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SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER EVENTS LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

LAKE COUNTY – As the warmth of summer approaches, families begin planning trips to their favorite vacation spot, and vacation memories are passed down through generations in Lake County: parents take their children back to Clear Lake or Cobb Mountain, where their own childhood summers were spent, to make new family memories.

Whether they come to fish, splash, hike, or just lie under the sun, summer activities abound – from music events, art shows, and community festivals to classic boat and car exhibits, holiday parades, fireworks, and even an authentic county fair and a rodeo.

This is Lake County in the summer – where the summer sun shines brightly overhead, highlighting the endless adventures that beckon you to come and explore.

ONGOING

Concerts with Conversations, *Upper Lake*

Last Saturday each month, January through May

Monthly concert series January – May features live music in an intimate setting with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and wine. A benefit for the Soper-Reese Community Theatre Fund. An informal concert and dialogue with the artist follows wine, hearty appetizers, and coffee with dessert. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. Reservations are suggested as seating is limited. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Monday Night Blues, *Upper Lake*

Mondays, year-round

Great musicians play the blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests may enjoy dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or admire the starry sky outside on the heated veranda. Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake

Fridays, year-round

Live music every Friday evening by great performers. Food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during nice weather; inside during other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. \$5 suggested donation. Main Street. (707) 252-8444, www.terrillcellars.com

Guided Bird & Nature Walks, Lakeport

Saturdays, year-round

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird and nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The 90-minute walks begin at 8:00 a.m. June – August, and 9:00 a.m. September – May. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Cutoff. (707) 994-2024, (707) 928-4590, www.lakecountylandtrust.org

Clear Lake State Park Guided Bird and Nature Walks, Kelseyville

Saturdays, year-round

Docents from the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association offer guided bird and nature walks. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call or check web site for schedule. No entrance fee to park for those participating in walks. All ages welcome. (707) 279-4293, www.clearlakestatepark.org

Sunday Champagne Brunch in the Garden, Upper Lake

Sundays, year-round

A Champagne brunch is held every Sunday at the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Held outdoors in the garden from May to early November. Different local musicians play 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When the weather gets cold, the music moves inside to the intimate Saloon setting. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Fondue Friday, Upper Lake

Year-round by reservation

The Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) offers a selection of fondue pots by 48-hour advance reservation, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from more than two dozen Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030, (707)293-8752.

Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Join winemaker Gregory Graham on a one-hour tour of his vineyards and gain first-hand knowledge of the area and what makes his particular vineyards so special. Then it's back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. Weather permitting. Advance reservations required. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995-3500, www.ggwines.com

Tallman Hotel Wine Touring Package, Countywide

Year-round by reservation

Guests of the hotel can enjoy this five-hour limousine tour with a personable and knowledgeable driver. Choose from a guaranteed private tour or a shared tour with others, up to eight guests' total. Book the tour and a room by contacting the hotel. Gratuity to driver not included. Add picnic lunch box for \$20 per person. 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or www.tallmanhotel.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice

Year-round by reservation

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered by reservation only. Admission is free. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Vines, Mines, and Wines at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Hop into the Six Sigma Ranch Pinzgauer for the rugged accent to the high altitude Diamond Mine Vineyard. Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma releases. Weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 10 people or \$25 per person. Various other tours available Monday through Friday. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year-round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the water. Tours include deluxe seating for eight in a 21-foot pontoon boat with canopy and a knowledgeable guide. Tours are customized to guest specification: wildlife and nature, wine tasting, fishing, or sightseeing. Indian Beach Resort, 9945 E. Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-3760, www.theindianbeachresort.com

Langtry Estate & Vineyards Tour, Middletown

Tuesday through Saturday, year-round, weather permitting

Guided tours of the historic vineyard travel to the higher elevation of Tephra Ridge for spectacular views of Guenoc Valley. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Includes picnic-style lunch in the vineyard and wine tasting. \$45 per person. 48-hours advance reservations required. 21000 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown. (707) 987-2385, www.langtryestate.com

Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville

First Tuesday of each month

Each month, the Saw Shop Gallery Bistro features a special menu paired with a local or regional wine on the first Tuesday of each month. Dine al fresco on the wraparound porch or inside where walls of the circa-1902 building are festooned with local art. 3825 Main Street. (707) 278-0129, www.sawshopbistro.com

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

Select Thursdays of each month

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café hosts the owner and/or winemaker of one of the great Lake County wineries whose vintages are featured on the wine list on the first Friday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake

