

# Santa Cruz Seaside Company

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**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 Loeff Carousal 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 typically hosts about 200 international students on the Work & Travel USA Program. The students are from Macedonia, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Montenegro, and many other countries.

**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:** \$11.00 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. You will be living in a housing complex with international students and other Boardwalk employees living in the apartments around you. The complex is located within a ten minute walking distance of the job site. You will be sharing an apartment with 3-4 other students. The apartments have a kitchen and bathroom. You will be responsible for your own meals. **SECURITY DEPOSIT** - A security deposit in the amount of \$150.00 will be due upon arrival to Santa Cruz. It can be paid in cash or in traveler’s check only. At the end of the season, if the room is left in good condition, \$135.00 will be returned to you. A cleaning fee of \$15 will be kept by your employer for cleaning the premises after your departure.

**Uniform:** You will be required to wear a uniform, which will be provided. You will need to provide your own comfortable sports style shoes. Women may wear up to three earrings per ear. Men may wear one earring per ear. Studs can be no larger than 1/4 inch in diameter; hoops no bigger than 1/2 in diameter. Men's hair should be neatly trimmed on the sides and in the back, and may extend downward on the back of the head to the middle of the collar. No ponytails are allowed for men. 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. Other than established beards, mustaches, and goatees, you are expected to be clean shaven every work day. An established beard must not have any empty spaces between the sideburns, mustache or goatee. Tattoos are not permitted if visible when wearing a company issued uniform (no visible tattoos). No tattoos are allowed on the mid arm, lower arm, hands, neck, or head. No visible body piercings are allowed while working. Natural hair color is required. No extreme styles for hair or jewelry. No plugs or spikes are allowed.

**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!