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THE SUTTON FAMILY FARM CELEBRATES OCTOBER WITH CORN MAZE, PUMPKINS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE

LAKE COUNTY, CA — Autumn is in the air at the Sutton Family Farm where the spookiest corn maze in the county is set to open once again on October 1, 2008, alongside the pumpkin patch at the bucolic Scotts Valley farm. October on the farm also will feature an Antique Tractor Show, Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off, and Roctoberfest – a day of live music, hay rides, and more.

With corn stalks towering overhead, children and adults alike can wander along paths designed to twist and turn through the rustling corn field, which can be confusing enough during the day, but for those who want an extra-spooky experience – the maze is also open at night – so the adventurous are asked to bring a flashlight.

The corn maze is open at 10:00 a.m. daily throughout the month of October, closing Sunday thru Thursday at 6:00 p.m., and open late (until 10:00 p.m.) Friday and Saturday nights. School field trips are available in October by appointment. Bring flashlights for wandering the maze in the evening.

For adults who would like to experience the maze without threat of monsters jumping out of the corn, Thursday, October 16, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. is for adults only. Just two nights after the full moon, the night-time sky will be very bright that evening, but bringing a flashlight is still recommended.

Families also can visit the Antique Tractor Show on October 18 – 19, the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off, and enjoy barbecue both days. The father and son team of Greg and Evan Dills, who have worked together to restore tractors, gas engines, and farm implements for years, will be on-hand to talk about the machines.

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The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off, where farmers of all ages bring their massive pumpkins to The Sutton Family Farms, begins at 1:00 p.m. on October 18.

Celebrate Roctoberfest on Saturday, October 25, with live local bands playing from 10:00 a.m. until dusk. Barbecue also will be available.

Admission to the Corn Maze is \$6.00 per person, ages 4 and under are free. Open 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 1 – 31.

Free admission to the Antique Tractor Show and Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off October 18 – 19. Carriage hay rides also will be available during the month, call for dates and times.

The Sutton Family Farm operates a produce stand, country store, and weekend open-air market selling specialty foods, local crafts, gifts, Lake and Mendocino county gift baskets, salsa, jams, mustards, pepper jelly, a fine assortment of seasonal fruits and veggies from their farm and others in the area. The gift shop and produce stand is open daily until 5:00 p.m. through December.

The Sutton Family Farm is located at 2405 Scotts Valley Road, Lakeport, CA 95453. For more information, call (707) 263-6277.

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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