



# Sacred Earth Foundation

*Ekone Ranch... a place for children of all ages*

## **Ekone Ranch Facilities Internship**

*Come help tend to all the wonderful Ekone facilities and landscape! Keeping the ranch running and in good shape is a lot of work, and a lot of wildly varied work as well—we're never bored!*

Whether it's fixing fence, troubleshooting a curmudgeonly piece of equipment, performing regular (and sometime irregular!) maintenance on our off-grid power and water system, replacing windows and doors, building a horse shelter or outbuilding with Shawn and learning his incredible skills, milling lumber from our own pine and then stacking (and re-stacking, and re-stacking...) it so it can dry, or mowing to reduce fire danger and inhibit invasive species, fixing chicken coops, learning Liz's patented toilet-plunging tricks... the list of highlights goes on and on! The list of possibilities is pretty much endless and impossible to predict, and will be based on the needs of the ranch at that particular time. In general, we prioritize fixing things when they break, tending to all the moving parts so that they don't break (as often), and making a myriad of small and large improvements to make things easier and better for the future.

This is a great opportunity to develop wide and varied skills in the many, many aspects of life on a working ranch, and more than anything, to develop creative problem-solving skills and a good sense of humor when things don't go exactly as planned! Some specific things you'll probably be doing as a facilities intern: using power tools, basic carpentry and plumbing, working with barbed wire and electric fence, using mowers and string trimmers, potentially learning to use a chainsaw, painting, vehicle and machine maintenance, and of course, moving alllllll the things from one place to another!

This internship is also very compatible with the Forestry Internship, in that if it seems like a good fit, Forestry interns could transition into being Facilities interns in different seasons, and vice a versa

### **Additional Ranch Duties May Include:**

*This could be 40-50% of your time, depending on seasonal fluctuations, ranch needs, and your interest in learning other things.*

- Feeding animals
- Cleaning, organizing, laundry
- Garden & landscape projects
- Hosting & program support
- Forestry, invasive species management, & land stewardship projects

### **Volunteer Expectations & Benefits:**

- Hours per week: Varies widely based on time of year, emergent needs, and ranch priorities. In the spring and fall, interns can typically expect to work 25-40 hours per week. In the summer, working at Ekone is an especially immersive experience. We work long days when there are campers here!
- 2-6 month minimum commitment, ideally starting in March/April and Aug/September
- Room and board provided
- Housing consists of a private room in the community lodge, trailer, bus, or tent.
- Abide by Ekone Volunteer Handbook and Ekone Community policies and agreements
- Expect a fabulously rewarding and challenging experience!

### **Application Process:**

- For information and application materials, email [michelle@ekone.org](mailto:michelle@ekone.org)
- Learn more about Ekone Ranch by checking out our website [www.ekone.org](http://www.ekone.org)