



CHI WORK AND TRAVEL

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Job Description

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name: Point Break
DBA: Point Break LLC
Type of Business: Retail
Job location: 175 Pomeroy Ave
Location type: Beach town
City: PISMO BEACH
State: CA
Zip: 93449
Website:

Why choose us?

This beautiful beach destination is a sought out by people around the world, participants 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 prerequisites: Must be outgoing, like working with the public, approachable, smiling, and friendly.

Job description: This retail store is very large and can be quite busy. It is right at the Pismo Beach Boardwalk. Participant duties include cashiering, sales, preparing storefront for operation, learning to organize inventory at a 13,000 sq ft store, memorizing greeting scripts, participating in training, merchandising, and other duties assigned by the manager. Positive and happy associates are required. Good energy likes to smile, and enjoys 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. Participants should be prepared to be constantly learning, open to new processes, and encourage a learning attitude. The 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 engage with customers.

Must be dependable, hard-working, friendly, and a very trustworthy and honest individual. Positions require attention to detail, punctuality, and a great service attitude & team spirit. Flexible to help in other positions as requested. Additional tasks as requested by management. You will be working all weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), all holidays, and evening shifts. You may not work the same shifts as your friends. Nor will you have the same days off as your friends. No job, or hours at a job, can be 100% guaranteed. Regardless of what your work contract states, there is always a possibility that you will work more or fewer hours. Some days will be slower than others.

English level required: Proficient

Hourly wage (before taxes): 16.00

Wage comments:



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Position ID: 22942

Union: No

Union Dues:

Position Information

Tips: No

Bonus: No

Bonus comments:

Estimated hours per day: 5-8

Number of days per week: 5-6

Overtime: Slight

Overtime details: Very slight change of any overtime. Do not expect it. Any overtime must be approved by management.

Is the employer willing to hire couples? No

Is the employer willing to hire group of friends? Yes

Meals? No

Meals details:

Is a drug test required? No

Drug test comments:

Is employer interview required? No

Employer interview details:

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: Additional jobs must NOT conflict with the primary job schedule or your work performance! Work & Travel participants are not permitted to begin work before their Sponsor has approved any secondary host companies. If you are found starting any new job without permission from CHI your program will be terminated. This is for your safety. Your CHI program coordinator is always available to help you with this process.

When will work begin? Within a day or two of arrival.

Arrival Instructions: Please email your employer two weeks prior to your arrival with your travel arrangements. You must keep your participant profile updated with your visa appointment date, visa approval, and travel arrangements once they are made. Please see the travel section for how to get to Pismo Beach from the Los Angeles airport.

Is training required? Yes

Conditions of training: Training will be provided.

Is there possibility to change positions? No

Uniform required? No

Does employer provide uniform? No

Cost of uniform: 0



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Is uniform refundable? No

Uniform provided details: NA

Do students need to purchase specific clothes or footwear? Yes

If so, details for clothing: Business casual clothing. Wear comfortable shoes as you will be on your feet the entire shift.

Grooming: Hair must be natural color and 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: This is a huge retail store - lots to do. You will be very busy with this job. Employer is really looking for participants who are business-minded and want to learn all the ins and outs of retail.

Additional position information: You are required to secure your own housing in Pismo Beach. It is an expensive area to live so be sure and begin searching early.

Housing Information

Housing name: Point Break

Housing address: 615 PIER AVE

City: Oceano

Phone:

Fax:

Contact: Anna Meza Mello

Email: amelloridelimousine@hotmail.com

Website:

Housing assisted by: Must Arrange Own

Is student required to sign a separate housing contract? Yes

If so, contract details: Must sign lease agreement upon arrival.

Type of housing: House

Number of people to a room: 1+

Bedrooms: 2-4

Bath: 2

Cost Type: Week

Cost Amount: \$175.00

Cost Details: approx \$700.00 per month

Is housing cost deducted from paycheck? No

Is housing deposit required? Yes

Deposit amount: \$200

Housing deposit due date: On arrival

Instructions for deposit payment: Must pay deposit immediately upon arrival at housing.

Is housing deposit refundable? Yes

Conditions for deposit refund: Deposit refundable provided that the unit is left in clean and undamaged upon move out and the bike is there in working order.

Utilities included: Yes

If so, utilities details: All utilities are covered with the rent, however, each student will only be allowed to wash



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clothes once per week. If extra washing is needed during that week, you will be charged \$5.00 per load of clothes.

Utilities estimated cost per month: 0

Is the housing mandatory? No

Can students find alternative housing during their stay? Yes

Method of transportation from housing to work site: Public

Transportation details: It is 2 miles from Point Break (1-hour walking, but 15 minutes by bike). Landlord may have a bike for your use. Your \$200 deposit covers the use of the bike too. As long as the bike is left in the same condition it was received, you should get your full deposit returned to you. All bike repairs during use will be the participant's responsibility. There is public transportation a few blocks away that can be taken to get to your employer as well.

