



Sacred Earth Foundation

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

Strategic Initiatives, 2015

In order to maintain and build upon the good works already happening at Ekone Ranch, the following new initiatives have been identified as priorities for 2015.

Programmatic

- **Garden education & production.** Increase the role that our garden and livestock plays in the kitchen and in the experience of campers, guests, and program participants. *Needs: propagation greenhouse, season extension hoop house, and paid garden coordinator*
- **Clean energy education.** Begin to utilize the newly improved off-grid power system for maximum educational impact. *Needs: staff time, consultation, educational materials*

Infrastructure

- **Yummy Tummy Café rebuild launch.** Begin planning for a much-needed overhaul of Ekone's main kitchen, which is structurally compromised and too small for our needs. Design and launch capital campaign and building design team, working towards completion of structure by June 2017. *Needs: planning capital, early funding commitments, consultation & expertise*
- **Composting toilets.** To reduce our water consumption, lighten the load on our septic and drainfield, and enable nutrient capture and recycling, we'll implement at least one new composting toilet system. *Needs: purchase or construction funds, staff time*

Stewardship

- **Conservation agreement for Rainbow Springs.** As this spectacular and critical piece of the Rock Creek watershed changes ownership, now is the time to create a permanent, binding agreement that ensures its protection in perpetuity. *Needs: legal advice, staff time*
- **Forest management & fuels reduction.** Complete 30 acres of forest fire fuels reduction and rehabilitate disturbed area, working with wildlife and ecology experts. Explore possibility of controlled burning. Continue and expand educational efforts. *Needs: staff time, quality tractor*

Organizational

- **Capacity building.** With ambitious goals and large projects on the horizon, SEF's capacity for fundraising, program execution, and organizational development needs to expand. *Needs: capacity building funds, staff time*
- **Refine fundraisers.** Hold off-site cocktail party fundraiser in Seattle this year, and add one new fundraising event, a fancy dinner at the ranch in springtime. Bring these events and the Barbed Wire Ball to the next level, through sponsorships, donor attraction, and compelling messaging. *Needs: outreach and networking, attendees*