Sponsoring Agency:
Zone Zero: Collaboration for Green Schools is a new non-profit organization determined to facilitate the integration of comprehensive Environmental Education and resource conservation in our public schools. It acts as a bridge between the organizations and agencies that currently exist, providing curriculum, teacher training, funding, resource conservation and green resources to the K-12 schools which need them. Practical applications lead to campuses that are the cleanest and greenest in California as a model for the nation. We aim to be serving 1,000 kids in the Bay Area within 2 years with Statewide and National ambitions. We work with schools over the long term, ensuring participating agencies an individualized plan that is implemented properly, and assisting schools with fulfilling its requirements. By providing professional project management services, we help time and cash strapped schools take advantages of the resources currently available to provide quality science education, to help make their campuses healthier places to learn. Executive Director Kristen Manyrivers will be your Go To Supervisor and Mentor for this position. She is a 25 year Veteran Environmental Educator who ran a nature based Carter School for 14 years before she decided to expand her sphere of influence and being Zone Zero: Collaboration for Green Schools.

Placement One:
7th and 8th Grade. Come work in the expansive organic 15 year old garden! Under the Supervision of Zone Zero and Teacher Carter Milhous on campus, assist with class garden days, leading classes, small groups and creating in the garden with any of the following projects that excite you:
• Getting our indoor basil growing operation underway in our greenhouse (getting more drip this winter!)
• Help complete the solar recirculating pond project (almost done!)
• Assist us with building our water catchment system (got the tank! Got a plumber!)
• Rebuilding the worm composting system (we have bins..it’s a start!)

This is a minimum 2 credit position. Hours and days are somewhat flexible (but sometime during school hours 8 a to 2:20p, no Monday options.) You would be leading two classes a week of 25 middle schoolers each. The rest of your time would be pulling small numbers of
students to work specifically on the projects you want to focus on, and spending time on your own or with the other intern, working in the garden completing your project. If you are self-motivated and are looking to create something demonstrable for your own portfolio this is the position. Summer Internship Credit is available.

This is a nature based science magnet Charter so this is a highly academically oriented and reputable environmentally focused school with great parent support. Carter is a 30 plus year EE Veteran with many connections and great energy; A true mentor.

**Placement Two:**
**Happy Valley Elementary School:** [www.happyvalley.santacruz.k12.ca.us](http://www.happyvalley.santacruz.k12.ca.us)
We have four teachers in grades 1st through 6th that are requesting a Life Lab Teacher. Come work in the garden that we have been rebuilding this last year and a half! We have five giant beds, and a new greenhouse, as well as an orchard of 15 diverse fruit trees! Depending upon your availability, you would be leading 2-4 classes a week, planning and implementing the gardening curriculum for the Spring with the assistance of your Supervisor from Zone Zero.

**Once per month March through June we have a Saturday Community Garden Work Day that would be required attendance.**
You would be responsible for the maintenance of the small garden space, integrating students where possible: soil maintenance, weeding, amending, seed saving, planting seedlings and transferring them into the beds with the students, harvesting, keeping tools and sheds in order. You would also be responsible for choosing one of the following projects to work on:

- Composting (we have some, but it needs improving)
- Fence building (We need one around the orchard!)
- Pond (We have a lot of the resources in place, just needs a coordinator)
- Compost education in the classrooms (train compost monitors, help train to collect and integrate across campus)

This is a minimum 2 credit position. Hours and days are somewhat flexible (but sometime during school hours 8:15 a to 2:20p). This is a small one school district with a great staff and parent support. We have a Green Visioning Group and want to start a Kids Environmental Club that focuses on service learning projects on campus and in the community. I would love to see a motivated Intern who wants to help bring some collaborative project together. Summer Internship Credit is available.
Which binders should we place your listing in?  
- x Environmental Education  
- x Natural History  
- _ Policy and Planning  
- _ Conservation Biology  
- _ Waste Mgmt/Toxics/Energy  
- x Environmental Justice  
- x Agroecology.  Other?

**Prerequisites:** Outline the skills and background information necessary to participate in this internship.

- Transportation
- Organic gardening experience
- Previous experience working with groups of children (camps/daycare/other volunteering experiences)
- Excellent group management skills or at least some and willing to learn
- Self Directed and Motivated to share gardening based knowledge
- Creative and bursting with ideas but also organized and able to carry them out with 2-4 classes a week.
- RELIABLE: I need at least two references that will vouch for your consistency and ability to be professional.
- Able to dress appropriately on public school campus: no bellies, cut offs or bare feet. While you may dress appropriate to gardening, you are also interacting with parents and administrators and modeling for children, so it must be clean smelling bodies, upkempt hair, conservative clothes, and proper shoes, thanks.

- BONUS would be: Permaculture/Orchard care/Composting knowledge/building skills/Ponds or constructed wetlands/available to continue through summer