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Lake Compounce, Nation's Oldest Amusement Park, Unveils New, Thrilling Ride for 2006

"Thunder N Lightning" Among Numerous New Additions Planned for 160th Consecutive Season

BRISTOL/SOUTHINGTON, CT (March 1, 2006) – Lake Compounce Family Theme Park, America's oldest amusement park and Connecticut's largest water park, is set to open on Saturday, May 13, 2006, and will unveil a thrilling new ride, 'Thunder N Lightning.' The "screaming swing," with two giant swing arms, holds 32 passengers and catapults riders to heights of almost 100 feet at 60 miles per hour, with four G's of force, according to Lake Compounce General Manager Jerry Brick.

Lake Compounce will be auctioning off seats for the first ride of 'Thunder N Lightning', and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

Brick also took the lid off other expansions 2006. With an estimated budget of \$5 million, the Park has completed numerous improvements, including the addition of a brand new boardwalk with shade structures in the water park, several new games which will be adorning the midway including "Fish Are Jumping" and "Pong Pool", as well as new entertainment including Cirque En Vol, urban acrobats, dancing flying and twisting through the air.

"We are coming off a record-breaking 2005 season, with attendance up 12 percent over 2004," said Brick. "We are excited for our 160th season, and we know our guests will really enjoy 'Thunder N Lightning', as well as the other improvements we have made to the park."

Lake Compounce has added 64 more lockers, a new outdoor stage, as well as a family restroom where moms and dads can bring the kids.

"Lake Compounce is truly a family-oriented park, and everything we have done helps to make the family experience at the Park that much more enjoyable and convenient," added Brick. "Whether you love the rush of "Thunder N Lightning" or a stroll along our new boardwalk – there really is something for everyone here."

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Lake Compounce, which offers free Pepsi products all day long, is also adding a new food stand called The Panini Grill, a mini-donut cart, and the Parkside Diner is getting a makeover. It will be more of a grab and go style restaurant to accommodate more guests more efficiently.

The Park's website, www.lakecompounce.com will be getting a facelift and is expected to be up and running by opening day. Guests should find the site easier to navigate, and they also will find hotel and surrounding area attraction information as well.

Lake Compounce is home to the nationally recognized wooden roller coaster *BoulderDash*, which opened in 2000, and is the only coaster of its kind to be built into the side of a mountain. In addition, \$3.3 million dollars of improvements were made to the park in 2005, which included the addition of 'Anchor Bay', an 800-foot lazy river in which riders can float along on a tube with the current.

Season passes are available for a discounted rate of \$64.95 through May 30, 2006. Regular price for a season pass is \$69.95. Regular daily adult admission is \$32.95, junior admission for children under 52" is \$23.95, senior admission is \$16.95, and children under 3 years of age are admitted free. All tickets and season passes may be purchased by visiting www.lakecompounce.com on the web

ABOUT LAKE COMPOUNCE:

Lake Compounce, New England's Family Theme Park, is owned by Kennywood Entertainment of Pittsburgh, PA. Kennywood purchased the park in 1996 and invested nearly \$70 million in rides and attractions. New for the 2006 season is "Thunder N Lightning", a screaming swing with two giant swing arms that will hold 32 passengers and will catapult riders to heights of almost 100 feet at 60 miles per hour, with four G's of force.