An internship on the San Mateo County coast

The Coastside News Group Inc., is an innovative public benefit corporation owned by local readers and an answer to the problems of corporate ownership that plague the news business. CNGI owns the Half Moon Bay Review, the Pacifica Tribune, Coastside magazine and affiliated web products. We practice real journalism that trains interns for great things; our former interns are now at the New York Times and other great publications.

In many ways our two community newspapers are traditional weekly publications. We cover the people and events of the San Mateo County coast — from high school sports and local government meetings to raging wildfires and the scourge of a global pandemic. We are also a thoroughly modern 24-hour news operation. Reporters and editors are knee-deep in social media, make round-the-clock Web updates and continually push themselves to advance their skills. The newspapers serve diverse markets on the unbelievably beautiful San Mateo County coast, and storytelling lies at the heart of every move. The award-winning Half Moon Bay Review has been called the best small weekly in the country (Inland Press Foundation, 2006) and Editor Clay Lambert was named the nation's best weekly newspaper editor (Suburban Newspaper Association, 2010). In 2020, the newspaper took first prize for general excellence from the California Newspaper Publishers Association. The news group bought the Pacifica Tribune in 2020, amid economic downturn and uncertain recovery, because readers there asked us to replicate what we have done in Half Moon Bay. We’ve been gratified by the response to our work in progress.

The position is unpaid, save for a generous scholarship from the Rebele Internship Program. It affords opportunities to write, take photos, and learn the back end of our content management system. The term of the position is flexible, though ideally fulltime for 12 weeks over the summer.

Applications or questions should be directed to Editorial Director Clay Lambert at clay@coastsidenewsgroup.com. Please include a resume, links to no more than three published clips if you have them and a brief letter of introduction.