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## **Sea Plane Splash In Highlights Aviation Career Opportunities**

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This year's Clear Lake Sea Plane Splash In marks the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the event has been held in Lakeport. The Splash In features activities and seminars for young people designed to draw attention to the outstanding career opportunities in aviation. The Splash In takes place Saturday, September 7 at the Natural High School in Lakeport.

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Unlike many fields where jobs are disappearing, career prospects in aviation are bright.

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Boeing's CEO, Dennis Muilenberg, noted at the Paris Air Show last month that there will be a need for 800,000 new pilots in the next 20 years, and that there will be a severe pilot shortage.

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The Splash In features seminars that could be useful to high school students and their parents in learning about career opportunities in aviation.

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A seminar entitled *You Can Be a Pilot* takes place at the Natural High School in Lakeport at 11:00am, and a seminar entitled *Career Opportunities in Aviation* takes place at 2pm. In addition, Steve Bateman, Director of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Flying Clubs Initiative, will present *Maximum Fun, Minimum Cost: How to Start and Run a Flying Club* at 10am.

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*You Can Be a Pilot* is a fast paced, inspirational session designed to increase awareness that obtaining a pilot certificate is a realistic and achievable objective. The *Career Opportunities in Aviation* seminar examines the exciting prospects for young people in aviation. In addition to outlining the specific careers available in aviation, the *Career Opportunities* seminar presents details about the high school curriculum for aviation education that the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) makes available at no cost to high schools. Professional pilots, mechanics, avionics technicians and flight instructors will be on hand to answer questions that students and parents may have.

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At the end of the *Career Opportunities* seminar, Splash In organizers will be raffling off to students who have attended the seminar aviation related prizes donated by sponsors of the Splash In including a ride in a seaplane, an aerial photograph of Lampson Field, a poster of an aerial photograph of a Giants game in San Francisco, aviation related apparel and a model of a German seaplane used in World War II.

As Lake County Chamber of Commerce CEO Melissa Fulton notes “It’s important that students in the Lake County school system become aware of the career opportunities in aviation, including jobs as aviation mechanics, avionics technicians, corporate, airline and military pilots and aerial photographers. The *Career Opportunities* seminar enables them to learn about those opportunities.”

Lake County high schools used to have aviation classes, and the AOPA high school curriculum is being taught in a number of California high schools. Kevin Soto, a Boeing 747 pilot for the United Parcel Service (UPS) said that “The aviation program at Lower Lake high school back in the 1970s made me aware of the opportunities in aviation. Those classes were invaluable to my path to becoming a Boeing 747 pilot for UPS.”

Retired high school teacher, Miles Turner, who is a pilot and used to teach the aviation classes at Kelseyville High School, says that “I saw first hand the beneficial impact that teaching aviation had on some of the students in my classes.”

Dan Dye, who is a retired chemist, pilot, former aircraft owner and substitute high school teacher in Lake County says that, “I have no doubt that an aviation curriculum at one or more of Lake County’s high schools would open doors to career opportunities many students are simply not aware of now.”

The flying club seminar will review the FAA and IRS rules and guidelines for the formation of flying clubs. It also explores topics such as bylaws, operational rules, budgeting, acquiring airplanes, safety culture, social programs and many other aspects of flying club life.

Herb Lingl, the education director of the Clear Lake Flying Club, notes that: “A Lake County based flying club can complement a high school aviation curriculum by reducing the cost of flying for students, giving them opportunities to fly with other club members and to become involved in aircraft building projects sponsored by the club.”

In addition to accommodating seaplanes by providing a ramp for access to the Lakeport waterfront, the Splash In provides a free shuttle service for land aircraft that fly into Lampson Field for the event and a chance for the public to see seaplanes first hand and interact with seaplane pilots.

The Splash In attracts a wide variety of different types of seaplanes. More details about this year’s Splash in are available at:

[clearlakesplashin.com](http://clearlakesplashin.com)