About the Coastal Watershed Council
The Coastal Watershed Council (CWC) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to preserve and protect coastal watersheds through community stewardship, education and monitoring. CWC founded the San Lorenzo River Alliance, a coalition made up of environmental organizations, local government and partners in arts and business organizations, to transform Santa Cruz County’s relationship with its largest watershed from one of apathy and disdain to one of respect, recreation, and restoration. Our office is located in the beautiful Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor.

Internship Description
The Coastal Watershed Council works in public elementary, middle and high schools throughout Santa Cruz County to involve teachers and students in sustainability education. Education Program Interns will support the Education Coordinator in developing and teaching lessons to K-12 students about 1) watersheds 2) human activity impacting the health of our watersheds such as stormwater runoff, trash disposal, pollution, among other 3) water quality monitoring 4) sources of water and water conservation 5) sustainable practices such as reducing/reusing/recycling/repairing and composting and 6) climate change. Training and support are offered on the lessons and activities, working with students, group management and teaching techniques. There is both school/field time and office time for this internship.

Schedule
Interns during the school year will support school based and after-school environmental education lessons. Timing is flexible but we ask that you be available during K-12 school hours to teach lessons on a weekly basis (between the hours of 7:30 and 3:30) and/or Wednesdays from 12:30-5:00 to support after-school programs. Interns during the summer will support summer camps scheduled for Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Duties and Responsibilities
• Conduct research related to lessons.
• Assist in the development of educational activities and materials for education programs.
• Present lessons to K-12 students using lesson plans to Santa Cruz County schools.
• Assist with set-up and clean-up of school visits.
• Maintain water quality monitoring equipment used for education programs.
• Provide logistical support in preparation for school visits and coordination with schools.
• Collaborate with CWC staff to plan and facilitate special events as needed.
• Other duties as assigned.

**Benefits of the Internship**
• Develop and practice communication, teaching, leadership and group management skills.
• Learn about local environmental issues.
• Gain exposure to and understanding of nonprofit operations.
• Develop hands-on water quality monitoring skills.

**Qualifications**
• Comfort and interest in working with K-12 students.
• Must feel comfortable speaking in front of groups.
• Strong interest in environmental preservation and protection.
• Basic knowledge of environmental topics or willingness to learn.
• Strong written and verbal communication skills.
• Microsoft Word and Excel skills.
• Attention to detail.
• Team player.
• Physically able to work in adverse weather conditions and walk in uneven terrain.
• Access to reliable private transportation.
• Positive attitude, energetic personality, and sense of humor.
• Interns must be available on weekdays during the hours 7:30 to 3:30 (classroom-based) or Wednesdays from 12:30-5:00 (after-school programs). Do not need to be available for the full time period, but for at least a 3 hour block of time.

**To Apply**
To apply, submit the following application items to Mollie Behn, Education Coordinator at mbehn@coastal-watershed.org.

1. A brief Cover Letter that addresses why you are interested in the position and your qualifications for the position.
2. Current Resume
3. Brief listing of your availability based upon your regular schedule.