First Friday and Saturday of each month (except January)

On the first Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winery as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also are featured. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person. 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

First Friday Fling, Lakeport

First Friday of each month

A reception 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. 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

Windows to the Universe, Kelseyville

Second Saturday of each month

Lecture, telescope observing, and planetarium show at the Taylor Observatory. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$3 suggested donation. 5725 Oak Hill Lane. (707) 262-4121, www.taylorobservatory.org

Art Classes and Demonstrations at Harbor Village Artist Complex, Lucerne

Second Saturday of each month, April - September

Join the Harbor Village Artists on the second Saturday of each month April through September for classes and demonstrations. Lakeside Art will provide classes/demonstration in creating one-of-a-kind couture hats, hand-painted silk scarves, beautiful painted furniture, paintings, and creative jewelry. Pomo Fine Art Gallery will conduct classes in Native American art and basket weaving. Serendipity Art and Boutique will conduct various classes. The Gourd Gallery will provide classes in decorative gourd art. 6193-6199 E. Highway 20, Lucerne. (707) 274-2346.

Coyote Film Festival, Middletown

April through October 2011

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers April through October at the Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center. One Saturday matinee and evening screening each month highlights the best in independent film with guest filmmakers participating in audience Q&A's. For full details visit www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org or www.CoyoteFilmFestival.org

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, Kelseyville

First Thursday of the month, May through August

On the first Thursday of each month, Stephanie Cruz-Green, sommelier and owner of Focused on Wine, will offer a specialty wine tasting served with tasty tidbits and wine education pointers. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112, www.focusedonwine.com

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

Saturdays, May through October

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. Live music. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Select Saturdays, May through September

The Moore Family Winery hosts a family-friendly concert in the vineyard series on Saturdays in the summer. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine, food, and soft drinks available for purchase. \$15-\$30 per person. Kids 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Tulip Hill Winery Concert in the Garden Series, Nice

Select Saturdays, June through September

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Includes wine tasting with food pairing and admission. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Lakeport Certified Farmers Market, Lakeport

Wednesdays, June through October

Local farmers offer their finest and freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Library Park, 222 Park Street. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.com

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

Daily, June through October

9th-Annual Eco Arts: Lake County Sculpture Walk. Opening Reception June 11, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Middletown County Trailside Park. Join the thousands who have strolled along the center trail of the beautiful Middletown County Trailside Park to view sculptural expressions of award winning artists, local schools and community groups. Artworks are showcased in this annual, five month long, free public sculpture walk 'in dialog with nature'. Sensible walking shoes and water recommended. Middletown County Trailside Park is open Dawn until Dusk. Free admission, parking and restrooms. Learn more at www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org or contact Karen Turcotte at karenturcotte@yahoo.com

Summer Concerts in Library Park, Lakeport

Mid-June through Mid-August

Pack your picnic supper and head to the park to hear top-notch musical acts perform in the gazebo. Every Friday evening from June through August. Sponsored by KXXB 98.3 FM and other local businesses. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Free admission. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-6113.

GAMING & ENTERTAINMENT

Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino, Nice

Lake County's largest casino features 600 video slots and several table games, an 800-seat bingo hall with a non-smoking area, 48-room hotel, state-of-the-art conference center and banquet facility, a full-service restaurant and 24-hour snack shack, a sports bar featuring a video wall with high-definition TV screens, and more. Features an 800-seat showroom where well-known artists frequent the stage; check web site for upcoming events. 1545 E. Highway 20. (800) 809-3636, www.rrrc.com

Konocti Vista Casino, Resort & Marina, Lakeport

The only casino resort on beautiful Clear Lake. A haven for water sports enthusiasts year-round. The gaming resort also features an expanded casino with new slot machines, table games, the Vista Steakhouse, full bar, and banquet facility. Next door to the casino is a 74-space RV park, an 80-room hotel overlooking the 90 slip marina and scenic Clear Lake. Just off Soda Bay Road in Lakeport. 2755 Mission Rancheria Road. (707) 262-1900, (800) FUN-1950, www.kvcasino.com

Twin Pine Casino and Hotel, Middletown

California's newest casino features slot machines and table games, wine tasting of Lake County and regional wines at Off the Vine tasting room/gift shop, and a smoke-free Grapevine Bar & Lounge. Restaurant serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Lake County's newest hotel offers 60 smoke-free rooms with three luxury suites. (800) 564-4872, www.twinpine.com