Additional housing features: Home is fully furnished, kitchen is stocked with pots, pans and cooking utensils, and linens are provided.

Comments: You can also search online for other housing options. Perhaps using Airbnb or another service. Please do not send any cash though. You do not want to be scammed out of your money. Pismo Beach is expensive to live in so rent can be a bit high. Please reach out to CHI if you find a housing option. We are not in Pismo Beach but we can try to help figure out if the offer is legitimate. For this housing, the cost is actually \$175 a week, but your employer will cover the extra \$50 above your \$125/week. You will pay approx \$500/month for summer 2204.



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Location Area Information

Location type: Beach town

Location of work site best described as: Beach town souvenir shop

Location details: This classic beach town is located on California's famous central coast, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles along the 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: 8,036

Average daily temperature: Summer: High 83F (28C); Low 65F (18C)

Community or regional website: www.pismochamber.com

Nearest cities: Los Angeles, CA; population: 3,792,621

Distance to nearest cities: 190 miles (306K)

What to wear: Summer: Layered clothing and a jacket for mornings and evenings.

Available public transportation: None, town is small; everything can be accessed by walking or bike

Public transportation access: N/A

Accessible amenities (by walking or public transportation)

Food market: Yes

Shopping mall: Yes

Post office: Yes

Movie theater: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Fitness center: Yes

Laundry: Yes

Internet café: Yes

Public library: No



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Suggested Travel Information

- Nearest international airport:** Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- Nearest airport:** San Luis Obispo Regional Airport
- Transportation from airport to employer and / or housing:** Taxi from San Luis Obispo airport
- Nearest bus station (to the airport):** Greyhound from LAX
- Bus information (web site):** www.greyhound.com
- Nearest train information (to the airport):** <http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB>
- Train information (web site):** <http://amtrakcalifornia.com/stations/GVB>
- If participant arrives after hours suggested, overnight accomodation:** Varies
- Cost per night:** Varies
- Transportation to overnight accomodation:** Taxi
- Transportations cost:** Varies
- Travel Instructions:** Must have housing before arrival and inform the employer & CHI that you have secured your housing. Inform your employer of your arrival date & time once you have booked your tickets. Employer may 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 may arrange to pick you up there as well.


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:** Please complete your online application for a ss card at www.ssa.gov
Then, please go in person and present your required documents to show: passport, J1 visa, DS2019 form, Job Offer, Sponsor Letter, I-94 card. Please take a pen with you as well.
- Where is the closest Social Security office?** 3240 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- How far is the Social Security office from the work place?** 11 miles (18 kl)
- Specific instructions:** If you started the ss application online from your home country or after arriving in the USA: Upon arrival in America, please validate your sevis arrival in your CHI Participant account. Wait for approx. 2 to 4 business days (CHI is closed on weekends) after validating and you should receive an automated email notifying you when your validation is approved. You can also always check your sevis status is set to "S" on your Participant account. Once your validation is approved, then take your documents and go to the local Social Security Administration (SSA) office and complete your application for an ss card in person. Check their website for office hours and location. You will need your online confirmation number to complete your application for a social security card.



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A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION!



YOUR CHI SUPPORT TEAM

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EMPLOYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Point Break Retail Store

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Main Phone: (805) 773-0608

Lyndsay York

Email: lyndsyearl3@gmail.com

WHAT IS MY CHI PARTICIPANT ACCOUNT FOR?

Your CHI Participant account is set up for your benefit. You can find answers to your questions there, you can update your flights in it, you can find forms you might need during the season, you will validate here, and you will be completing your monthly evaluations in it.

CHI WHATSAPP GROUP

Are you already in our CHI WhatsApp group for the season? GREAT! If not you will be added shortly. We created this group for YOU! This is a perfect spot to connect, share information, and support each other while on your Work & Travel program.

PLANNING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES

Read your CHI Student Handbook. It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations of the Work & Travel program. Your local agency has this Handbook for you.

What To Bring With You:

- Documents: Passport, J-1 Visa, DS 2019, sponsorship letter, job offer, insurance card, this document, and vaccine proof.
- Access to at least \$1000 USD (transportation from the airport, housing deposits, food, public transportation to and from work, etc) while waiting for your first paycheck.
- Always keep your important papers on your person while traveling. What if your luggage is lost? Carry with you a change of clothes, medicines, and your documents listed above. Do NOT put them in your checked luggage.
- Contact your employer by email to notify them of your specific arrival time.
- Plan your flight accordingly: if your final destination is far away from your arrival airport, please check that your flight allows you to make any connecting transportation needed to get to your destination. If not, please make a reservation at a local hostel or motel and plan to continue your travels the next day.
- Does your employer allow you to arrive on the weekend or should you arrive on a weekday (Monday through Friday)?
- What about your Start Date? It needs to probably be a weekday (Monday through Friday). Please check with your CHI Program Coordinator.
- Any questions about your travel arrangements, contact your CHI Program Coordinator.

