

# CACHUMA FLYER

CACHUMA LAKE NATURE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## FIELD TRIP Monday, Aug 4

Watertown Natural  
Resources Center  
The Ponds  
Vanderburg AFB

La Purisma  
Audubon Society  
has a very exciting  
project here

Bring binoculars  
and lunch

Meet at the parking  
lot of Von's on West  
Ocean Ave (Hwy  
246) at 9:00 am

Please call Donna  
at 888-3739 for info-  
rmation about entry  
to VAFB

## APPRECIATION DAY

SUNDAY OCT. 5

The CLF Board  
wishes to thank all  
those who have  
contributed to the  
Nature Center by  
inviting them to  
the Nature Center  
for a celebration.

details later

## Interviewing the Docent President (This really didn't happen but it could have)

*Interviewer: "So whats been going on in the Nature Center, Charlie, anything?"*

*Charlie: A definite yes! This last half of the fiscal year has seen many formidable challenges met with outstanding results. Lets run through a sampling to illustrate that statement*

*A brand new bathroom in the Docent work area.  
Native plant area planted, irrigated and identified with signs.  
Exterior of Nature Center painted, courtesy of County Parks and some help from our friends at Santa Ynez Paint.  
Store inventory upgraded and expanded, resulting in record profits.  
Cougar exhibit designed, fabricated and 'put on line', (this was a pair of unused closets!)  
New interior water lines and outdoor water fountain, courtesy of our County Parks Staff.  
New standing black bear exhibit installed in protective case.  
New large 'Nature Center' sign custom constructed, installed.  
Metal 'plant' and 'trail marker' signs fabricated and installed.  
Grey squirrel, wild turkey and racoon acquired and displayed.  
Dam room buzzer board game reworked and upgraded.  
Plant reference book, with illustrations, created.  
Image scanner with software installed and on-line.  
New window screens on East and South walls installed.  
New 'spider' display in entry with 'fly tied spiders'.  
East conference room reworked and furnished.  
Marina and Vista Point diplays refreshed.  
Remodel of Naturalists office.  
Finish molding around aquaria installed and painted" ..*

*Interviewer: "Whew!"*

*Charlie: "Sound like a lot going on? You bet there is, and I'm sure that I have forgotten to mention much, much more. Many of these efforts require periodic attention to maintain a high level of view ability with current relevance as in the case of seasonal flowers, plants and migratory wildlife books".*

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*Interviewer: "Sounds labor intensive"*

*Charlie: "No, not at all. We have numerous social events and administrative functions as well. We have conducted or been active in major fund raising events, the annual eagle count grant and proposal writing, nature walks and lectures, fireside theater programs and the interpretive aspects of the Nature Center operation".*

*Interviewer: "So what are you doing lately?"*

*Charlie; "I'm glad you asked that question. Our works in progress and planning include but are not exclusive to:*

*A new Grizzly display.*

*A new arrowhead exhibit.*

*Tule hut fabrication (outdoors in native plant area).*

*An illustrated bird book reference.*

*Garage shelving and lighting.*

*Geology display.*

*Ranch house patch, fill and paint projects.*

*A Reptile display.*

*An Insect display.*

*Interviewer: "All work and no play?"*

*Charlie: "Gosh, no! There is the Wednesday lunch bunch and numerous spontaneous get togethers. (Give some of us half an excuse and we'll throw a party. There is a hospitality host at each of our monthly Docent meetings along with an educational brief. We also conduct occasional off-site trips to other institutions of interest".*

*Interviewer: "Sounds like plenty going on and room for every interest and talent. Are you accepting new members?"*

*Charlie: "You bet, and there is an excellent training program for Nature Center Hosting as well. Come join us as we create Nature awareness in an environment that is enjoyed by adults and children alike".*

*Interviewer: "Who do I talk to?"*

*Charlie: "Call the Nature Center on weekends from 10 to 4pm at 693-0691 or drop by on Wednesdays and join us for lunch.*

*And tell them that Charlie sent you".*

## Exhibits Update

Our long-awaited mountain lion is still an unfinished project. Linda and Neal Taylor took the lion which was given us by the local Fish and Game officer to Don Andersen, a taxidermist in Atascadero. After examining the animal, Mr. Andersen stated that the animal was very young and small. He recommended that we alert Fish and Game officials in both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties to locate a mature animal for us, since we have a permit to possess a lion already. At this date, we are still waiting for the proper animal. Mr. Andersen volunteered to mount the larger specimen for the original price he quoted.