MAY

Mother's Day High Tea, Lakeport

May 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 2011

Traditional English afternoon high tea with a "Miniature Quilts" show and prizes for best Mother's Day corsage. Enjoy scones, Devonshire cream, tiny sandwiches, tarts, and cakes. Served at noon and at 2:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$26.50 per person. The Lakeport English Inn, 675 North Main Street. (707) 263-4317, www.lakeportenglishinn.com

Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks

May 13 – 15, 2011

“The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi” and a benefit for community projects, the 28th-annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with cash prizes; and a Kids Derby for those 15 years old and younger, with the winner receiving a special prize. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 13, for \$45. No registrations will be accepted after 11:00 p.m. Friday. Registration is \$10 for kids. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 E. Highway 20. (707) 998-3795, www.clearlakeoaks.org

Lake County Passion Play, Lakeport

May 14 – 15, 2011

This annual outdoor play re-enacting the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is now in its 31st year. No entrance fee; spectators are asked to bring their own chairs. 4:00 p.m. daily. Beltramo Ranch, 7010 Westlake Road. (707) 279-0349, www.lakecountypassionplay.org

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

May 21, 2011

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers while enjoying live music in the garden. 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Oysters and Sauvignon Blanc, Kelseyville

May 21, 2011

Oysters and Sauvignon Blanc are an undisputed culinary delight. Moore Family Winery will host a feast of oysters both barbecued and raw, along with Sauvignon Blancs from the winery. Admission: free, Oysters: \$1 each and wine \$5 per glass. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport

May 28, 2011

Annual community celebration, featuring a barbecue, live music, and arts and crafts show and Memorial Day Parade. 11:00 a.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue, Lower Lake

May 29, 2011

Annual horse parade, pet parade, awards and prizes, live music and dancing, artists and crafters. Barbecue from noon to 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Lower Lake Community Action Group. Benefit for Lower Lake High School and community. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Russell Rustici Park, 16375 Second Street. (707) 995-0614.

Lake Renaissance Festival, Lower Lake

May 28 & 29, 2011

For two frolicking, fun-filled days in May, the Lake Renaissance Festival brings merriment and reveling to the Tuscan Village in Lower Lake. Tickets are \$7; \$2 discount for students, seniors, guests in costume, with a donation to our food bank, or with a coupon (one discount per person). Food and beverages, fortune telling, belly dancers, games, sea shanties, stage acts, and sword fights. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuscan Village, 16175 Main Street, www.lakerenfest.com

JUNE

Wood & Glory, Lakeport

June 4, 2011

Annual event featuring more than 60 classic wooden boats on Clear Lake. Photography is encouraged and guests vote on their favorite boat, thereby entering a drawing for a commemorative Wood & Glory poster. Sponsored by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free; fee for barbecue. The Docks at Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

Car Roundup, Lakeport

June 4, 2011

Twentieth-annual car show with food, entertainment, vendors, music, and awards. Sponsored by the Lake County No Name Car Club. Benefit for local charities. Registration is from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Awards ceremony is from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Third Street boat ramp, Park Street, Library Park. (707) 262-1508.

Release Party at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

June 4, 2011

Taste the new releases from Six Sigma Ranch and Winery at this party on the Six Sigma crush pad. Great wines paired with tasty food. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 297-2927, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Wild West Day, Upper Lake

June 4, 2011

Eighteenth-annual Western-themed street festival with Old West skits, a parade, pancake breakfast, tri-tip barbecue, wagon rides, and country music. Contests for best beard, bonnet, and costume. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council for community projects and the Northshore Fire Protection District. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Main Street. (707) 275-2000, www.upperlakeca.org

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

June 11, 2011

9th-Annual Eco Arts: Lake County Sculpture Walk. Opening Reception June 11, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Middletown County Trailside Park. Free admission, parking and restrooms. Learn more at www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org or contact Karen Turcotte at karenturcotte@yahoo.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

June 11, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Middletown Days, Middletown

June 17 – 19, 2011

This 50th-annual Western-themed event features a ranch rodeo, live music, craft and food booths, children's activities, and more. Saturday begins with a parade and ends with a dance. Sunday features the gymkhana. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road. (707) 994-1954.

