



# The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake

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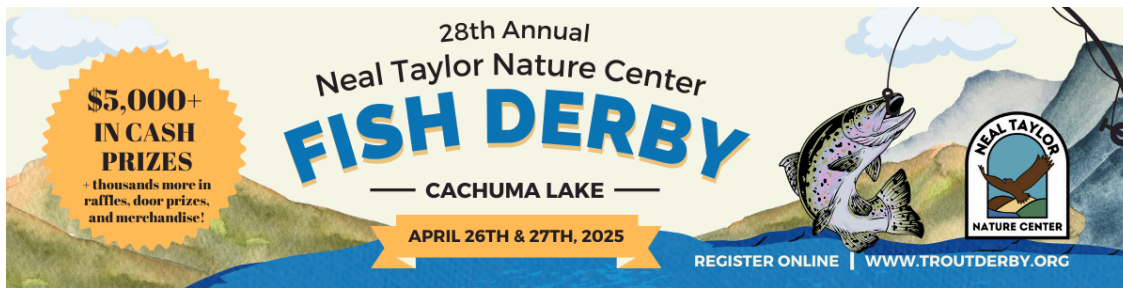
## Valley Oak

### PLANT SPOTLIGHT

**Chumash Name:** ta'; **Scientific Name:** *Quercis lobata*;

The Valley Oaks at Cachuma Lake are sprouting new leaves! These towering oak trees are the tallest of the California oaks, sometimes growing taller than 150 feet. Valley Oaks have the largest acorns of California native oaks, often producing thousands of pounds of acorns in a year! The acorns were a staple food source for the Chumash people. All parts of the Valley Oak had a use for the Chumash, from medicine to basketry to toys and even musical instruments. Learn more about native plants on our [Native Garden webpage](#).

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**Dear supporter,**

The **Neal Taylor Nature Center** is in need of **sponsors** for the **28th Annual Fish Derby**. As you may know, the fish derby is our **largest annual fundraiser**, and supports many vital functions of the Nature Center.

Last year, we saw over 40,000 visitors at the Nature Center, and we hope to continue to serve the community by encouraging understanding, enjoyment, and protection of the Santa Ynez River Watershed through our exhibits, events, educational programs and more.

By underwriting a prize or becoming a sponsor, you not only directly help the Nature Center continue to thrive, but you also get to **promote your business** to hundreds of Fish Derby participants and to thousands of people who visit our website at [troutderby.org](http://troutderby.org).

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All proceeds from the Fish Derby support

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- Wildlife Cruise on Cachuma Lake & Picnic Lunch for 2



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- \$599 Heaviest Catfish Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Trout Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Bass Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Crappie Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Catfish Caught
- \$300 Heaviest Carp Caught
- \$250 (\$25/each for first 10 kids 10 yrs. & under to catch a fish)

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The fish derby runs on volunteers!  
We need help with weighing fish,  
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office work and more.

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volunteering, please email  
[info@clnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@clnaturecenter.org)

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