- Log into your [_CHI Participant account](#) and make sure everything is kept current and up to date. It is YOUR account. Add your visa appointment, add when your visa is granted, add your flights, add your emergency contact, and vaccine information, and upload your itinerary, etc.

REACH OUT TO YOUR EMPLOYER

The contact person at Point Break is **Nir Karni**; you should reach out and say hello! Share how excited you are to come to work for them. Keep your employer informed about your upcoming arrival.

WHERE AM I GOING? HOW DO I GET THERE?

Your employer is in Pismo Beach, California. The closest local airport is San Luis Obispo Regional Airport. You will need to fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then take a flight to San Luis Obispo Airport. You can take a bus or a train to Grover Beach as well. From here, your employer will try to pick you up.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Pismo Beach is the coldest California Beach. Make sure you are prepared for cool foggy mornings and cooler evenings. Check your Job Description for the temperatures or google it.

- jacket or two or sweat jacket for cool mornings and evenings
- don't forget sunglasses
- tennis shoes for sightseeing, comfortable footwear

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Your housing is not provided by the employer. You must arrange your own housing in Pismo Beach. Please see your job description for more details regarding housing options, rent rates, and what to expect. If you have any questions or issues, do not hesitate to contact your CHI Program Coordinator. We can't help you if we don't hear from you.

I'M HERE! WHAT NOW? HOW DO I VALIDATE IN SEVIS?

Once you arrive in the USA, the second thing you need to do is log onto your CHI Participant Account. Can you guess what the first thing you need to do is?
CONTACT YOUR MOM & DAD and let them know you arrived safely in the USA!

Once you are logged into your CHI Participant account, go to the Sevis Validation section and answer a few brief questions. You will also need to enter your housing information.

Please select commercial for hostels or hotels
Please select residential for houses or apartments

Enter the address of your residence: 123 Main St
Enter the Accommodation Type: Apartment, Room, House, or Other
Enter the Accommodation # (for apt or room)
Enter the city, state, and zip code
Enter US Phone Number: DO NOT ENTER ALL ZEROS! It will be rejected.

If you do not have a US phone number, use your host business phone #

Once you have completed your validation, please allow CHI approx. 2 to 4 business days (we do not work on weekends) to process and approve your validation. You will receive an automated email telling you when you are validated successfully. Once you receive that email from CHI, then you can go to the SSA office to finish up your application for your social security card that you started online prior to coming to the USA.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS? HOW DO I GET ONE AND WHY?

CHI will send you information about starting your social security card application online from your home country about 10 days prior to boarding your flight to the USA. If you don't see this important email, please reach out to your CHI Program Coordinator. Once you are done with the online application, the SSA website will give you a confirmation number on the screen. Take a screenshot, and write it down. You **MUST** have this confirmation number when you present your documents to them.

Remember you must sevis validate upon arrival. Give CHI a few days and watch for an important automated email from CHI reflecting you successfully validated. Once that email arrives, then please take your documents

(passport, J1 Visa, DS-2019 form, etc) and go to the local SSA office to present these documents to finish your social security card application. They will ask you for the confirmation number you got when you submitted the online application.

This is a good time to confirm you gave them the RIGHT mailing address to send your ss card to. Please tell them of any changes to your mailing address.

Your ss card should arrive in the mail within a few weeks.

So what does this ss card mean for you? Well, everyone in the US must have one in order to work. It is an identification number that is good for life. You never have to apply for another ss card once you have one. If you lose your ss card, you can ask for it to be reprinted but it will always be the same original number assigned to you.

Your employer needs this ss number in regard to your payroll taxes. You may need it when you open a bank account and when you prepare your tax return.

Do not share your ss number with others. Do not post it on social media. No one should be calling you and asking for it. The IRS and the SSA will not call you asking for it, they would send an official letter.

It is always wise to take a photo of the ss card once it arrives in case you lose it. This way, you will have the ss number available if you need it.

DO I NEED A BANK ACCOUNT?

YES, YOU NEED A BANK ACCOUNT! Please open a bank account with a local bank. Some of the larger banks like Wells Fargo or Bank of America offer free checking to students.

