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### **CLEAR LAKE SPLASH-IN & LAKEPORT SEAPLANE FESTIVAL**

**SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2008**

**LAKEPORT, CA** – The 29<sup>th</sup>-annual Clear Lake Splash-In, the largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi, will be held in Lakeport beginning Friday, September 19, 2008, with an all-day festival on Saturday, September 20. 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 Grummans, Republics, Lakes, Cessnas, Pipers, deHavillands, and a variety of experimental aircraft modified with floats.

For pilots, registration is from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, at the Skylark Shores Resort, 1120 N. Main Street. The Skylark Shores Resort docks will serve fixed-float planes and the ramp at the Natural High School field is available for amphibious seaplanes. Land planes or aircraft unable to land on water more than once will be welcomed at Lampson Field, a few miles away. Shuttle service will be available Saturday and Sunday from Lampson Field to the Seaplane venues. After registration, pilots and the public are invited to an outdoor concert in Library Park with the LC Diamonds from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday's Seaplane Festival, which is hosted by the City of Lakeport, features seaplane rides, exhibits, an arts and crafts fair, presentations and seminars from Wipaire Floats, Leading Edge Insurance, Sierra Seaplanes, Bigfoot Aviation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, all of which are open to anyone interested in seaplanes and flying. Lake County Airman's Association docents will answer questions and provide docked seaplane tours to the public. For more information, visit [www.clearlakesplashin.com](http://www.clearlakesplashin.com).

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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-LAKESIDE (525-3743) or [www.lakecounty.com](http://www.lakecounty.com).

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