Jim Smith has been building a small showcase in the hallway between the dam room and the "main" room which will eventually house the grizzly bear skin. He is also working on an exhibit that will illustrate flint knapping, using some of the collection donated by Elva Beattie.

Development of the album of plants of the Cachuma watershed is an on-going project. Opportunities to photograph many annual plants have been thwarted by many windy days and a hot spring causing plants to dry up quickly.

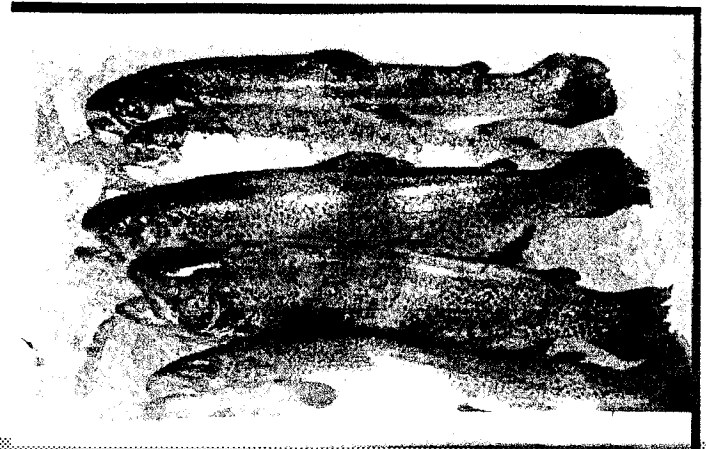
In keeping with an early commitment to have ever-challenging exhibits, a small project explaining solstice has been developed. Visitors should note red lines on the patio and accompanying text near the front door and inside the main room. In process is the design of an associated display board on the equinox.

### WANTED

Exhibit Chairperson, Linda Taylor, notes that exhibits are beginning to show wear and tear with the effects of time and visitor handling. Maintenance of existing exhibits is on-going and time consuming. The children's room is in need of attention. Materials there are frequently misused and broken. Certain items are needed to add to the room. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate, bring things to the Center or call Linda Taylor 687-1023.

necklaces of natural or natural-looking materials:  
shells, seeds, wood, etc.  
a raffia hula skirt fur or fake fur  
magnifying glasses-large  
a small bookcase  
children's books (for any age) that deal with nature  
a beanbag chair  
animal puppets  
wooden puzzles with something to do with animals

# Trout Derby 1997



The Second Annual \$25,000 Cachuma Lake Foundation Trout Fishing Derby was held May 3 and 4 with 847 anglers, displaying their talents attempting to catch the 'Big One.' Seven out of 150 tagged trout were caught.

Angel Corona of Goleta caught the longest trout at 22 1/2 inches, winning him a 12 foot long Gregor boat and trailer, valued at \$2,100. Richard Campbell of Lompoc won \$300 for the longest tagged 15 3/8 inch trout. The second longest tagged fish winner, Eric Valles of Carpinteria, received \$200 and the third, Richard Sheetz of Los Angeles, won \$100. There were many categories' including the five longest trout caught by kids 12 and under, each worth \$25.

Prizes abounded for dozens of other people as well- everyone registered in the Derby was entered in the drawing barrel -and could win anything from a night's stay for two at Solvang's Royal Scandinavian Inn, to an Annual Pass to Cachuma and any Santa Barbara County Park.

Net proceeds from the Derby totaled \$12818 !

Liz Mason

## Patronize Our Supporters

Many local businesses large and small donated cash, gift certificates and merchandise to the Trout Derby. Without the support of these merchants, our Derby would not succeed. The Center has benefited immensely from funds generated by this event, which has put the Foundation on a stable financial footing for the first time since it opened.

Board members, docents, volunteers, Foundation members and interested friends are urged to patronize the businesses listed below and inform merchants of our gratitude for their support

Adams Mobile Home Service  
Anna's Fairview Bakery  
Bank of America  
Beachside Bar & Restaurant  
Blockbuster Video  
Bullock, John  
Cachuma Boat Rentals  
Cachuma Lake Store  
California Gas Co.  
Caribbean Coffee Co.  
Carrows Restaurant  
Civic Light Opera  
Cold Springs Tavern  
Cossack Bait Products  
Country Meat Market  
Culligan Water Conditioning  
Dallas Cowboys  
Eagle Claw/Wright Mc Gill Co.  
Eddie Bauer, Inc.  
El Encanto Hotel  
El Rancho Market  
Farmer Boy Restaurant  
Firestone Vineyard  
First Street Leather, Inc.  
Fortissima Farms  
Garvin Theater  
General Telephone  
General Tire & Auto Ctr.  
Goleta Florist  
Goleta Sports Center  
Gregor Boats  
Gudebrod  
Hook, Line, & Sinker  
Hughes, George &  
Jack, Charley  
Jalama Beach Store  
Jedlicka's  
Jiffy Lube (PCJL, Inc.)  
Johnson, Judy and  
Kennedy Neil  
King Co. R.V.  
LaFargue, John  
Lenz Pest Control  
Logan, Helen and  
Long's Drugs

