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DICKENS' CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN LAKEPORT

LAKEPORT, CA — The sixth-annual Dickens' Christmas Market — an event that transforms downtown Lakeport into an old English village for a day full of festivities — will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 29, 2008.

Traveling to downtown Lakeport during Dickens' Market is like traveling back through the centuries. Costume-clad characters from the 1800s stroll Main Street and welcome guests to browse the shops and enjoy the food and vendor booths. Event-goers are encouraged to arrive dressed for the occasion in period costumes and enter the costume contest for a chance at cash prizes.

Restaurants in downtown Lakeport offer delicious food for sale for the occasion, and a variety of tasty treats also are available at the King's Food Court on Third and Main streets. Vendor booths along Main Street include arts and crafts, toys, and plentiful gift ideas for the holidays. Some Main Street merchants host their own booths featuring seasonal products and specialty holiday merchandise.

A full schedule of musical entertainers perform throughout the day and Christmas carolers and strolling minstrels entertain the crowds. In addition, Eleven Roses Ranch offer free "sleigh rides" through town on a seasonally adorned mule-drawn carriage.

The Christmas Lighted Parade begins at 6:00 p.m. Anyone may register for the parade; applications are available at the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting follows the parade at Museum Park. The famous deodar cedar is decorated by the Lakeport Main Street Association.

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For more information, contact the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce at (707) 263-5092 or visit www.lakeportchamber.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.

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