



# CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL

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## JOB DESCRIPTION

### USA WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM



### *Employer Information*

**Employer name:** Point Break  
**Type of business:** Retail  
**Job location:** Point Break  
**City:** PISMO BEACH  
**State:** CA  
**Zip:** 93449  
**Website:**

### *Why choose us?*

This beautiful beach destination is a sought out by people around the world, students will learn all the aspects of the merchandising business and undergo extensive training.

### *Cultural exchange activities*

Pismo Beach is a vacation town with beautiful scenery, access to historical sites, tourism, shopping and surfing. Beach area, swimming, hot springs, surfing, etc.

### *Position*

**Job title:** Retail

**Job description and required skills:** Cashiering, sales, preparing storefront for operation, learn to organize inventory a 13,000 sq ft store, work on feet, memorize greeting scripts, participate in training, merchandising, and other duties assigned by the manager. Positive and happy associates are required. Good energy, like to smile and enjoy staying active. Interact with the guests. Prefer non-smoking. Must have excellent English and be outgoing. This is a huge store and very busy. You will be working very hard and on your feet for the entire shift. You must like working with the public.

**English level required:** advanced

**Hourly wage (before taxes):** \$10.00

**Position ID:** 32493



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Tips:	no
Bonus:	no
Estimated hours per day:	5-7
Number of days per week:	6
Possibility of students getting more than estimated hours:	slight
If so, is overtime paid at the rate of 1.5 hourly, after 40 hours of work per week?	no
Earliest start date:	06/01/2017
Latest start date:	06/15/2017
Earliest end date:	09/10/2017
Latest end date:	09/30/2017
Is the employer willing to hire couples?	no
Is the employer willing to hire group of friends?	yes
Are meals included?	no
Is a drug test required?	no
Is Skype interview required?	no
Do students complete an additional application upon arrival?	yes
Possibility to find a second job in the area	yes

**Second jobs require you to contact CHI at [chiwt@chinet.org](mailto:chiwt@chinet.org) or 1-800-432-4643 to receive the required form. The new potential employer will need to complete it. Both you and the employer will need to sign and return it to CHI for approval.**

**You can work with a new secondary employer ONLY AFTER you have received written authorization from CHI.**

Additional comments regarding second job:	Point Break is your primary job and any 2nd jobs must be approve by your employer and CHI and not interfere with your schedule at Point Break.
How soon after arrival will participants begin working?	Within a day or two of arrival.
Specific instructions for arrival to employer:	Please see Welcome Letter.
Is training required?	yes
Conditions of training:	Training will be provided.
Is there possibility to change positions?	no
Are students required to wear a uniform?	no
Does employer provide uniform?	no
Is uniform refundable?	no



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**Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear?** no

**If so, details for clothing:**

Business casual clothing, no tattoos, no piercings, natural colored hair. Hair must be pulled back at all times and clean. No visible tattoos. Ear piercing only & no more than two piercings per ear. Good hygiene must be maintained, including daily showering, use of deodorant and laundered clothes.

**Additional information:**

Students should be prepared to be constantly learning, open to new processes, and encourage a learning attitude. Must be dependable, hard working, friendly and be a very trustworthy and honest individual. Employer will teach them inventory, merchandising, sales, customer service, store staging and cashiering. Upbeat, outgoing, friendly girls who are not afraid to chat with a crowd of people and be engaging to customers. Employer guarantees a minimum of 32 hrs per week.

## *Housing Information*

**Housing name:** Point Break LLC

**Housing address:**

**City:** Pismo Beach, CA

**Website:**

**Housing assisted by:** Must Arrange Own

**Is student required to sign a separate housing contract?** no

**Is housing cost deducted from paycheck?** no

**Is housing deposit refundable?** no

**Utilities included:** no



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<b>Is the housing mandatory?</b>	no
<b>Can students find alternative housing during their stay?</b>	no
<b>Location of work site best described as:</b>	Ocean
<b>Location details:</b>	This classic beach town is located on California's famous central coast, half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles along Pacific Coast and 101 Highways. Pismo Beach offers long white beaches with spectacular sunset views, great weather and fabulous area wineries. Activities include Central Coast Golfing, shopping at the Pismo Beach Premium Outlets, riding the dunes in a four-wheel ATV, horseback riding, surfing, body boarding, or fishing. Pismo Beach gets a log of fog so this is not a typical warm, sunny California beach town. Population: 7,861
<b>Average daily temperature:</b>	Summer: High 70F (21C); Low 58F (14C)
<b>Community or regional website:</b>	<a href="http://www.pismochamber.com">www.pismochamber.com</a>
<b>Nearest cities:</b>	Los Angeles, CA; population: 3,792,621
<b>Distance to nearest cities:</b>	190 miles (306K)
<b>What to wear:</b>	Summer: Light clothing, shorts, t-shirts, light jacket
<b>Available public transportation:</b>	None, town is small; everything can be accessed by walking
<b>Public transportation access:</b>	N/A
<b>Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation):</b>	
<b>Food market:</b>	yes
<b>Shopping mall:</b>	yes
<b>Post office:</b>	yes
<b>Bank:</b>	yes
<b>Movie theater:</b>	yes
<b>Restaurants:</b>	yes
<b>Fitness center:</b>	yes
<b>Laundry:</b>	yes
<b>Internet café:</b>	yes
<b>Public library:</b>	no



