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FALL 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 2007

Pastels in the Park, Lakeport, CA

Saturday, September 1, 2007

Annual art event for all ages, including 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. Local musicians will perform in the gazebo. 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.

Takin It To The Street Road Rally, Kelseyville, CA

Saturday, September 1, 2007

Eleventh-annual event featuring a Road Rally and Poker Run around Clear Lake, along with extreme motocross, skydiving, inverted street bike jumpers, WFWA Jet Ski "Sky Walkers" Stunt Team, a model search pageant, concerts, vendor booths, and a Sunset BBQ Tailgate Party. Participants will receive a souvenir T-shirt, collector's pin, barbecue dinner during the Tailgate Party, and a chance to win prizes and trips. Kid Rock concert follows barbecue Saturday night. Toby Keith with special guest Miranda Lambert performs Sunday, September 2, 2007, followed by fireworks show. Benefit for the five area high school athletic programs. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Registration fee. Reservations recommended: 800-660-LAKE (5253).

Clear Lake Splash-In, Lakeport, CA

Friday – Sunday, September 21 – 23, 2007

Twenty-eighth-annual largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi in which the public can get a close-up look at float planes, talk with pilots, and witness a spectacle of aerial events including water bombing contests, a parade of seaplanes, fly-bys, and more. Seaplanes and amphibians at the Splash-In will include Grumman,

Republics, Lakes, Cessnas, Pipers, deHavillands, and a variety of experimental aircraft modified with floats. Sunrise flights kick off Saturday's festival, which is hosted by the City of Lakeport, featuring instruction and rides, exhibits, film, presentations, and seminars from Wipaire Floats, Strange Birds, Falcon Seaplane Insurance, Adventure Productions, and the FAA "Wings and Sea Wings" programs. Lake County Airman's Association docents will answer questions and provide docked seaplane tours to the public. Registration is from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday at Skylark Shores Resort, 1120 N. Main Street, followed by a winetasting reception for pilots and a formal welcome by Lakeport Mayor Roy Parmentier. Seminars and presentations at Natural High School and Dutch Harbor, 810 N. Main Street. 775-781-1434, www.clearlakesplashin.com.

Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake, CA

Saturday – Sunday, September 22 – 23, 2007

Second-annual event features demonstrations and vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art in the Barn, beer and wine gardens with Lake County wines, food prepared by local schools' culinary programs and service organizations, children's activities, and bluegrass gospel on Sunday. Entertainment during the festival will be provided by the Adobe Creek Bluegrass Band, the Barefoot Nellies, Knuckle Knockers, Julay Brandenburg and the Nightbirds, Crossroads Bluegrass Gospel, the Elem Indian Tribe Dance Group, Andy Skelton and the Konocti Fiddlers, Bluegrass Contraption, Pat Ickes and Born to Ride, the Clear Lake Clickers, Don Coffin and the AMIA Live Wire Choir, Jim Williams, and Evan Morgan and Paul Gruen. A full schedule of musician workshops also will be held throughout the day on such topics as banjo, fiddle, flat-picking techniques for guitar, and old-time singing. 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. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, 8853 Highway 53. Limited advance tickets, available August 1, are \$20 for Saturday, \$15 for Sunday, or \$25 for both days. At the gate, tickets are \$25 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday, or \$35 for both days. Memberships also are available. Children 12 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult. 707-995-2658, www.andersonmarsh.org.

Kelseyville Pear Festival, Kelseyville, CA

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Fifteenth-annual festival celebrates Lake County's agricultural pear heritage with a showcase "Pear Pavilion" that features pear tastings, cooking demonstrations, 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. Main Street. 707-279-4581, www.pearfestival.com.

OCTOBER 2007

The Konocti Challenge, Lakeport, CA

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Sixteenth-annual bicycle ride, set in beautiful Lake County, featuring 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 with snacks and drinks, including at 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, CA

Saturday – Sunday, October 13 – 14, 2007

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. Admission is free. 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.steelwines.com.

Lake County Wine Auction, Kelseyville, CA

Saturday, October 20, 2007

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 wineries provide ample winetasting opportunities while local restaurants serve assorted delicacies. Guests can enjoy live music by local musicians all amid the buzz of a silent auction and the energy and excitement of a live auction. 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Buckingham Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$100 per person. 866-279-WINE (9463).

Children's Art Day, Lakeport, CA

Saturday, October 27, 2007

Children from local elementary and middle schools can draw with chalk on the sidewalks, play artistic games, work with clay, and learn origami, as well as participate in a scarecrow competition for prizes. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. Museum Park, 255 N. Main Street. 707-263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.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-LAKESIDE (525-3743) or www.lakecounty.com.

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