



# Sacred Earth Foundation

*Ekone Ranch* ✨ *White Eagle Memorial Preserve*

Hello Camp Families!

We wanted to alert you to a new policy we created with care after last summer, which may affect your family's summer camp session choices, either this year or in the future.

We're calling it the "**Riding Camp Skip Year**" policy. And here's how it works ~ for campers who have attended two years of *riding-intensive* camps in a row, we're asking them to choose a non-riding-intensive camp for a "skip year". We put a lot of thought into this, and here's some of the rationale:

- We have so many awesome camp sessions! And campers sometimes just need a nudge to check out something new (even if they reallllly love riding horses), which can open up whole new worlds for them. (We've seen it.)
- Some of those less-riding sessions still have tons to do with horses! And we really want to encourage kids to expand their view of horses and Ekone beyond riding/going fast/what-can-horses-do-for-me.
- Our horse sessions are SO popular and they fill with returning campers really fast. We want to create access to Ekone's awesome horse program for new campers, scholarship campers, and kids whose parents might not be as informed.

Here are the riding-intensive sessions that are not available during the skip year:

- All-Level Horse Camp
- Young Rider Camp
- Wrangler Camp

Here are the sessions that DO involve horses but not as much (or any) riding:

- [Art & Ponies](#)
- [Horse Connection Camp](#)

And here are the other rad sessions we're encouraging campers to try out during a skip year:

- [Teen Leadership Camp](#)
- [Music Camp](#)
- [Harvest Cooking Camp](#)

We understand that with any new policy that affects people, it can come as a surprise. And we really welcome your questions and feedback about this! I hope that our rationale makes sense! And please us know if you need any help picking out just the right session for your camper at [summercamp@ekone.org](mailto:summercamp@ekone.org)

Best,  
Michelle & the summer camp team