



## **COUNTY OF LAKE**

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### **SUMMER 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

#### **JUNE**

##### **June 7, Wild West Day**

Fifteenth-annual Western-themed street festival with Old West skits, a parade, pancake breakfast, tri-tip barbecue, wagon rides, and country music. Contests for the best beard, bonnet, and costume. Benefit for community projects. Sponsored by Upper Lake Community Council and the Northshore Fire Protection District. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Main Street, Upper Lake. Free admission. (707) 275-2000.

##### **June 21-22, Middletown Days**

Annual Western-themed event featuring a ranch rodeo, live music, craft and food booths, children's activities, and more. Saturday begins with a parade at 10:00 a.m. and ends with a dance at 8:00 p.m. Sunday will feature Steam Country Equestrian presenting the gymkhana. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road, Middletown. Free admission. (707) 987-9310.

##### **June 28, Home Winemakers Festival**

Sixth-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 30 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. Live music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Sponsored by Clear Lake Performing Arts (CLPA) and the Kelseyville Business Association. Benefit for CLPA. Tasting is \$15 per person and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. 21 years and older. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Main Street, downtown Kelseyville. (707) 277-8172.

#### **JULY**

##### **July 3, Fireworks at Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino**

Watch the fireworks display starting at dusk from the parking lot in front of the Casino. 1545 East Highway 20, Nice. Free show. (800) 809-3636.

##### **July 4, Maxine Sherman Memorial Fireworks**

Tenth-annual fireworks display in honor of the late Maxine Sherman, a Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association member who held numerous fundraisers to always secure an annual fireworks display. Sponsored by Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. Wigeon Bay, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-4210, [www.clearlakeoaks.org](http://www.clearlakeoaks.org)

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**July 4, Lakeport Independence Day Festivities**

All-day street fair, arts and crafts, music, food, and beverages, plus a lighted boat parade at 9:30 p.m. and fireworks over Clear Lake at dusk. Sponsored by the Lakeport Main Street Association and Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce. 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Library Park, 222 Park Street, between First and Third streets, Lakeport. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com)

**July 4, Lakeport Fireworks Cruise**

Annual cruise to Lakeport to watch the Fourth of July fireworks while feasting on barbeque chicken. 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Board at Lucerne Harbor Park, 6215 E. Highway 20, Lucerne. \$55 per person; children 11 years and younger half price. Reservations required. (707) 994-5432, [www.paddlewheel.com](http://www.paddlewheel.com)

**July 5, City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities**

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 Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. 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, Clearlake. Fireworks over Clear Lake follow event at dusk. (707) 994-3600, (707) 994-3070.

**July 5, Clearlake International Worm Races**

Internationally recognized worm race competition that has summoned competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. This 38<sup>th</sup> annual event has attracted the attention of Animal Planet, NBC, and Bay Area Backroads. Held in conjunction with City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities. Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake. (707) 994-3600, [www.clearlakechamber.com](http://www.clearlakechamber.com)

**July 11-12, Lake County Rodeo**

Seventy-ninth annual professional CCPRA-Sanctioned Rodeo. Events include steer wrestling, bull riding, bronc bustin', team roping, barrel racing, mutton bustin', calf roping, cow chip bingo, barbecue, vendors, and more. Horse parade along Main Street 4:30 p.m. Friday. Saturday night dance follows rodeo. Sponsored by the Lake County Rodeo Association. Rodeo events start at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport. Gate admission. Info, tickets: (707) 263-5092, [www.lakecountyrodeo.com](http://www.lakecountyrodeo.com)

**July 19-20, Mt. Konocti Dairy Goat Association Show**

A judged show featuring registered miniature dairy goats and Nigerian Dwarf goats held each summer in Kelseyville. Barbeque, music, raffle, goat races, and more. (707) 245-8082, [www.mtkonocidga.org](http://www.mtkonocidga.org)

**July 19, Cobb Mountain Music Festival**

Fifth-annual music festival, plus arts and crafts vendors, food, beer and wine. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. Six separate musical acts will perform until dusk. Sponsored by the Cobb Merchants Association. Benefits local charities. Tickets: \$20 presale, \$25 at the door, children 12 and under are \$7, children under 5 free. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park and Camp Resort, 14117 Bottle Rock Road, Cobb. (707) 928-0390, [www.cobbmountainmusicfestival.com](http://www.cobbmountainmusicfestival.com)

**July 26-27, Lake County Wine Adventure**

At the fourth-annual Wine Adventure, ticketholders enjoy sampling award-winning Lake County wines, mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, prepared by local purveyors, in addition to barrel tasting and winery tours in some locations. Presented by the Lake County Wine Association. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days. Purchase of a two-day Adventure Ticket for \$25 includes a commemorative wine glass, tasting at all participating wineries, and eligibility to win several wonderful prizes. (707) 998-9656, [www.lakecountywinetours.com](http://www.lakecountywinetours.com)

## AUGUST

### **August 22-31, Lake County Summerfest**

End-of-summer celebration with countywide community festivals, art events, arts, crafts, entertainment, indoor and outdoor concerts, street dances, theater productions, wine tasting, farmers' markets, food, a celebrity golf tournament, a car show, motorcycle rally, and the Lake County Fair. Concert, golf tournament, and motorcycle rally details: (707) 279-4281, (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com), or (800) 525-3743, [www.lakecounty.com](http://www.lakecounty.com)

### **August 22, Taste of Lakeport**

Eleventh-annual event featuring food and wine tasting by local wineries at various Lakeport businesses. Live music and street dancing from 8:00 p.m. Presented by the Lakeport Main Street Association and benefiting the revitalization of downtown. 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Main Street at Museum Park, Lakeport. Free admission. (707) 263-5752.