Los Padres Savings Bank  
Lucky Stores, Inc.  
Luhr-Jensen  
Mariann's Italian Villa  
McAdam's Financial  
Mick, Bev  
Miller, Tommie  
Molino Energy Co.  
Mother Hubbard's Restaurant  
Mountain Air Sports  
O. Mustad and Son Inc.  
Old Towne Cafe  
Orchard Supply Hardware  
Pasadena Playhouse'  
PCPA Theatrefest  
Peri, Alvarado and Frey  
Photo Heck  
Pieper, Peggy and  
Pike, Bob  
Pony Express  
Richard Sibson  
Rio Vista Chevrolet-Geo, Inc.  
Rodcrafters  
Rolling Hills Nursery  
Royal Scandinavian Inn  
Santa Barbara Bank & Trust  
Santa Barbara County Parks  
Santa Barbara Zoological  
Saunders, Olive and Dave  
Saunders, Richard  
Sealanding (Truth Aquatics)  
Sears Roebuck and Co.  
Smagala, Carol  
Solvang Building Supply  
Solvang Sand Co.  
Stearns Manufacturing Co.  
Taylor, Neal  
The Upham Hotel  
Valley Oaks National Bank  
Von's Market  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Western Hoegge Mark Elowi  
Williams, Lynda  
Y.B.C.  
Zaca Mesa Winery

# A Cachuma Lake Preview for Students and Teachers: Thanks to B.R. and Bev!

Immeasurable gratitude goes to Docents B.R. Gunn and Beverly Mick. They have created the entirely wonderful "Study Guide for Visitors" to Cachuma Lake. This hands-on, 25-page packet goes in advance to elementary and middle school classes scheduled for field trips. "Hands-on" doesn't go far enough to describe it! Add to that colors-on, games-on, minds-on, imaginations-on, FUNS-ON! Information/coloring sheets cover a smattering of such topics as the Chumash people, bald eagles, mule deer, oaks, and poison oak. To reinforce the information sheets, there are vocabulary lists, crossword puzzles, a hunt-for-the-word game, a fun-facts quiz, biographies of the Park Naturalists, and a matching quiz. And, yes, there is also a

page entitled, "Behavior Guidelines."

This Guide enriches the impact of Cachuma Lake for it's young visitors. It previews their experience on the Lake and in the Nature Center and helps kids turn their unforgettable experience and enthusiasm into lasting building blocks. Drop by the Naturalists' office and take a look at this marvelous work of love.

Thank you again, Beverly and B.R., you've given us--and more importantly, the KIDS--an investment toward their future.

Liz Mason

Here's a page from the guide for you to try.

## HUNT FOR THE WORD

### Cachuma Lake Field Trip

Can you find these hidden words?

How many more can you find?

F I S H B O A T B A S K E T S A N T A  
 I C R O W O O D P E C K E R P Y N E Z  
 E H B A R K P I N E C O N E A W I N G  
 L T G R E B E S F G O L D E N E S T U  
 D H T M V B S Q O C F L O W E R S O I  
 T Y U O N A F U R A L I S T A R H M D  
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 I L E N A T E I S H N M O R T A R L O  
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 A N K P O I S O N X D S C R U B J A Y  
 N A T U R E C E N T E R O C K B O W L

hawk  
 deer  
 Chumash  
 Cachuma Lake  
 Liz Mason  
 Neal Taylor  
 valley oak  
 naturalist  
 coastal oak  
 Palomino  
 heron  
 scrub jay  
 Nature Center

acorn  
 woodpecker  
 bird  
 ranger  
 tules  
 mortar  
  
 pestle  
 pinecone  
 American (bald)  
 (eagle)  
 mountains  
 grebes

Indians  
 ichthyologist  
 baskets  
 entomology  
 field trip (bus)  
 anthropology  
 flower  
 ornithology  
 Santa (Ynez)  
 wing (span)  
 fish  
 rock bowl  
 forest  
 mule (deer)