Host Employer Description: Soak up the sun on the beaches and boardwalks of beautiful Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz Seaside Company is an award winning amusement park home to two National Historic Landmarks: the 1911 Looff Carousel and the 1924 Giant Dipper wooden roller coaster. From the adrenaline rush of the roller coasters to the family fun of a water ride, everyone has a great time at the park. The park also has a large arcade and bowling alley. And you can spend your free time surfing, relaxing on the beach, hiking, playing volleyball, and exploring the town of Santa Cruz, which is located about 70 miles from San Francisco.

Cultural Information: Santa Cruz Seaside Company has hosted international students from dozens of countries on the Work & Travel USA Program for nearly 30 years.

Job Placement Types: All positions are in Guest Services. Specific job assignments will be determined upon arrival. Possible positions are Food Service, Ride Operator, Ticket Cashier, Parking Lot Attendant, Arcades, and Games & Attractions Operator.

Job Placement Descriptions: You will be assigned a position in the amusement park based upon the needs of
your employer at the time of your arrival. Santa Cruz strives for excellent customer service in all employees. Employees are expected to have a positive attitude and fulfill all customer service expectations, including, but not limited to: greeting, smiling, and “high fives” to guests.

**Salary:** $14.00 per hour for all positions.

**Work Hours:** You will usually work 6-7 hours per day, 5 days per week. You will be guaranteed 32 hours of work per week on average over the course of the summer season (the park is open through September 3). Your department supervisor will create weekly schedules and your schedule must be flexible to the needs of the department. Weather (rain) could affect the hours of work. If it is raining, you are expected to call in one hour prior to your scheduled start time to see if you are still working. The final two weeks of the season are the slowest, so you may not make 32 hours in these two weeks, but you will average at least 32 hours per week over the course of the season.

**Arrival Dates:** You will sign up for a Start Date and Arrival Date before you travel to Santa Cruz, which will be confirmed with Santa Cruz and InterExchange prior to arrival.

**Housing Information:** Housing is $75 per week, paid by paycheck deduction. All utilities are included, but there is no internet provided in the apartments. Usually you will be sharing a room with 1-3 other students, entire living spaces (house or apartment) can be up to six people. Co-ed apartments are available for couples, only. The apartments have a kitchen and bathroom. You will be responsible for your own meals. You will be living in a housing complex mixed with locals and international students living in the apartments around you. **SECURITY DEPOSIT** - We will collect a $150.00 deposit upon arrival or you may arrange to pay prior to arrival through Paypal. There is a minimal fee of around $6.00 for this service. $135 of the deposit will be refunded ($15 reserved for cleaning fees), if the apartment is left in the condition is was moved into. Deductions will be made for broken items or damages. All COVID-19 guidelines and requirements will be implemented and enforced.

**Uniform and Grooming:** You will be required to wear a uniform, which will be provided. You will need to provide your own comfortable sports style shoes.

**Hair:**
Employees should choose hairstyles that compliment interactions with our Guests. Hairstyles and colors should be natural and not extreme. It’s important that Guests and others you interact with can see your face, especially your smile. Please ensure hair is away from your face using hair clips, hair ties or bands. Hair accessories should be complementary to the uniform. Food Service employees must comply with the Department of Health regulations. Sideburns should be straight, neatly trimmed, and may extend to the end of the earlobe. Beards, mustaches, and goatees are allowed; however, they must be neatly trimmed and not longer than one inch. An established beard is an intentionally grown beard, not several days of not shaving. Other than established beards, mustache and goatees, you are expected to be cleanly shaven every work day. An established beard must not have any empty spaces between the sideburns, mustache or goatee.
Special note: Employees required to wear respirators must meet fit-test requirements that may require a clean-shaven face.

**Jewelry:**
Please select tasteful and appropriate jewelry to wear at work. Jewelry should be both safe and appropriate for your work environment. Food Service employees must comply with Department of Health regulations. You may wear up to three earrings per ear. Earrings may not exceed two inches in length or diameter. Stud earrings can be no larger than ¼ inch in diameter. You may wear one small nose stud no bigger than 2mm. No other visible pierced jewelry or body adornment is allowed. You may wear plugs, no tunnels or tapers, that are a plain, solid color, and do not exceed ¼ inch in diameter.

**Tattoos:**
Tattoos are not permitted if visible when wearing a company-issued uniform or when wearing professional dress. You cannot cover visible tattoos with bandages, jewelry or makeup. Long sleeves that are solid black or white in color are permitted for uniformed employees.

**Interview Format:** Your host employer will conduct a Skype interview with you. InterExchange will provide you with guidance on how to prepare for your interview.

**Placement Exams:** All employees must take and pass a pre-placement exam upon arrival; inability to pass the pre-placement tests will result in not getting placed in a job. Tests are based on your job placement and may include: illegal drug screen, a physical exam, and/or math test.

**Area Information**

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is located on the beautiful coastal beach of Santa Cruz, California, a town near the park with restaurants, bars, cafes, shops, etc. In your free time, you can enjoy surfing, relaxing on the beach, hiking, playing volleyball, and exploring the town of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz is located about 70 miles south of San Francisco, and the Santa Cruz Seaside Company provides opportunities to go to San Francisco during the summer season.

Participants can also become involved in the community in many ways, including participating in many cultural event. Events that take place over the summer include the Santa Cruz Beach Soccer Championships, movies on the beach every Wednesday night, FREE Friday Night Bands on the Beach, Public Safety Appreciation Day, and many more. Please note that many students find the area colder than expected. Mornings and evenings can be chilly!