### **August 22-23, Pepsi Celebrity Quarterback Shootout**

Twelfth-annual golf tournament in which amateurs pair up with 20 pro football greats. Friday's activities include a pool party and luau, live music, and pairing of celebrities with their amateur at-large foursomes. Saturday starts with a Celebrity Sunrise Champagne Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Teams meet at 7:30 a.m. on the Buckingham Golf Course, 2855 Eastlake Drive, Kelseyville; tee time is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Spectators can watch celebrities up close from the gallery. Awards show and concert after shootout. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. Admission fee. (707) 279-4281, (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com)

### **August 28-31, Lake County Fair**

"Let the Good Times Roll" at an old-time country fair which begins with a parade down Main Street and features live music and entertainment, food booths, carnival rides, livestock and animal exhibits, and much more – fun for the whole family. Opens Thursday at 6:00 p.m., Friday at 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Closes each day at 11:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport. (707) 263-6181, [www.lakecountyfair.com](http://www.lakecountyfair.com)

### **August 29-31, X.S. Weekend**

The grand finale weekend of the Lake County Summerfest is an insane combination of extreme sports, motorcycle road rally and good old fashioned rock 'n' roll. Weekend features extreme pro motocross, daredevil jet ski stunt shows, hardcore sky diving and more, plus vendor booths, fashion model competitions, national headline entertainment and night club bands, capped off with a fireworks display on Sunday, August 31. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. Admission fee. (707) 279-4281, (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com)

### **August 30, "Takin' It to the Streets" Motorcycle Road Rally and Poker Run**

Join thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts from all over Northern California for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual motorcycle road rally and poker run around beautiful Clear Lake. Traditionally held over Labor Day weekend, the final weekend of Lake County Summerfest. A benefit for the five area high school athletic programs. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. Reservations recommended. (707) 279-4281, (800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com)

## ONGOING

### **First Friday Fling**

A reception held the first Friday of every month spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street, Lakeport. Free admission. (707) 263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com)

**Historic Family Ranch Trip**

Warm summer evenings are the highlight of June's trips as guests experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, and other flora and ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Through October, by reservation only. Eleven Roses Ranch, Clearlake Oaks. Reservations: (707) 998-4471, [www.elevenrosesranch.com](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com)

**Kickin' in the Country**

Street dancing, family gathering, music, raffles, refreshments, and more. Held the third Thursday of each summer month – June 19, July 17, August 21. Sponsored by and benefit for the Kelseyville Business Association. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Main Street, Kelseyville. Free admission. (707) 349-6633.

**Coyote Film Festival**

Third annual Coyote Film Festival and "Meet the Filmmaker" series with a different selection of films and their directors presented each month. Held the weekends of June 20-21, July 18-19, August 15-16, and September 12-13. Coyote popcorn, and cold beverages will be provided. All proceeds benefit EcoArts of Lake County. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; films begin at 9:00 p.m. Location TBD, Middletown. Admission is \$12. (707) 928-0323, [www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org](http://www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org)

**EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk**

The installation of sculptures "in dialogue with nature" will be ready for viewing June through October 2008. On Sunday, June 8, a reception featuring art, food and music will open the sixth-annual event. Stroll along the center trail of the 107-acre county park to view the sculptural expressions of award winning artists, local schools and community groups. Sensible shoes and water are recommended. Park open dawn till dusk. Middletown County Trailside Park accessed via Dry Creek Cutoff off of State Route 175, Middletown. Free admission. (707)928-0323, [www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org](http://www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org)

**Saturday Morning Market**

Live entertainment, antiques, produce, handmade arts & crafts, information booth, flowers, and more. Sponsored by Upper Lake Community Council. Benefit for Community projects. Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., June 14 through September 27. Downtown Main Street off Highway 20. Admission is free. Vendors \$10. (707) 275-0105, (707) 275-2000.

**Tuscan Village Summer Concert Series**

Live music by Lake County's finest performers, great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts every Friday evening through October. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. Tuscan Village on Main Street, Lower Lake. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Free admission; limited seating. (707) 994-3354.

**Lakeport Summer Concerts in Library Park**

Pack your picnic supper and head to the park to hear topnotch musical acts perform in the gazebo. Every Friday evening from mid-June through mid-August. Sponsored by KXBX 98.3 fm and other local businesses. Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Library Park, Lakeport. Free admission. (707) 263-6113.

**Tulip Hill Winery Concerts in the Garden**

Monthly summer event series includes wine and food pairing followed by live music amid the beauty of the Tulip Hill Winery gardens. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic and a blanket. Monthly lineup – May 17: Bill Noteman and the Rockets; June 21: Twice as Good; July 5: David Neft; August 16: The Mark Weston Band; and September 20: Austin and Owens. Wine and food pairing held from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (cost \$5 for general public, free to wine club members); concert begins at 5:00 p.m. (concert entry fee of \$10 includes limited wine tasting). Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road, Nice. (707) 274-9373, [www.tuliphillwinery.com](http://www.tuliphillwinery.com)

**Guided Bird Walks**

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The walks, which last an hour and a half, begin at 8 am in the summer. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff, Upper Lake. (707) 279-0923 or (707) 994-2024, [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org)

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](http://www.lakecounty.com)

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