



Neal Taylor Nature Center

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PRESS RELEASE

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Come Join Us for a Great Fishing Event Nature Center Fish Derby At Cachuma Lake

BREAKING NEWS:

**Additional 2000 pounds of trout
to be planted the week of Derby –
4000 lbs. of trout already planted!
Fishing is great and will only get better!**

The Neal Taylor Nature Center 22nd Annual Fish Derby:

- **At Cachuma Lake**
- **April 22nd and 23rd, 2017**
- **Rain or Shine**
- **\$5000.00 plus in cash prizes**
- **Thousands more in merchandise prizes**
- **Registration:**
 - **\$35 (\$40– postmarked after April 8th)**
 - **\$10 – Youth ages 4 - 15 years old**

The derby is the annual fundraiser for the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake.

For more information, call the Trout Derby Hotline at (805) 693-8381.

The Neal Taylor Nature Center's **22nd Annual Fish Derby**

22nd Annual Fish Derby April 22nd and 23rd

The Fish Derby is the major fundraiser for The Neal Taylor Nature at Cachuma Lake which is a non-profit organization.

There is good news for all types of anglers! This year's Fishing Derby will again include prize categories for multiple types of fish such as crappie, bass, catfish, trout, and carp. The prize pool dollar amount has been increased this year which means everyone has a chance to win great cash prizes, fishing gear, and more!

Anglers of all ages are encouraged to enter the Nature Center's 22nd Annual Fish Derby April 22nd & 23rd. **Registration fee for adults is \$35 until April 8th; \$40 thereafter. Youth 4 – 15 years old always \$10.** Registration forms are available at Cachuma Lake Park entry gate, store, marina, Nature Center and some local businesses. To receive information and a registration form in the mail, leave your name and address on the **hotline (805) 693-8381 or visit www.TROUTDERBY.org**

Cash prizes amounting to more than \$5,000 plus thousands of dollars worth of merchandise prizes will be awarded in many categories and to anglers of all ages. Certain prizes are designated for children and for teens.

All anglers 16 years and older must have a fishing license which may be purchased at the marina. Free arts and crafts activities will be offered to children Saturday afternoon of Derby weekend at the Nature Center and the Nature Center will also host a special Books & Treasure Sale on both Saturday and Sunday at the Nature Center.

The Derby fishing **begins at 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 and ends at 12 noon on April 23rd, 2017.** Contestants must fish in Cachuma Lake during the tournament hours and may fish from shore at any time during the Derby including Saturday night. A flare will be fired at the harbor to start the Derby on Saturday and to end the Derby on Sunday.

ATTENTION

Due to the threat of quagga mussels, Cachuma Lake has a 30-day quarantine and inspection of all boats except those with a Cachuma Lake Tag and kayaks/canoes. With the rise in lake level – the lower launch ramp at Cachuma is now open! Please check for updates to the inspection protocol at www.sbparks.org

OTHER FISH DERBY ACTIVITIES

Visit The Neal Taylor Nature Center:

Tuesday through Saturday; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Admission is free.

Children's Activities will be on the lawn in front of the Nature Center from 1 - 3 p.m. on Saturday. Free.

Purchase Raffle tickets (open to general public) for valuable prizes starting 12 noon on Fri. April 21 and throughout the Fish Derby. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Sunday Awards Program which begins at 1:00 pm at the Fireside Theater. **You need not be present to win the raffle.**

Books and Treasures Sale: At the Nature Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday

Awards Program at the Fireside Theater on Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

To make reservations for cabins, yurts, individual camp sites or full hook-up sites go to: www.sbparcs.org/reservations or call (805) 686-5050. For other camping information call (805) 686-5054.

More about the Derby:

The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake will hold the 22nd Annual Fish Derby on April 22nd & 23rd. The derby is the major fund raising event for the Center that was founded by the late Neal Taylor in 1988. Over \$5,000 in cash prizes in various fish categories will be awarded (see Prize schedule below) Registered individuals must be 4 years or older to participate. A registered angler is eligible for door prizes to be given away at the Awards Program on Sunday at 1:00 pm at Fireside Theater. Door prize winners must be present; cash prizes will be mailed if the winner is not present.

Entry fees are:

\$35 if postmarked by April 8; \$40 thereafter.
Youth 4 – 15 years may register for \$10.

