



The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake



This photo by Colin Eldridge shows a wild turkey at our live bird exhibit at the Nature Center. California's wild turkey population stems from thousands of non-native Rio Grande turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo intermedia*) imported by the California Fish and Game Commission from 1958 to 1999. Although once home to the extinct *Meleagris californica*, California's landscapes now host these adaptable birds.

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Neal Taylor



Nature Center

DISCOVER YOUR OWN BACKYARD AT THE NEAL TAYLOR NATURE CENTER AT CACHUMA LAKE

Dear Supporter,

Through your involvement and generosity, The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake has been a place of discovery and learning for 36 years!

More than 40,000 children, families and campers took part in the dynamic and innovative programs offered at the Nature Center this year. The *Food for Thought* lecture series, *Creepy Creatures* event, *Trout in the Classroom*, *Living Bat* exhibit, “*Going Batty*” program, *School Field Trip* program and themed *Scavenger Hunts* are a few of the programs offered and made possible through the generosity of our donors and members.



“I loved the scavenger hunt! I learned that the largest pinecone is the Coulter pinecone. I am very grateful for being a part of this field trip.”

Gia, 3rd grader

Your support is vital and will allow us to continue to provide hands-on learning to all who visit. It will also help to support the campaign to update and renovate the Nature Center, its interactive exhibits, and Native Garden.

Please consider donating or becoming a member at:

www.clnaturecenter.org/give

Thank you for your support of the Nature Center and its commitment to making the gift of discovery accessible to all!

Sincerely,



Edward Grand
President



Julie Anne McDonald
Executive Director

Program Calendar

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND



BOOKS & TREASURES SALE

**Fri, Nov. 29th & Sat. Nov. 30th
10am to 2pm**

Find the perfect holiday gifts on Black Friday! All proceeds support the Nature Center.



ARTS & CRAFTS

**Fri, Nov. 29th & Sat. Nov. 30th
1pm to 3pm**

ADMISSION: \$2

Come by the Nature Center and
make some nature-themed crafts!
Open to all ages.

Nature Center Hours

Thursday, November 28th – CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29th – 10am to 4pm

Saturday, November 30 – 10am to 4pm

Sunday, December 1st – 10pm to 2pm

28th Annual Neal Taylor Nature Center Fish Derby

APRIL 26-27, 2025



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

Registration for the Fish Derby will
open in 2025.

Learn more at troutderby.org



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