## Suggested Travel Information

<b>Nearest international airport:</b>	San Francisco International Airport (SFO) or Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
<b>Nearest airport:</b>	San Luis Obispo Regional Airport
<b>Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing:</b>	Amtrak train or Greyhound bus from San Fransisco or Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo
<b>Nearest bus station (to the airport):</b>	<a href="http://www.greyhound.com">www.greyhound.com</a>
<b>Bus information (web site):</b>	<a href="http://www.greyhound.com">www.greyhound.com</a>
<b>Nearest train information (to the airport):</b>	<a href="http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB">http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB</a>
<b>Train information (web site):</b>	<a href="http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB">http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB</a>
<b>If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation:</b>	<a href="http://www.hostels.com">www.hostels.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.travelocity.com">www.travelocity.com</a>
<b>Cost per night:</b>	Varies
<b>Transportation to overnight accomodation:</b>	Taxi
<b>Transportations cost:</b>	Varies
<b>Specific instructions:</b>	Must have housing before arrival and inform employer that you have housing. Employer will arrange to pick you up if you arrive at San Luis Obispo Regional Airport, or if you take the Amtrak train or Greyhound bus from San Fransisco or Los Angeles to Grover Beach, CA, he will arrange to pick you up there as well.

## Social Security Information

<b>Does the company require students to have Social Security number before arriving to the work place?</b>	no
<b>Does the company provide Social Security application assistance?</b>	yes
<b>If so, details:</b>	Employer will take students to get SS.
<b>Where is the closest Social Security office?</b>	San Luis Obispo, CA
<b>How far is the Social Security office from the work place?</b>	11 miles (18K)
<b>Specific instructions:</b>	You must wait 10 business days after validating in SEVIS before you apply for your card at the Social Security Office located at: 3240 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401; Phone: 1-855-207-4865; Hours: Mon & Tue 9am - 4pm, Wed 9am - 12pm, Thu & Fri 9am - 4pm, except Federal holidays. YOU MUST GIVE YOUR EMPLOYER A RECEIPT TO VERIFY THAT YOU APPLIED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY.



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## Housing Options for: Spring/Summer 2017 Point Break | Pismo Beach, CA



**HOTEL OBISPO | DORM**  
**ROOMS: \$27-\$31 , PRIVATE ROOM FOR 2: \$60+,  
PRIVATE ROOM FOR 3: \$79+ pancake breakfast  
provided 8-10 AM daily.**

Address: 1617 Santa Rosa St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
USA

Phone: (805) 544-4678 Web: [hostelobispo.com](http://hostelobispo.com)



**BEACHWALKER INN| MOTEL ROOMS:**  
**\$112-139 PER NIGHT (4 PEOPLE)**  
*continental breakfast served daily from 6-9AM*

Address: 490 Dolliver St, Pismo Beach, CA  
93449

Phone: (805) 773-2725 Web:  
[beachwalkerinn.net](http://beachwalkerinn.net)



**SEA GYPSY MOTEL | Studios (Oceanfront) ... \$109 - \$219, Suites (Oceanfront) ... \$164 - \$294 (2 Baths/2 Rooms), Bedroom (No View) ... \$75 - \$95**

***Rates quoted do not include taxes. Rates are subject to change without notice.***

**We are a non-smoking facility.**

Address: 1020 Cypress St. Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Phone: 800-592-5923 Web: [seagypsymotel.com](http://seagypsymotel.com)

Additional Resources for finding Housing:

1. ) Craigslist: <https://slo.craigslist.org/search/sub>

***At all locations rates are subject to change and availability is on a first come, first serve basis, so please book your reservations in advance.***

***\*Please note CHI is not recommending any businesses and can't be responsible for any choices made by students.  
This document is for reference only.***





**WELCOME LETTER**  
**Cultural Homestay International**

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**Point Break Pismo Beach**

500 Cypress St.  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

**Employer Contact Information:**

Nir Karni  
Email: zikzok@aol.com  
Phone: (805) 773-0608

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Hello Participants,

I will be your Program Coordinator during your Work & Travel program. My name is **STEPHANIE SMITH**. We are here to help you prepare for your exciting summer in **PISMO BEACH, CALIFORNIA** working for **POINT BREAK!** This packet contains very important information regarding your travels, so please be sure to **READ IT IN FULL**, and print a copy to bring with you to the United States.

\* If you have not yet purchased a plane ticket, you should do so as soon as possible. **Log into [www.Sevis.Org](http://www.Sevis.Org) and enter your Flight information as soon as you purchase your ticket.**

**\*IF YOU WERE DENIED YOUR VISA AND ARE RECEIVING THIS EMAIL RESPOND TO THE SENDER AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE NOT COMING!**

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to me, or my Employment Services Manager; **Mary Wolfe ([chimaryw@chinet.org](mailto:chimaryw@chinet.org))** or our Administrative Assistant **Lindsey Buckle ([chilindsey@chinet.org](mailto:chilindsey@chinet.org))**.

