



# All the Ways to Help Ekone

*This detailing of the many ways to support Sacred Earth Foundation, Ekone Ranch, and all the work that happens on this land is intended to offer a place for everyone who wants to help sustain this place and its good works. Community is built through love and labor, and you're invited!*

## Service

### *At the ranch*

- **Workparties**, almost every month September-May. The most fun and social way to pitch in and become a closer part of the Ekone community; a great starting place for all other involvement!
- **Extended volunteering**. Live and work at the ranch, exchanging labor for room and board, ideally for a month or more, occasionally shorter. Focus may be lodgekeeping, garden, forestry, facilities, cemetery, kitchen, or maybe something else entirely.
- **Professional skills**. Have a particular skill to offer? Let us know and we'll make a custom volunteer plan for you! Skills we're generally seeking: chainsaw, forestry, arborists, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, tile, flooring, mechanical, garden, welding. Just tell us what YOUR skill is, and we'll tell you if we have a current need for it!
- **Internships**. Perfect for gap years, academic breaks, or life transition times. Apprentice with the Ekone staff for an immersive education in a wide variety of ranch competencies, while gifting Ekone with some months of your precious life.
- **Summer youth volunteers**. For teens who want to spend a week or more at the ranch, working hard and doing what needs to be done, without all the distraction of camp activities!
- **Adult camp guest stars**. Do you have a skill or teaching you'd like to share with our summer campers? Possibilities include crafts, wilderness skills, nature awareness, kitchen/garden projects, stargazing, storytelling, music, theater, and more.
- **Event volunteers**. Events take many hands! Let us know if you'd like to be on the crew for the Barbed Wire Ball, Thanksgiving in May, or another fabulous Ekone party.

- **Gravedigging.** We prepare burial sites by hand. It's hard work, and such meaningful labor to tend a person's final resting place in this way. Let us know if you're willing to bring a strong back and open heart to this service.

### *Away from the ranch*

- **Call Squad.** Want to make a few phone calls on behalf of Ekone, asking for camp feedback, inviting folks to events, or exploring ways to get involved?
- **Data wrangling.** If you've got a close eye for detail and want to help keep our data systems (Little Green Light) in good shape, let's talk!
- **Website wrangling.** Have website skills to share? Yay!
- **Hosting.** Would you like to host a gathering of Ekone friends at your home, as a way for us to give updates on ranch happenings, meet new friends, deepen connections to this work, and spread Ekone Magic? Let us know if you'd like more information about this!

### *Leadership & Advisory roles*

- **Advisory circles.** We depend on the expertise and wisdom of many kinds of advisors. Current advisory circles include fundraising, infrastructure, and lands. Circles generally don't meet regularly, but are "on call" for questions and advice as needed.
- **Working groups.** More active and project-based than advisory circles, working groups are formed around particular current projects and needs, have meetings or conference calls with some regularity, and often have homework. Current working groups include lands, tribal relations, diversity/equity/inclusion, and fundraising.
- **Committees** are generally comprised of board and staff, to conduct essential board functions. Current committees include finance, human resources, governance and endowment trusteeship.
- **Board service.** We're always on the lookout for talented, dedicated board members to provide visionary guidance, responsible oversight, and cornerstone support for Sacred Earth Foundation.

## Gifts

### *Money*

- **Cash** is always ever so welcome! ♥ Donations can be made on our website, by mailing a check personally or through your bank, or in person. **Recurring donations** are a wonderful way of spreading it out and providing reliable ongoing funds. And even small donations add up, and, very importantly, allow us to count you as a supporter!

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- **Stock donations.** Giving appreciated stock may have significant tax benefits for you, and we're happy to turn those stocks into good work here at the ranch!
- **Planned giving.** Consider including Sacred Earth Foundation in your estate planning, and leave a beautiful legacy to be remembered by.
- **Donor advised funds.** Community foundations and asset managers offer wonderful philanthropic tools, and such support makes a powerful impact at Ekone.
- **Family foundations.** We're so grateful for personal introductions and connections to grantmakers. The Saddle Up capital campaign has been so successful due in large part to the foundation support of a few Ekone families.

*Donations can be made in your name, in honor or memory of someone, or anonymously. Gifts may be dedicated for a particular purpose if you choose; our current funding priorities are capital facilities improvements, scholarship funds, and conservation projects. We have a few donors investing in our dream of offering a horse-drawn hearse for burials at White Eagle. If you have a special project you'd like to invest in at Ekone, please let us know! Unrestricted funding is also \*most\* welcome.*

### **Goods**

- **Auction items.** Do you have a craft or item to offer for the Barbed Wire Ball auction? We're always looking for unique, handcrafted, useful, beautiful auction items!
- **Hand-me-downs & Wish List items.** Visit our website for the full and up-to-date [Wish List](#), and keep us in mind when you're downsizing, thrifting, or shopping for deals!

### **Experiences, Services & Spaces**

- **Auction items.** Have a professional service, vacation home, or adventure experience to offer for the Barbed Wire Ball auction?
- **Retreat spaces.** Ekone's hardworking staff needs to get off the ranch from time to time, to recharge, connect in different ways, get perspective on this work, and deep-dive into focused projects. If you have a cabin or cozy getaway that we could use for personal or small-group retreat from time to time, we'd love to talk!

## **Advocacy**

### **Philanthropists**

Do you know a philanthropist, foundation trustee, or person of means who shares Ekone's values? We'd be so grateful to have a conversation with you to see if there might be a fit and a way of connecting that is respectful and values-aligned!

## *Programs*

We're always looking for just the right programs to host at Ekone in service to SEF's mission for maximum benefit to the world. Please consider whether your school, organization, scout troupe, or other group might value an Ekone experience. Let us know if you'd like to start a conversation about program possibilities, or put us in touch with the person to talk to!

## *Reviews & Social Media*

We appreciate your reviews of Ekone's work on [Yelp](#), [Google](#), and [Facebook](#).

And you can follow Ekone on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) too!

## *Media*

Are you a journalist, podcaster, radio host, or blogger? Or do you know someone who is? We think what's happening at Ekone is newsworthy, with lots of potential for beautiful storytelling about culturechange, education, stewardship, and community! Let us know if you can help spread Ekone Magic a little further into the world.

## *A good word*

Tell your friends, family and colleagues about your Ekone experiences. And for that matter, tell us too! We so appreciate your love notes, testimonials, and words of encouragement.

## **Live It**

Ekone Magic is for sharing and spreading out into the world – not for hoarding here at the ranch. The very best thing that you can do in support of this work is to live it, share it, and spread it. Here are a few ideas:

- Wash dishes by hand, with someone you love, maybe while singing.
- Find a place in nature near you to love fiercely and steward actively. Enlist others.
- Develop good boundaries around screens and technology. Foster screen-free times.
- Make a "sit spot" outside near your home, and spend time there every day. Watch and listen.
- Look for the fun in everything.
- Practice inclusiveness. Look for someone on the "outside" and bring them in. Build community everywhere.
- Pick up microtrash.
- Orient life around service to earth and community!

*Great gratitude to YOU, the wonderful community of humans that are connected by a shared love of this place on earth!*