DO NOT plan on keeping money in your room. It will get stolen. Every year this happens to someone. Don't be a victim. By opening an account, you can ask your employer to direct deposit your paycheck into your account. This means on payday, the funds will be added automatically to your account without you having to go to the bank with a physical paycheck.

Even when it is time to return home after your program ends, LEAVE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT OPEN DO NOT CLOSE IT. You can't cash a US check in your country. Many times there is a payroll adjustment or a housing refund and you are already gone. If you leave your account open, your employer (or CHI)

can deposit your check into your account for you. Then, you should have access to the account from your country using your debit card at an ATM. This is why it is important to use a large mainstream bank as we mention above.

WHAT DOES MY EMPLOYER EXPECT?

- Be on time! If your shift begins at 9 am, you should arrive by 8:45 am and get ready for your shift
- Always be respectful of others.
- Smile! Americans like to smile and see others smiling
- Demonstrate you are a team player
- Listen and ask questions
- Help coworkers if you have time
- Address any concerns or issues you may have with your manager and with your CHI Program Coordinator
- Get to know your coworkers
- Follow the rules – don't take shortcuts
- Work your full shift
- Your actions will represent how others see people from your culture
- Share your culture with others as you learn about American culture

Sometimes jobs are hard. Coming to another country and working is challenging. Do your best. Speak up when you need help. The employer is not asking you to do the impossible. It is just not what you are used to doing. Remember, you are only working here for a few months. You can do this!

I HAVE A MINOR ISSUE OR CONCERN

How you approach a situation is key. Do you have a positive outlook? Are you being flexible? Have you considered all your options? Could this be a misunderstanding?

We know you are an independent adult and can handle issues and concerns that come up, but there are times you may need some help or want to talk to someone. When you need help, turn to CHI. We are here to help support you and help ensure your health, safety, and welfare while here in the USA. We want you to stay in communication with us. If you don't tell us about an issue in a timely manner, we can't help fix it. Don't wait until your program ends and then tell us about something. By then, it is too late to make things right for you. Let's work together during your program!

MY PROGRAM IS COMING TO AN END - WHAT NOW?

Please check in with your employer and confirm the last day you will be working. Please do this at least 30 days prior to your program ending. It should be the same date listed on your CHI Job Offer. If there is a situation and you need to return home early, please reach out to your CHI Program Coordinator. We can help you with this.

Few things to keep in mind as your program winds down.

- did you confirm the last day you are scheduled to work?
- when will your last paycheck be issued? if it is after you leave, make sure they know to deposit it in that bank account you are leaving open
- are there any work items you need to return? uniform? badge? keys?
- do you need to schedule an exit walkthrough with your landlord?
- what do you need to do about getting your housing deposit returned?
- do you have to return your house key
- did you remove all the trash? did you strip the bedding and wash the linens? did you leave the kitchen clean? did you deep-clean the whole place?
- check in with your CHI Program Coordinator. They might have some final tips for you to consider
- did you complete your final monthly evaluation in your CHI Participant account?
- lastly, did you remember to share your awesome photos of your whole experience here with CHI? We LOVE it when you share your photos with us.

Thank you for allowing CHI to help you have an amazing experience in the USA. We appreciate you staying in communication with us and we hope that you are returning home with many stories to share and amazing memories you made!



Overview of Steps Involved to Apply For a Social Security Card

Steps To Follow

- Begin your ss card application online approx 5 to 10 days before your flight to the USA
- Once you arrive in the USA, please log into your CHI W&T Participant account at wt.chinet.org, and complete your SEVIS Validation.
- Allow CHI 2-3 days to review and approve your sevis validation.
- Watch for this email, **Validation information approved. Your validation information, housing, and first monthly evaluation have been approved.**
- Once you receive this email from CHI stating your validation is approved, wait one more day and then go to the SSA office. This allows our system to update sevis so you do not have any issues at the Social Security Office.
- Make sure you take your passport, DS2019, J1 visa, and I-94 with you. Also, make sure you have your SSA Control Number from when you started the application online.
- While at the SSA office, confirm the mailing address is correct. You do not want your social security card lost in the mail due to a typo or incorrect mailing address.
- Your ss card should arrive in a few weeks

Participants who do not validate in SEVIS or do not wait for the notification from CHI that their validation has been approved prior to going to Social Security will delay their Social Security card for 60 days. Do not make this costly mistake.

What To Do Now That You Have Your Social Security Card

Once you receive your ss card, you need to show it to your employer. They need this for payroll checks.

Social Security Cards once issued, are good for your lifetime. If you lose it, you can ask for it to be reprinted but it will always be the same social security number.

Keep it safe. Take a photo of it as well so you always have your ss card number.

Do not share it. No one should call you asking for it. It might be a scam. Check with your CHI Program Coordinator before sharing it with anyone.