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BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL FEATURES OLD-TIME ENTERTAINMENT, MUSICIAN WORKSHOPS, FOOD, CRAFTS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

LAKE COUNTY, CA — An Old Time Bluegrass Festival will be held at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park in Lower Lake Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14, 2008.

The event will bring together local and regional musicians for performances on two stages, as well as a full schedule of musician workshops throughout the day on such topics as banjo, fiddle, and flat-picking techniques for guitar. Attendees are encouraged to bring their instruments for workshops and informal jam sessions behind the ranch house.

Headliners of the festival will be the The Mighty Crows, Alhambra Valley Band, Mountain Laurel Band, Pat Ickes & Bound to Ride, Sidesaddle, and The Mighty Chiplings. Other entertainers include the local Elem Indian Tribe Dance Group, who will kick off the event, plus local groups Andy Skelton and the Konocti Fiddlers, the Clear Lake Clickers, Public Nuisance, Don Coffin and the AMIA Live Wire Choir, and Laura & Darin Smith.

The Old Time Bluegrass Festival will feature demonstrations and vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art in the Barn, a wine garden featuring Lake County wines, and a beer garden, as well as food prepared by local service clubs and local schools' culinary programs.

Delicious food and drink will be available from many local service organizations. Beer and wine gardens will be presented by the Kiwanis Club. Scrumptious homemade blackberry pie and ice cream will be served by the Clearlake State Park Interpretive Association. Event T-shirts will be offered for purchase courtesy of the Rotary Club.

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“The most important thing about it is to bring local service clubs together to promote quality community events oriented toward families,” said Don Coffin, the music coordinator for the event. “Children and grandparents — all generations — can find something fun to do there. Partnerships with the Children’s Museum of Art & Science (CMAS), Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, and the Clearlake Chamber of Commerce bring the community spirit to life in this benefit for local education.”

The Old Time Bluegrass Festival will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

Purchase of a ticket includes admission to the event, all entertainment, workshops, wine and beer gardens, and Art in the Barn. The event will be held rain or shine under cover. At the gate, tickets are \$25 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday, or \$35 for both days. Children 12 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets are \$20 for Saturday, \$15 for Sunday, or \$25 for both days. A limited number of advance tickets will be available for purchase beginning June 1 at various locations and on the web site: www.andersonmarsh.org

Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association Bluegrass Memberships are available for \$100. With this, members get four two-day passes and an event T-shirt. Memberships help ensure the festival continues, provides funds for local educational programs, and helps support the long-term goal to build a Discovery Museum and Visitor’s Center at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park.

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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