

REGISTRATION FORM

You can now register online at troutderby.org

By providing your info, you consent to the Neal Taylor Nature Center contacting you. You can opt-out at any time.

COMPLETE ALL FIELDS - ONE FORM for Each Entrant

NAME _____

AGE _____ (if 15 or under)

PARENT'S FULL NAME (if 18 or under)

CONTACT INFORMATION OF ENTRANT

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____

Tax deductible donation \$ _____

Fish Derby Registration \$ _____

Total payment enclosed \$ _____

☐ Check ☐ Cash (in person only)

☐ Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Security code (3 digit # on back of card) _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

How did you first hear about this event?

- ☐ Have attended in the past.
- ☐ Newspaper or magazine
- ☐ Recreation Area marina or store
- ☐ Other stores or business
- ☐ Another person
- ☐ TV/Radio
- ☐ Other _____

←Tear off and return with payment. Keep the rest of form for reference.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Individual Registrations:

\$40.00 - Postmark by April 4, 2026

\$45.00 - Postmark by April 11, 2026

\$50.00 - On-site Fri. 4/17 to Sun. 4/19/2026

Ages 4-15 years old always - \$15.00

To preregister, complete one Registration Form for each individual and return with the appropriate fee(s) to the address below. Additional registration forms may be photocopied or downloaded from www.troutderby.org or completed online.

Payment by mail can be made by check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). **Make checks payable to The Neal Taylor Nature Center.** Cash payments can only be made in person.

Mail to: The Neal Taylor Nature Center
2265 Highway 154
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Registrations received or postmarked by April 4, 2026, will be able to pick up their ID Badges and registration packets at the Nature Center during hours of operation starting on April 9, 2026. **Registrations received or postmarked after April 4, 2026**, will be available at the **WILL CALL** table at Fish Derby Headquarters beginning at noon on Friday, April 17, 2026, through Sunday, April 19, 2026.

Individuals may also register in person any time during the Fish Derby beginning at noon on Friday, **April 17, 2026 through the end of the Derby on Sunday, April 19, 2026.**

Registrations are **not transferable or refundable.**

Donate & Support the Nature Center

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum: \$25,000

Gold: \$10,000

Silver: \$5,000

Bronze: \$2,500

Royal Coachman: \$1,000

Derby Donor: \$500

THE RULES

1. **Current** Nature Center, Park, and Concessionaire staff, hosts, and volunteers **cannot** participate in the Fish Derby, but their families **can**, if their immediate family member is not volunteering at the Weigh-In Station when their fish is weighed.

2. Only individuals 4 years old or older, who have paid a registration fee and have a valid DERBY ID BADGE, are eligible to win. The Derby ID Badge must be worn in a visible location above the waist during derby fishing hours.

3. Participants must possess a valid California fishing license (except for those under 16 years of age) and follow all California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations. Participants must use sport fishing equipment. **Use of commercial fishing devices, or fishing in restricted areas will result in immediate disqualification.**

4. The derby fishing **begins at 6 a.m. on April 18, 2026, and ends at 12 noon on April 19, 2026.** 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.

5. Each person registered in the derby is eligible to win one of the donated door prizes and must be present at the Sunday Awards Program to win a door prize. A person need not be present to win the raffle prizes or the cash prizes.

6. If the lake is closed due to **weather conditions**, registrants may continue to fish from the shore.

7. **Fish Registration:** Present the fish you caught (in Cachuma Lake) along with your official Derby ID Badge to the officials at the **Weigh-in Station** during the following hours:
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and
6 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, April 19, 2026.
Gutted fish will not be accepted for judging or qualify for prizes.

8. Ties between fish of equal weight will be decided by the longest length. Stomach contents are subject to examination.

9. Verification of fish awards will be made by Fish Derby officials, whose decisions will be final.

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The Neal Taylor Nature Center

a Nonprofit 501c3 Organization

Tax ID# 77-0233074

WWW.TroutDerby.org

805-693-0691

Additional Information

1. The registration fee for the derby **does not** include any **Recreation Area or marina fees**.
2. The **Cachuma Lake Store** will be open over the Fish Derby weekend.
3. **ExplorUS at Cachuma Lake** has a variety of boats for rent, fishing supplies, and licenses available at the Marina. **For boat reservations – Full-day and Full-payment only at time of reservation starting 3/1/26 for Fish Derby Registrants.**
Call: (805) 688-4040.
4. **Camping:** To make reservations for cabins, yurts, individual camp sites, or full hook-up sites go to: www.sbparks.org/reservations or call (805) 568-2460 prompt 1. For other camping information call (805) 686-5055.
5. You can also use this **form to donate to the Nature Center.**

Quagga & Zebra Mussel Alert!

Cachuma Lake has a 30-day quarantine on most boats and inspection of all boats except those with a Cachuma Lake tag. Please check for boating updates and protocols at:

www.countyofsb.org/639/Boating-Vessel-Requirements

GUARANTEED \$5,000+ IN CASH PRIZES

To win a cash prize:

- ✓ You must be a registered participant.
- ✓ You must catch an eligible (legal) fish in Cachuma Lake during the derby.
- ✓ You must register fish according to the rules.

The cash prizes are:

Heaviest Fish by Type

- \$599 Heaviest Trout Caught
- \$599 Heaviest Bass Caught
- \$599 Heaviest Crappie Caught
- \$599 Heaviest Catfish Caught
- \$300 Heaviest Carp Caught

2nd Heaviest Fish by Type

- \$300 2nd Heaviest Trout Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Bass Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Crappie Caught
- \$300 2nd Heaviest Catfish Caught
- \$150 2nd Heaviest Carp Caught

Fish Caught by Oldest Registered Angler

- \$125

Kids Only 11-15 years – Heaviest Fish (all types)

- Boy
1st Place - \$125; 2nd - \$100; 3rd - \$50; 4th - \$25
- Girl
1st Place - \$125; 2nd - \$100; 3rd - \$50; 4th - \$25

Kids Only 10 years & under (one prize per kid)

First 10 kids, 10 years and under, to catch a fish!

- ✓ --\$25 each plus rod & reel

Your entry in the derby makes you eligible for Door prizes to be given away at the Sunday Awards Program at 1:00 p.m. at the Fireside Theater.

You must be present to win Door prizes.
You do not need to be present to win the purchased Raffle ticket prizes or the Derby cash prizes.

Other Activities

Visit The Neal Taylor Nature Center:

Thursday through Saturday; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.–12 noon. **Admission: Donation**

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

Additional activities are available in the park. For more information:

www.countyofsb.org/753/Programs-Activities

Purchase Raffle tickets - for valuable prizes from 12 noon on Fri. April 17, 2026, 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.

Raffle is Open to All (including general public, Derby registrants, Park employees, and NTNC volunteers).

Books & Treasures Sale: Shop for bargains and help support the Nature Center – located in parking lot beside the Nature Center from
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Awards Program at the Fireside Theater on Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m.

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