

## Coyote Campfire Fall 2017

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<b>Organization/program you work with</b>	Riekes
<b>Where are you located?</b>	Pacifica CA United States
<b>What is the name of your activity/skill</b>	Acorn Harvest
<b>What age is this skill/activity appropriate for?</b>	preschool (under 5)
<b>Any special materials needed to lead this activity?</b>	Baskets
<b>Brief activity overview/description</b>	<p>We met at a place where we could walk easily to tan oaks at a time when we knew the acorn harvest would be good. We shared that ancestors of this land tended the oak trees and depended on acorns for food year round, that they had houses to store the acorns and made special baskets for collecting them and that we were grateful to them for tending the trees and land. And that in my European culture, my ancestors harvested chestnuts. We sang about the acorn harvest, shared stories then walked up the hill with children of all ages and the parents of the preschoolers and collected acorns in baskets. Throughout the forest you could see children harvesting and sorting acorns. Some children played by throwing acorns with weevils at each other or at targets or making little puppet shows with acorns and their crowns. However they spent their time under the oaks, the children will remember harvesting acorns as a fun activity and hopefully will take their children to do it and their grandchildren.</p>