Children's activities will be organized on the lawn in front of the Nature Center on Saturday from 1 to 3 pm. This free event is well attended with children having a great time working on arts and crafts projects. Lots of laughing and fun activities; parents have a great time too!

Folks are encouraged to visit the Nature Center during the children's activities or at other hours during the weekend. Knowledgeable docents and volunteers will gladly show visitors the exhibits on plants, animals and other topics. There are many hands-on objects for children to experience.

Two-hour wildlife cruises on the Lake, led by the Park Naturalist, are \$17 for adults; \$7 for children 4 to 12 years. Reservations are recommended; call (805) 686-5050 or go to the main gate in person.

A books and treasures sale will be held at the Nature Center Saturday from 10am until 2pm on Saturday. This is also a fund raising event for the Nature Center and visitors are encouraged to see the hundreds of books and special items. “

Visitors may purchase raffle tickets for many valuable prizes beginning at noon on Friday, April 21 and continuing through the weekend until Sunday noon. Winning tickets will be drawn at

the Sunday Awards Program, beginning at 1:00 at Fireside Theater. Winners do not need to be present.

Folks may call the Fish Derby Hotline for up to date information (805) 693-8381 or visit us a www.TroutDerby.org.

About Neal Taylor:

The Nature Center was founded in 1988 when the dream of naturalist, Neal Taylor, became a reality. Neal Taylor began fishing as a child in the Eastern Sierras with his father. As a teenager, Neal began entering fly fishing tournaments and started his own fly tying business, Taylor Ties Flies. This business grew to have over a dozen employees. Neal fished all over the world and conducted fly fishing instructional camps throughout the Western United States. He taught fly fishing to a number of celebrities and to three United States Presidents. Neal Taylor is the author of "Fly Fishing" which is available in the Nature Center Gift Shop. Neal also taught various college level courses and was a frequent and popular speaker for business, professional, service and recreational organizations. Neal served as Naturalist for the Santa Barbara County Parks Department for over 18 years before retiring.

Neal was a favorite of youth groups of all ages and his legendary storytelling skills and humor added vitality and excitement to all the walks and talks he once led. Neal, until his passing in Feb. 2011 continued to be very active as a Nature Center Board member and was a lead participant in the various fishing workshops held at the Nature Center, including the widely attended annual Trout Derby. With Neal's passing in Feb. 2011 it was proposed to rename the Cachuma Lake Nature Center in his honor to The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake.

Special Thanks to Our Major Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers!

For additional information and to receive a registration form in the mail, leave your name and address on the hotline (805) 693-8381 or visit www.TroutDerby.org

Fish Derby Cash Prizes

\$599 Heaviest Trout Caught

\$300 2nd Heaviest Trout Caught

\$599 Heaviest Bass Caught

\$300 2nd Heaviest Bass Caught

\$599 Heaviest Crappie Caught

\$300 2nd Heaviest Crappie Caught

\$599 Heaviest Cat Fish Caught

\$300 2nd Heaviest Cat Fish Caught

\$599 Highest Tagged Trout Caught

\$300 2nd Highest Tagged Trout Caught

\$100 THE Neal Taylor “Young Angler Award”
First Catch by an angler 15 years or younger on
\$50 Sat. and \$50 Sun.

\$100 Visit the Nature Center Raffle

\$75 Heaviest Fish caught by Girl 11-15 yrs.

\$25 2nd Heaviest Fish caught by Girl 11-15 yrs.

\$75 Heaviest Fish caught by Boy 11-15 yrs.

\$25 2nd Heaviest Fish caught by Boy 11-15 yrs.

\$50 The Dutch Wilson Prize (the fish caught by the oldest angler)

\$100 for Heaviest Carp Caught

\$50 for 2nd Heaviest Carp Caught

\$25 for Highest Tagged Trout from a prior year

\$25 each to 5 kids 10 yrs. & under for Heaviest Fish Caught

Rod & Reel to top 10 kids 10 yrs. and under for Heaviest Fish Caught

About The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake

The Neal Taylor Nature Center (NTNC) is located within Cachuma Recreational Area in a picturesque old ranch house. Developed and operated by a corps of committed volunteers, it offers exhibits on the local valley and mountain environment for all ages, emphasizing hands-on exhibits for children of all ages

Nature Center & Gift Store Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays 10 a.m – 2 p.m.

Nature Center Admission: Free

(There is a \$10.00 County Park Admission Fee per vehicle)