

Ekone Horse & Admin Internship

Dig deep with the Ekone herd and learn all about keeping, caring for, and partnering with horses in some of the most natural ways that we can. This intern will be Jenna's right hand, and she knows heaps about horse management, psychology, bodywork, hoof care, feeding, herd dynamics, and yes, riding. Riding won't be the focus of this experience, but will be included! You'll also spend time in the office, doing some general office tasks, some data wrangling, and some spring and fall fundraising event wrap-up support.



An intern can expect to spend approximately half of their time doing horse- and admin-related activities, and the other half collaborating with other staff and volunteers in various ways around the ranch (assisting with burials if interested, working in the garden, supporting shoulder-season programs, etc.). There will also be seasonal shifts in how we spend our time & energy, both with the horses and in the office—we'll talk about what to expect during the application process!

Regular horse responsibilities will include:

- Feeding
- Thrush treatment (feet painting!)
- Keeping waters clean and full
- Short, regular sessions of relaxation & strengthening exercises

Other horse-related activities could include, based on the needs of the horses:

- Bodywork & massage
- Taking the horses on walks
- Riding
- Cleaning & organizing tack & horse supplies
- Mineral treat recipe trials
- Horse tea time (non-demanding time)

In the office realm, you might find yourself learning/doing:

- Data entry
- Project research
- Mailing preparation (letters & packages)
- Admin errands with Jenna
- Sorting paperwork
- SPREADSHEETS! ;)

Qualifications:

- **A Beginner's Mindset!**
- A genuine interest in learning more about horses & horse management, including the not-so-glamorous aspects
- Age 18+, with 1+ year of independent living preferred (college counts!)
- Ability to play well with spreadsheets

Volunteer Expectations & Benefits:

- 2 month minimum stay preferred; room & board provided (private room in the lodge, trailer, bunkhouse, or tent, depending on season and availability)
- Full time internship
- Physical capacity to work in all weather and to lift 50lbs and/or wrestle a hay bale into submission
- Abide by Ekone Volunteer Handbook and Ekone Community policies & agreements

Apply by email to jenna@ekone.org; include a resume and a short paragraph about yourself & what's drawing you to this internship. Further application materials will be provided at that time.