



The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake



White Fir (*Abies concolor*) is an iconic conifer with silvery-blue needles and distinct wispy pinecones. The majestic tree has been found at higher elevations along the north-facing slopes of the Santa Ynez mountain range, San Rafael mountain to Big Pine Mountain, Reyes Peak, and Mount Pinos.

Happy Holidays!

Neal Taylor Nature Center
HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday, 12/26	CLOSED
Friday, 12/27	CLOSED
Saturday, 12/28	10am-4pm
Sunday, 12/39	10am-2pm



We are endlessly grateful for your involvement at the Nature Center. We look forward to growing with you in the years to come!

[Pinecone Almond Brownie Recipe](#)



Bring the feeling of the great outdoors to your holiday cuisine with these festive chocolate pinecone brownies! Vegan and gluten-free options provided.

[see recipe >](#)

Holiday Gathering Recap



Thank you to everyone who came out for our holiday gathering! We had so much fun with you making ornaments, doing our special holiday scavenger hunt, sipping hot cider and eggnog, and kindling the holiday spirit!

Check out more photos from the event below.



Help Us Continue Our Mission into the New Year

The Neal Taylor Nature Center thrives because of you—our incredible community. Your visits, volunteer efforts, donations, and love for nature make everything we do possible. Together, we're inspiring curiosity, fostering a love for the outdoors, and creating a space for everyone to learn about the unique wonders of Cachuma Lake and the Santa Ynez River watershed. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.



To ensure we can continue our mission, we are currently raising funds as part of our end-of-year appeal. Your support, in any amount, is deeply appreciated and makes a meaningful difference.

A great way to support us is to give the gift of a Nature Center membership this holiday season. Enjoy benefits such as discounts in our gift shop, invitation to a lake cruise, an annual day-use pass to Cachuma Lake and Jalama Beach and more. Learn more at www.clnaturecenter.org/membership-levels-benefits/

Additionally, if you donate any amount before January 1st, 2025 we will automatically enter you into a raffle to win one of our Neal Taylor Nature Center hats! Use the "DONATE" button below to enter.



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BECOME A MEMBER

Program Calendar

28th Annual Neal Taylor Nature Center Fish Derby.

APRIL 26-27, 2025



Reserve your campsites now at:
[reservations.sbparks.org/cachum
a-lake/campsites](https://reservations.sbparks.org/cachum-a-lake/campsites)

Registration for the Fish Derby will
open in 2025.

Learn more at troutderby.org



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