Please add me on Facebook: **[Add me as a Friend!](#)**

**Join The Point Break Facebook Group : [Point Break Pismo Beach Facebook Group](#)**

For general questions and emergencies, you may always contact CHI's Main Office at 1(800) 432-4643.

Have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smith, Western Region Program Coordinator

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## **1. BEFORE DEPARTURE**

Read your CHI Student Handbook. You should have received this from your agency.

Bring:

- Documents: Passport, J- 1 Visa, DS 2019, sponsorship letter, job offer
- \$1000 US available (transportation from airport, housing deposits, food, etc.)
- Carry On (a change of clothes, medicines, copy of this letter) Always keep your important paperwork with you while traveling. Do NOT pack it!
- Contact your employer by email to notify him/her of your specific arrival time.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is 5 hours away, make sure your flight arrives early in the day OR you have made a reservation at a hostel to stay overnight.
- **Log into [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) as soon as you know your flights so you can enter your flight information!**

## **2. CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER**

The contact person at **Point Break, Pismo Beach CA** is **NIR KARNI**; you must contact **NIR** and **CHI** and let us know your flight information and when EXACTLY you will be arriving!

Please email **NIR** immediately at [ZIKZOK@AOL.COM](mailto:ZIKZOK@AOL.COM). **Please also email your Program Coordinator, STEPHANIE at [CHISTEPHANIE@CHINET.ORG](mailto:CHISTEPHANIE@CHINET.ORG) with your exact arrival information and to confirm receipt of this letter!**

POINT BREAK does not require uniforms. You must dress nicely; no short shorts or low cut shirts, no holes in your jeans. Business casual or Casual (modest) . You will be working with the public so it is important for you to look neat and friendly! No open toe shoes or sandals! Shower every day and use deodorant.

### **3. HOUSING:**

See attachment

### **4. DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR HOUSING**

It is *recommended* that you fly into LAX (Los Angeles International Airport) and then connect to San Luis Obispo Airport via plane.

From the San Luis Obispo Airport: <http://www.slorta.org>

If you fly into LAX and **DO NOT** fly into San Luis Obispo:

From your terminal take the LAX Bus Shuttle toward Santa Barbara County to the Amtrak Station. Purchase a ticket to Pismo Beach.

(Here is the link for detailed instructions:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Los+Angeles+International+Airport,+1+World+Way,+Los+Angeles,+CA+90045/Pismo+Beach,+CA/@34.552936,-120.1001094,9z/am=t/data=!4m15!4m14!1m5!1m1!1s0x80c2b0d213b24fb5:0x77a87b57698badf1!2m2!1d-118.40853!2d33.9415889!1m5!1m1!1s0x80ec587dc3f7d8cf:0xb9cb5298f0426fa5!2m2!1d-120.6412827!2d35.1427533!3e3!5i2>) Please keep in mind this will take a full day via Amtrak.

<http://www.toandfromtheairport.com/losangeles.html>

Google Maps will give you step by step directions. [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)

### **5. SEVIS**

**Before you arrive in USA-** Log in to [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) and enter your flight information as soon as you purchase your flight ticket.

**After you arrive in USA** - Log into the SEVIS system within THREE days of your arrival to the United States!

Any delay can affect your Social Security Card application, which then affects WHEN YOU CAN START WORKING! VALIDATE YOUR SEVIS STATUS IMMEDIATELY!

a. Log in to [www.sevis.org](http://www.sevis.org) upon arrival in the USA. If you can't log in then you need to call us.

- b. Call CHI at 1(800) 432-4643 if you can't log on to complete the SEVIS validation process.
- c. Refer to your Student Handbook if you need specific instructions about how to log in. (Most public libraries have internet access – speak with library staff about your temporary stay in the US.)
- d. **Log back in after 3 days to make sure your visa status has been validated – this is a requirement BEFORE applying for a social security number!**

Although federal program regulations state participants cannot be held in a job against their will, CHI's program policy requires participants to communicate directly with both their employer AND CHI to give a one week notice in writing which indicates when they plan to leave their job placement and their reason for leaving. Should the participant "no call/no show" at the work placement, this action will be considered a violation of the program sponsor's (CHI) rules, and may result in a participant's negative program status.

#### **6. APPLYING FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

- **Validate your Visas in SEVIS.**
- **Then wait approximately 10 days and visit the closest social security office at:**

Address: 3240 S Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Phone:(855) 207-4865**

Social Security Office Hours: MON: 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM; TUES: 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM; WED: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM; THUR: 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM; FRI: 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

SAT & SUN & Federal Holidays: CLOSED

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A RECEIPT AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. IT'S YOUR ONLY PROOF THAT YOU APPLIED!**

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**We look forward to meeting you!!**

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