County. Many locations offer barrel tastings, entertainment, and winery tours. After visiting participating wineries, wine "tourists" will become eligible for a raffle drawing. Purchase of two-day Adventure Ticket includes tasting at participating wineries and a logo wine glass. (800) 595-WINE (9463).

## AUGUST

### **Taste of Lakeport, Lakeport**

*August 22*

Eleventh-annual winetasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which also features hors d'oeuvres at the many tasting stations, as well as live music and dancing. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. Main Street. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (707) 263-3418.

### **The Pepsi Celebrity Quarterback Golf Shootout, Kelseyville**

*August 22 – 23*

Twelfth-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](http://www.konoctiharbor.com).

### **Lake County Fair, Lakeport**

*August 28 – 31*

The Lake County Fair traditionally occurs Labor Day weekend each year at the fairgrounds in Lakeport. The fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events enjoyed by more than 37,000 people each year. Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, [www.lakecountyfair.com](http://www.lakecountyfair.com).

### **X.S. Weekend and Takin' It to the Streets Road Rally, Kelseyville**

*August 29 – 31*

The grand finale weekend of the Lake County Summerfest is an insane combination of extreme sports, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual motorcycle road rally poker run around Clear Lake, and good old-fashioned rock-and-roll. X.S. Weekend features extreme pro motocross, daredevil jet ski stunt shows, hardcore ski diving and more, plus vendor booths, fashion model competitions, national headline entertainment and night club bands, capped off with a fireworks display on Sunday. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Reservations recommended. (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com).

## AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

### **Lake County Summerfest, Countywide**

*August 22 – September 1*

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 event details: (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com); general information: (800) LAKESIDE, [www.lakecounty.com](http://www.lakecounty.com).

## SEPTEMBER

### **Lucy Grape Stomp, Middletown**

*September 13*

Celebrate the grape harvest with a good old-fashioned grape stomp. The fun-filled day includes a Lucille Ball look-alike contest, a grape stomp contest, and a barbecue lunch. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Langtry Estate and Vineyards, 21000 Butts Canyon Road. (707) 987-2385, [www.langtryestate.com](http://www.langtryestate.com).

### **Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake**

*September 13 – 14*

Third-annual event features bluegrass performances all day Saturday and Sunday plus demonstrations and vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art in the Barn, food, beer and wine gardens with Lake County wines, children's activities, and musician workshops. Period attire is welcomed. Sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce; benefit for science, history, and performing arts programs for local schools. Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, 8853 Highway 53 at Anderson Ranch Parkway. (707) 994-0958, [www.andersonmarsh.org](http://www.andersonmarsh.org).

### **Clear Lake Seaplane Festival and Splash-In, Lakeport**

*September 19 – 21*

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. A Saturday festival takes place in Library Park, featuring vendor booths, food and beverages, and arts and crafts. Skylark Shores, 1120 North Main Street; seminars and presentations at Natural High School, 810 North Main Street. (877) 828-2286, [www.clearlakesplashin.com](http://www.clearlakesplashin.com).

### **Lake County Wine Auction, Kelseyville**

*September 20*

Ninth-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.

### **Kelseyville Pear Festival, Kelseyville**

*September 27*

Sixteenth-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, story-telling, 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, [www.kelseyvillepearfestival.com](http://www.kelseyvillepearfestival.com).

## OCTOBER

### **Historic Family Ranch Trip, Clearlake Oaks**

*Through October 31, by reservation only*

Fall colors are the highlight of October's trips 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 chuckwagon 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](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com).

### **The Konocti Challenge, Lakeport**

*October 4*

Seventeenth-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; plus an 18-mile family fun ride. 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 and family fun 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.konoctichallenge.com](http://www.konoctichallenge.com).

### **Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville**

*October 11 – 12*

Twelfth-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](http://www.steelewines.com).

## NOVEMBER

### **Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner & Cruise, Lucerne**

*November 27*

Twelfth-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. (707) 994-5432, [www.paddlewheel.com](http://www.paddlewheel.com).

### **Dickens Christmas Market, Lakeport**

*November 29*

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](http://www.lakeportchamber.com).

## DECEMBER

### **Christmas in the Country, *Kelseyville***

*December 5*

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, [www.visitkelseyville.com](http://www.visitkelseyville.com).

### **Holiday Light Parade and Tree Lighting, *Upper Lake***

*December 6*

Annual holiday celebration in historic downtown Upper Lake. Tree lighting presentation, holiday light parade at 7:00 p.m., caroling, 4-H barbecue, and refreshments. Santa arrives to take Christmas wishes and photos. Sponsored by Westamerica Bank and the Upper Lake Community Council. Benefit for the Upper Lake Auxiliary Fire Department Toy Drive. Free admission. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 275-8170, [www.upperlakeca.com](http://www.upperlakeca.com).

### **Renaissance Christmas Pageant and Feast, *Middletown***

*December 5 – 7, 12 – 14*

Fifteenth-annual pageant features a three-course sit-down dinner around which a lively costume drama unfolds. Delicious food, gorgeous costumes and sets, a cappella Renaissance and traditional Christmas songs, and entertainment, as well as dances and games in which all guests – known for the night as “nobles” – are encouraged to join. Produced by the Middletown Community United Methodist Church and Community Players. Advance tickets are \$25 per person until Thanksgiving; \$30 per person thereafter. “Greystone Castle,” 15388 Armstrong Street, off Washington Street, one block east of Highway 29. (707) 987-2653.

### **New Year's Eve Spectacular, *Kelseyville***

*December 31*

Nineteenth-annual event, featuring four bands of different genres and one giant party. Admission to parties begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Packages available. (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com).

## OTHER LAKE COUNTY EVENTS

### **Blue Wing Blues Festival, *Upper Lake***

*July*

Second-annual four-day blues festival in which acclaimed musicians take turns each night on the hotel veranda, performing for a full crowd in a garden setting where a barbecue dinner is served. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244.

### **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. Admission is free. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com).

**Children's Creative Arts Day, Lakeport**

*October*

Art activities for children, plus demonstrations, performers, a scarecrow contest and entertainment throughout the day. Museum Park, 255 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com).

**Langtry Farms Cattle Dog Showcase, Middletown**

*October*

Two-day event featuring cattle dog timed field trial competition. Langtry Farms South Barn pasture, across from Langtry Farms. 22000 Butts Canyon Road. (707) 987-2772, [www.cowdognews.com](http://www.cowdognews.com).

**Holiday Tree Lighting, Hidden Valley Lake**

*December*

Eleventh-annual celebration featuring pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, musical entertainment, horse-drawn trolley rides, balloon twisters, caricature artists, and refreshments. Sponsored by the Hidden Valley Lake Association. Free admission. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. Greenview Restaurant, 19210 Hartmann Road. (707) 987-3138, [www.hvla.com](http://www.hvla.com).

**Christmas Bird Count, Countywide**

Lake County is known for its incredible birdwatching opportunities, and the annual Christmas bird count gives nature enthusiasts the opportunity to take part in the Audubon Society's longest-running wintertime tradition, the annual Christmas bird count, which happens across the western hemisphere. [www.redbudaudubon.com](http://www.redbudaudubon.com).

**Holiday in the Pines, Cobb**

*December*

Sixth-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. Entrance donation is \$1 for ages 15 and older. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cobb Community Center (The Little Red Schoolhouse), 15780 Bottle Rock Road, Cobb. (707) 928-6461.

**Christmas Concert, Kelseyville**

*December*

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

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](http://www.lakecounty.com).

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