

EKONE FORESTRY INTERNSHIP

OCTOBER – DECEMBER / DECEMBER – FEBRUARY, 2021

Ekone's forest management is a model for fire-wise, ecologically sensitive, climate resilient stewardship of a dryland forest. Our approach to this work is labor intensive and time-consuming, an act of service out of love for the forest. We have completed 170 acres of fuels-reduction thinning, limbing, and debris removal, mimicking the effects of a naturally occurring, low-intensity fire. Trees are given more space and resources for a healthier forest. Oaks are prioritized as premium habitat and the most resilient species. And hundreds of volunteers have gained skills, friends, muscles, and satisfaction from this work over the past decade here.

In 2020, we integrated the learning, labor, and collaboration into a cohesive internship experience, perfect for young adults seeking new skills, meaningful engagement and peer connection over an Ekone winter. It was a huge success! Here's what it looks like:



- Ages 18+, with at least one year of independent living preferred (college counts!)
- You'll learn sustainable forest management, chainsaw skills, small engine maintenance and repair, badass fire-starting abilities, and the 101 best ways to pull a bitterbrush.
- Additional learning possibilities include using a bandsaw mill, shop and construction skills, off-grid systems, driving a stick shift and a tractor, snowplowing, caring for animals through the winter, cooking, and riding horses. We may also go on some field trips to learn from other land managers and scientists!
- 2-month minimum stay, either from October- December, or December-February
- Interns will live in the Lodge or Bunkhouse, sharing a kitchen and living space, with 3-6 interns on site at a time.
- There is no cost or compensation for this internship. You'll work hard, learn a ton, eat well, and likely make some friends for life.

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