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Job Description

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name: Redwoods In Yosemite
Type of Business: Retail
Job location: 8038 Chilnualna Falls Road
Location type: National Park
City: Wawona
State: CA
Zip: 95389
Website: www.redwoodsinyosemite.com

Why choose us?

The staff at Redwoods In Yosemite surpasses all expectations on welcoming the international students to their team. They all work together as a team; but they also enjoy many trips and activities throughout the season. What better place to work; you have the beauty of Yosemite National Park and the caring, fun environment of the staff at Redwoods In Yosemite.

Cultural exchange activities

Four Seasons of Fun ~ Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall - you'll need to come back more than once to do it all! You can spend a few days or a lifetime exploring Yosemite's wonders and enjoying a wealth of recreational activities. Each season sets the stage for exceptional moments of beauty and fun. Day Tripping ~ While staying at The Redwoods In Yosemite, you will discover some of the world's most spectacular mountain and valley scenery. Here are a few of our favorite day tripping adventures which will take you to these Park highlights: - Yosemite Falls is the tallest waterfall in North America, and the 5th highest free-falling waterfall in the world at 2,425 feet. - The Grizzly Giant in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is one of the world's largest and oldest trees, almost three thousand years old and 96 feet around at the base. - El Capitan is one of the largest exposed granite monoliths in the world, standing 3,593 feet from base to summit. - Tuolumne Meadows, at 8,575 feet elevation, is the largest sub-alpine meadow in the Sierra Nevada. - Established in 1935, Badger Pass Ski Resort offers vacationers five lifts, nine downhill runs, and miles of cross-country skiing. - The high Sierra at its best, Glacier Point, has breathtaking views of the Valley floor and spectacular waterfalls. - Historic Wawona, known as Pallahchun - a good place to stay - by native Americans, at the south end of Yosemite National Park. The wealth of scenic wonders and recreational opportunities are not limited to Yosemite's boundaries. Easy day trips from your cabin at The Redwoods In Yosemite can take you to the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, Bass Lake, the historic Gold Country town of Mariposa, Fresno Flats Historical Park in Oakhurst, and the Sierra Mono Indian Museum in North Fork. Yosemite National Park, at 748,542 acres, is roughly the size of the State of Rhode Island, with over 94% designated wilderness. When estimating driving times from Wawona to various park destinations, allow at least 1 hour for every 30 miles, as you will be traveling on scenic mountain roads with a 35 mph speed limit.

Position

Job title: Housekeeping
Job prerequisites: Employer wants excellent comprehension, good conversational English and reading. Housekeeping experience preferred, but not necessary. Must be mature and responsible.
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High-Intermediate English. Clean rental properties, which includes bathrooms, such as toilets and showers, changing linens, laundry, dusting, vacuuming, emptying trash. Standing for long periods, bending, lifting up to 20lbs/9kg, climbing stairs. Need workers with great attitudes and team spirit. Please do not apply if you are sensitive to any kind of chemicals or lotions or have physical limitations that would keep you from doing your job. Housekeeping experience preferred but not necessary. If you are not 21 or older you are illegal to drink in America. If you drink in the student housing or on grounds and are underage you will be fired and removed from the property. There will be one off-site event in June, July and August. Cost is approx. \$50 per student.

English level required: Upper Intermediate

Hourly wage (before taxes): 11.00

Wage comments:

Meals: No

Meals details:

Position ID: 2063

Position Information

Tips: perhaps

Bonus: No

Bonus comments:

Estimated hours per day: 6-8

Number of days per week: 4-5

Overtime: No

Overtime details:

Earliest start date: 5/5/2018

Latest start date: 5/15/2018

Earliest end date: 9/5/2018

Latest end date: 9/25/2018

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? Yes

Drug test comments: Employer will coordinate obtaining the drug test

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 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: Your top priority is your primary employer, but there is a slight chance of finding a 2nd job in the area.