Kulture Shock Car Show, Lakeport

June 18, 2011

Sixth-annual car show presented by Los Diablos Car Club. "No billet" show for 1964 and older traditional 50s and 60s-style hot rods, customs, gassers, and classics. Motorcycles include original, traditional 50s and 60s chopper and bobber styles. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trophies for Best Hot Rods, Best Customs, and Best of Show will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. Live rock-a-billy and classic rock-n-roll bands all day, beer, great food, vendors, pin-strippers, raffle, trophy award presentations. Admission \$5 for spectators. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-3283, www.kultureshockcarshow.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Lakeport

June 25, 2011

Eighth-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 40 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. This year's venue will be shaded Library Park, on the shores of Clear Lake. Live music sets the mood with plentiful food from local purveyors available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15 per person in advance; \$20 day of event. Includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

June 25, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to The Sons of Champlin with Bill Champlin of Chicago playing on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lavender Festival at Ceago Vinegarden, Nice

June 2011(exact date TBD)

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Ceago Vinegarden is harvested and distilled. Join the festivities at Ceago on the shore of Clear Lake and home to the tasting room of Ceago Vinegarden, the organic and biodynamic wine label of Jim Fetzer. The lavender is used to produce essential oils, soaps, and more which are for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

JUNE – JULY

Independence Day Fireworks, Countywide

June 25 – July 4, 2011

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 and the Clearlake Oaks Glenhaven Business Association hosts the Maxine Sherman Annual Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks. (800) LAKESIDE, www.lakecounty.com

JULY

Tulip Hill Winery Red, White & Blush Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

July 2, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Music by TLC featuring Mojo, Neft, and Dubois. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Lake County Rodeo, Lakeport

July 8 – 9, 2011

This year marks the 82nd-annual Lake County Rodeo, featuring CCPRA-sanctioned professional rodeo, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, barrel racing, mutton bustin', cow chip bingo, and more, plus barbecue, vendors, horse parade, and a dance Saturday night. Sponsored by the Lake County Rodeo Association. Admission fee. 7:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-1845, www.lakecountyrodeo.com

All Horse Parade, Lakeport

July 9, 2011

As part of the Lake County Rodeo, this parade begins and ends at the fairgrounds but clip-clops through downtown Lakeport. A parade of horses, burros, goats, and other four-legged animals begins at 4:30 p.m., some pulling carriages. Parade viewing in Lakeport is free. (707) 995-2515.

Music Festival at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

July 10, 2010

Set high in the mountains of the Red Hills AVA, the Moore Family Winery hosts a music festival surrounded by stunning natural scenery. Enjoy a variety of live music including blues, rock, and soul along with a variety of foods, arts and craft vendors, and wine tasting. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

July 30, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure Weekend, Countywide

July 30 – 31, 2011

Seventh-annual Wine Adventure offers guests a chance to explore many wines and wineries of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample distinct high-elevation award-winning wines from participating wineries and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. During this two-day, passport-style event, many locations also feature barrel tastings, entertainment, winery tours, wine and food pairings, and other fun and sustainable wine activities. At the end of the Lake County Wine Adventure route, all participants are eligible to enter a raffle drawing. The purchase of a two-day Wine Adventure ticket includes a logo wine glass, tasting booklet, adventure map, and a weekend of fun in fabulous Lake County. Designated drivers are encouraged. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Countywide. (707) 355-2762, www.lakecountywineries.org

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, Upper Lake

August 5 – 7, 2011

Fifth-annual blues festival in which acclaimed musicians take turns each night on the hotel veranda, performing for a full crowd in a garden setting. A delicious barbecue dinner is served and each night of the festival is sponsored by a different Lake County winery with tasting available. 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Quilt and Textile Exhibition, Lower Lake

August 5 – 26, 2011

Eighteenth-annual show features work by the members of the Clear Lake Quilters Guild, renowned weaver Sheila O'Hara and her students, and members of the Sheep Thrills Spinning and Weaving Guild. Public viewing during regular museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Lower Lake Historic School Preservation Committee. Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 995-3565.

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

August 13, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Taste of Lakeport, Lakeport

August 19, 2011

Fourteenth-annual wine tasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which features hors d'oeuvres at the many tasting stations, as well as live music and dancing. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-8843, www.lakeportmainstreet.com

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

August 20, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

SEPTEMBER

Lake County Fair, Lakeport

September 1 – 4, 2011

Traditionally held each Labor Day weekend, the Lake County Fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events, enjoyed by more than 40,000 people each year. Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, www.lakecountyfair.com

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, 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