



COUNTY OF LAKE

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2008 FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Lake County, CA – 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 annual Maxine Sherman Memorial Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks, the Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa fireworks display that follows a concert, and more. The following is a sampling of fireworks shows and festivals. For a complete listing, call the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743.

Lakeport Independence Day Festivities, *Lakeport, CA*

Friday, July 4, 2008

An all-day street fair featuring vendors selling arts and crafts, food, and beverages. The night ends with a lighted boat parade around 9:00 p.m. followed by fireworks. Sponsored by the Lakeport Main Street Association and the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce. Library Park, between First and Third streets. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. Admission is free. (707) 263-5092, www.lakeportchamber.com.

Fireworks Cruise, *Clear Lake, CA*

Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5

Watch the fireworks from the decks of the Clear Lake Queen while feasting on barbecued chicken. On Friday, cruise up to Lakeport, on Saturday, cruise down to Clearlake. Board at the Ferndale Resort, 6190 Soda Bay Road in Kelseyville. Admission for each cruise is \$55 per person; children 11 years old and younger are half price. Reservations required. (707) 994-5432, www.paddlewheel.com.

City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities, Clearlake, CA

Saturday, July 5, 2008

Street fair, kinetic sculpture racing, live music, car show, arts and crafts, barbecue, children's activities, and more. Sponsored by the Lakeshore Lions Club and the City of Clearlake. Parade kicks off event at 11:00 a.m. from Redbud Park, 14655 Lakeshore Drive, to Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive, where festivities will be held. Fireworks over Clear Lake follow event at dusk. Admission is free. (707) 994-3600, (707) 994-3070.

Clearlake International Worm Races, Clearlake, CA

Saturday, July 5, 2008

Thirty-eighth-annual worm race competition with competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. This internationally recognized event has attracted the attention of Animal Planet, NBC, and Bay Area Backroads. Held in conjunction with the City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities and sponsored by the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600.

Tulip Hill Winery's Red, White & Blush Wine and Food Pairing, Nice, CA

Saturday, July 5, 2008

Sample savory summer fare paired to perfection with select wines perfect for summer sipping. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., \$5 for the general public; complimentary to Tulip Hill Wine Club members. For more information call (707) 274-9373.

Tulip Hill Winery's Third Concert in the Gardens, Nice, CA

Saturday, July 5, 2008

Immediately following the Red, White & Blush Wine and Food Pairing, the third Concerts in the Gardens series will begin featuring David Neft on piano. Bring a picnic, lounge on the lawn and dance the evening away! 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., \$10 for the general public; complimentary to Tulip Hill Wine Club members. For more information call (707) 274-9373.

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.