



## Neal Taylor Nature Center

The mission of the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake is to encourage public understanding, enjoyment, and protection of Cachuma Lake, the Upper Santa Ynez River, and the San Rafael Mountain Range Watershed.

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# NTNC

# Memberships: The Gift That Keeps Giving All Year!

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**The Neal Taylor Nature Center**  
*at Cachuma Lake*



**Hollyleaf redberry** (*Rhamnus crocea* subsp. *ilicifolia*), is a perennial evergreen shrub of California's dry chaparral, where its bright red berries provide a favorite food for pollinators, birds, bears, deer, coyotes, rodents and other wildlife.



**THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING ALL YEAR!**

**Give a gift that unlocks enjoyment, discovery and nature connection!**

NTNC memberships are perfect gifts for nature lovers who cherish Cachuma Lake, the Santa Ynez watershed, and the San Rafael mountains. Your membership helps us foster appreciation and stewardship of this remarkable region while funding exhibits and programs that welcome thousands of visitors annually.



Memberships at the **Associate** level and above include:

- › Annual Day-Use Pass to Cachuma Lake
- › Invitations to special Nature Center events
- › Cachuma Lake Nature Cruise (upon availability)
- › 10% discount at the Nature Center Gift Shop (on purchases of \$10 or more)
- › + many other wonderful benefits depending on membership level

# BECOME A MEMBER



*Neal Taylor Nature Center*  
**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Thursday, 12/25	CLOSED
Thursday, 1/1	CLOSED
	
Friday, 12/26	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, 12/27	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 12/28	10 am - 2 pm
Friday, 1/2	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, 1/3	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 1/4	10 am - 2 pm

**SEASONAL LIVE PLANT DISPLAY IS BACK!**



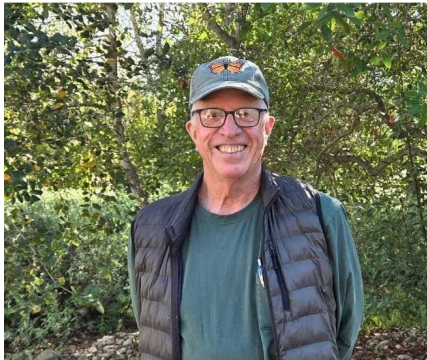
Check out the live evergreen and conifer display at the nature center, for a limited time only! This year, we've updated the exhibit to be interactive with the book *A Flora of the Santa Barbara Region, California*.

Come learn how to identify native plants using a field guide, and test your investigative skills to find the common names and traits of each plant!

Special thanks to Greg Donovan for collecting these plant samples.



**GREG DONOVAN TALKS ABOUT LIVE PLANT  
DISPLAY AND GETTING TO KNOW NATIVE  
FLORA**



Nature Center volunteer  
and landscape  
horticulturist Greg  
Donovan ventured into the  
mountains to collect  
samples of local flora for  
this beautiful exhibit. We're  
grateful for Greg's years of  
dedication and expertise in  
supporting our plant  
displays and native garden!

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**MANZANITA JELLY RECIPE**



Manzanita, meaning "little apple" in Spanish, is a wild shrub that grows abundantly in California. Manzanita berries make a unique jelly with an apple-like flavor and beautiful amber color. This jelly makes a perfect holiday gift or condiment for holiday feasts!

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## **VEGAN GLUTEN-FREE PINECONE BROWNIES**

### **RECIPE**



Bring the feeling of the great outdoors to your holiday cuisine with these festive vegan chocolate pinecone brownies! They're made with your favorite brownie mix, coconut oil, sliced almonds, flax, with an optional snowy garnish of powdered sugar.

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# end of year DONATION RAFFLE



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by **December 31st, 2025**  
and enter a raffle to win  
your choice of a Neal Taylor  
Nature Center shirt or hat!

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