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SPOTLIGHT ON WINTER EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 2007 – FEBRUARY 2008

ONGOING

Teddy Bears & Trains

A 20-year Lake County tradition, holiday magic is everywhere as the entire town is decorated with teddy bears throughout the holiday season. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council. A benefit for the Holiday Light Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting. Downtown shops on Main Street, Upper Lake. Through January 2. (707) 275-2309, www.upperlakecca.com.

Monday Blues

Local musicians play the Blue Wing blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests are welcomed to have dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or appreciate the stars outside in the heated veranda. Mondays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9520 Main Street, Upper Lake. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com.

First Friday Fling

Reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine. Student gallery also open. First Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street, Lakeport. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com.

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Lake County Wine Tours

Guests 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. Reservations required. (707) 998-4471, www.lakecountywinetours.com.

Concerts with Conversations

Monthly concert series features live music in an intimate setting and 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 at 7:30 p.m. in the adjacent Riffe's Meeting House. Third Thursday of the month. January 17: a Baroque evening with Phebe Craig on harpsichord and Michael Sand on violin; February 21: original music from John Mattern on piano, guitar, banjo, and sax. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street, Upper Lake. 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.

DECEMBER 2007

Holiday Light Parade & Tree Lighting

December 1, 2007

Fifteenth-annual tree lighting presentation, plus holiday light parade at 7:00 p.m., photos with Santa, caroling, a 4-H barbecue, and refreshments. Sponsored by Westamerica Bank and the Upper Lake Community Council. Benefit for the Upper Lake Auxiliary Fire Department Toy Drive. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Main Street, Upper Lake. Free admission. (707) 275-8170, www.upperlakeca.com.

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Holiday in the Pines

December 1–2, 2007

Fifth-annual event featuring unique works of art and arts and crafts for sale, plus live music, photo ops with Santa, and 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. Little Red Schoolhouse, 15780 Bottle Rock Road, Cobb. (707) 928-6461, (707) 928-4201.

Christmas in the Country

December 7, 2007

Old-fashioned Christmas featuring a parade of lights and downtown merchants' open house. Eventgoers are invited to enjoy hot cider, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and other hors d'oeuvres with Kelseyville merchants, as well as a lighted parade, a visit from 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. Rides in a lighted, mule-drawn holiday carriage. Sponsored by Kelseyville Business Association. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Main Street, Kelseyville. (707) 279-8559, www.visitkelseyville.com.

Renaissance Christmas Pageant & Feast

December 7–9 and 14–16, 2007

Fourteenth-annual pageant features a three-course sit-down dinner around which a lively costumed 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, in Middletown. (707) 987-2653.

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Holiday Tree Lighting

December 8, 2007

Tenth-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. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. Greenview Restaurant, 19210 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake. Free admission. (707) 987-3138, www.hvla.com.

Christmas Concert

December 16, 2007

Performance by the Lake County Symphony Orchestra. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 3:00 p.m. Kelseyville High School, 5480 Main Street, Kelseyville. Admission is \$15 for general public; \$10 for members. (707) 279-0877, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org.

New Year's Eve Spectacular

December 31, 2007

Eighteenth-annual event features four different parties, each with a different type of music—an orchestra, rock band, blues band, and country music band. All-inclusive packages feature an “All You Can Eat” Baron and Seafood Buffet, cocktails, champagne, and party favors. 9:00 p.m. Topped off by the annual New Year’s Day “All That Jazz” Champagne Brunch. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. (707) 279-4281, 800-660-LAKE, www.konoctiharbor.com.

JANUARY 2008

Ice Bowl Disc Golf

January 19, 2008

Singles tournament. Presented by Disc Golf World News. 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Canned food drive and benefit for Lake County Community Action Agency’s food cupboard. Highland Springs Disc Golf Course, 3600 E. Highland Springs Road, Lakeport. \$15 entry fee. Rain or shine. (707) 245-3025.

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Winter Music Fest

January 26–27, 2008

Fifteenth-annual performance with local amateur musicians. Presented by the Lake County Arts Council. Previously held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, this year's event will be the inaugural event to be held at the restored Soper-Reese Community Theater, 275 South Main Street, Lakeport. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com.

FEBRUARY 2008

Valentine's Dinner Cruise

February 14, 2008

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

Wine & Chocolate

February 16, 2008

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. Support Lake Family Resource Center's family shelter while enjoying wine, chocolate, music, and a silent auction. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Mt. Konocti Growers, 2550 Big Valley Road, Kelseyville. Admission is \$25 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. (707) 262-1611.

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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.