When will work begin? It may take up to a week to start working, pending the results of your drug test.



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Arrival Instructions: Please see Welcome Letter.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Training will be provided.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? Yes

Does employer provide uniform? Yes

Cost of uniform: 0

Is uniform refundable? No

Uniform provided details: Employer will provide the t-shirt. Please email your t-shirt size to your employer PRIOR to arriving in America.

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes

If so, details for clothing: Students must bring athletic style, non-skid shoes such as tennis shoes. You must also bring jean (no holes or frays) or sturdy work pants such as khaki pants.

Grooming: 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.

Important points of job:

Additional position information: This is located at the entrance of Yosemite Nat'l Park. No big cities or nightlife. Please do not apply if you do not like this type of area. It can also get very hot during the summer. Employer needs 2 or 3 students with International drivers license in the group. Must be mature, dependable, hard working, friendly and be a very trustworthy and honest individual. Do not apply if you like to party and are not responsible and very mature. Employer will not tolerate students drinking. Must arrive no later than 5/15.



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Housing Information

Housing name: Redwoods at Yosemite

Housing address: 7941 Chilnualna Falls Road

City: Wawona

Phone:

Fax:

Contact: Ashley Standen

Email: ashley@redwoodsinyosemite.com

Website:

Housing assisted by: Employer

Is student required to sign a separate housing contract? No

If so, contract details:

Type of housing: OnSite

Number of people to a room: 4

Bedrooms: 1

Bath: 1

Cost Type: Month

Cost Amount: \$200.00

Cost Details Rent will be taken out of your paycheck at the cost of \$100 twice per month.

Is housing cost deducted from paycheck? Yes

Is housing deposit required? No

Deposit amount: 0

Housing deposit due date:

Instructions for deposit payment:

Is housing deposit refundable? No

Conditions for deposit refund:

Utilities included: Yes

If so, utilities details: Electricity, water, sewer, garbage and WIFI.

Utilities estimated cost per month: 0

Is the housing mandatory? Yes

Can students find alternative housing during their stay? No

Method of transportation from housing to work site: Walking

Transportation details: Students will walk approx. 1/4 mile to work.

Additional housing features: Four students to a room, fully furnished with bunk beds, all utilities, dishes, linens, etc. Students must pay for your groceries.

Comments: Housing is a local cabin located on the property.

Location Area Information

Location type: National Park



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population: 169

Average daily temperature: Summer: High 89F (32C); Low 55F (13C)

Community or regional website: www.redwoodsinyosemite.com

Nearest cities: Fresno / 501,362 population

Distance to nearest cities: 70 miles (113K)

What to wear: Summer: Light clothing, shorts, t-shirts, light jacket

Available public transportation: none

Public transportation access: none

Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation)

Food market: Yes

Shopping mall: No

Post office: Yes

Movie theater: No

Restaurants: No

Fitness center: No

Laundry: Yes

Internet café: No



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Public library: Yes

Suggested Travel Information

Nearest international airport: San Francisco International Airport (SF)

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Transportation from airport to employer
and / or housing: Greyhound (from San Francisco to Fresno)

Nearest bus station (to the airport): Greyhound

Bus information (web site): www.greyhound.com

Nearest train information (to the airport): Amtrak (from San Francisco to Fresno)

Train information (web site): www.amtrak.com

If participant arrives after hours suggested,
overnight

accommodation:

Cost per night: varies

Transportation to overnight accommodation: varies

Transportations cost: varies

Travel Instructions: Arrive at Fresno Airport(FAT), bus depot or train station. Employer will pick you up in Fresno, but you must contact Human Resources with arrival information within 2 weeks of arrival so that transportation can be arranged, or you will not be picked up. If you arrive in Fresno later than 2 pm, you will probably have to spend the night in Fresno.

Social Security Information

Does the company require students to have
Social Security number before arriving to
the work place? No

Does the company provide Social Security
application assistance? Yes

If so, details: Employer will assist with SS application. You will need to bring enough money from home to live on for a couple weeks, until you receive your Social Security card.

