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**THE LODGE AT BLUE LAKES CELEBRATES OPENING OF SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER
WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY ON JULY 17 AT 4:30**

LAKE COUNTY, CA — The Lodge at Blue Lakes is celebrating the opening of its new Special Events Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 17, 2008, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The public is welcomed to enjoy the fun, food, and entertainment, take a guided tour of the beautifully renovated Lodge at Blue Lakes and Lake County's newest special events venue, as well as enter a raffle for an overnight stay in a deluxe Jacuzzi room.

Located at the site of the Lodge's former restaurant, the Special Events Center now offers panoramic views of scenic Blue Lakes, plus the Magic Ballroom, the Ice Bar, and the Waterscape Deck with gazebo. The center is available for events of all types – from weddings and family reunions to meetings, retreats, even holiday parties.

The celebration will include appetizers and petit fours, beverages including wine and beer, entertainment provided by Scotty MacNeil on organ, as well as viewing of the historic wall paintings that grace the center's walls.

Guided tours of The Lodge will showcase the renovations and the colorful history of the old Lodge, which originally opened to weary stagecoach travelers in 1870 as "Blue Lakes Lodge" and, over the years, was subject to two fires, temporary closings, and even a move across the lake to its present location.

Today, owners Peter and Maryann Schmid have lovingly refurbished what is now known as "The Lodge at Blue Lakes" to welcome guests from all over California – from fishermen to vacationing families to wedding parties. The ribbon-cutting is sponsored by the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Lodge at Blue Lakes is located at 5135 West Highway 20 in Upper Lake, California. For more information or directions, contact The Lodge at Blue Lakes at (707) 275-2181, www.thelodgeatbluelakes.com.

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