Where is the closest Social Security office? Madera, CA

How far is the Social Security office from the
work place? 65 miles (105K)

Specific instructions: You must validate with SEVIS immediately upon arrival in the U.S. Either call CHI 1-800-432-4643 or go to www.sevis.org to validate. After 10 business days you can go to Social Security. Social Security is located at: 348 East Yosemite Ave, Madera, CA 93637; Telephone: 1-877-405-1453; Hours: Mon & Tue 9am-4pm, Wed 9am-12pm, Thu & Fri 9am-4pm, except Federal holidays. Be sure to get a receipt, it is the ONLY proof that you have applied!



WELCOME LETTER Cultural Homestay International

Redwoods In Yosemite

8038 Chilnualna Falls Road
Wawona, California 95389
www.redwoodsinyosemite.com

Employer Contact Information:

Ashley Standen
Email: ashley@redwoodsinyosemite.com
Phone: 1-209-375-9981

Hello Participants,

I will be your Program Coordinator during your Work & Travel program. My name is **Lauren Bowlby**. We are here to help you prepare for your exciting season in **Wawona, California**, working for **Redwoods In Yosemite!** 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 already have your visa and have not yet purchased a plane ticket, you should do so as soon as possible. Log into 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 questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or my Regional Manager **MARY WOLFE** (chimaryw@chinet.org) or our Regional Manager Assistant **LINDSEY BUCKLE** (chilindsey@chinet.org).

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

Have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Lauren Bowlby, Western Region Program Coordinator
chilauren@chinet.org | 714.202.7994

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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 as soon as you know your flights so you can enter your flight information!

2. CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER

The contact person at **Redwoods In Yosemite** is **Ashley Standen**; you must contact **Ashley** and **CHI** and let us know your flight information and when EXACTLY you will be arriving!

Please email Ashley Standen immediately at ashley@redwoodsinyosemite.com. Please also email your CHI Program Coordinator (listed on first page) with your exact arrival information and to confirm receipt of this letter!

Student must provide Khaki pants and closed toed/heel shoes – any color. Employer provides company shirt, hat and name badge at no charge. Student must return uniform on their last day. No visible tattoos. Ear piercings only and no more than 2 per ear. Hair must be clean and of natural color. Long hair must be pulled back.

3. HOUSING:

Rent is \$200.00 per month. There is no deposit. Rent will be taken out of paychecks twice monthly at \$100 per paycheck. The housing must be clean and in same condition as when they moved in. Utilities included are Electricity, Water, Garbage and wireless internet. We provide 2 cabins for housing. In each cabin there will be 3-4 students to a room, fully furnished with bunk beds, all utilities, wireless internet, dishes, linens, etc. You will just have to pay for your groceries.

4. DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR HOUSING

Fly into Fresno International Airport (FAT). Your employer will arrange to pick you up in Fresno.

Cheap flights to Fresno:

<https://www.kayak.com/flight-routes/San-Francisco-SFO/Fresno-Airterminal-FAT>

YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER OF YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL IN FRESNO AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF TRAVELING.

If you fly into San Francisco or Los Angeles you can take a Greyhound bus Fresno for \$28.00 to \$36.00. The bus is in a part of the city that concerns us, so do not go late at night.. If you arrive late then plan on staying the night. The employer can not pick you up late at night in Fresno.

<https://www.greyhound.com/en/ecommerce/schedule>

Other's ways to travel <http://www.rome2rio.com/s/Fresno/San-Francisco>

Amtrak: <https://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>

5. SEVIS

Before you arrive in USA- Log in to 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 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!**

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: 348 East Yosemite Ave, Madera, CA 93637

Phone: 1-877-405-1453

Hours: MON: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; TUES: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; WED: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM; THUR: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM; FRI: 09:00 AM - 04:00 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!

We look forward to meeting you!!

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