



# Sacred Earth Foundation

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

## **Ekone Summer Camp VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

**Ekone Summer Camps depend heavily on our talented volunteers.** A big part of how we are able to offer a one-of-a-kind, ever-changing, dynamic and life-changing camp program is YOU, the adults who join us for a day or a week or a month, bringing your skills and inspiration and sharing them with the children.

Volunteers can play many different roles and take on varying levels of leadership with campers. Here are some examples from years past, when volunteers have:

- Coordinated a week-long exploration into the voices of nature, incorporating council, hikes, and mask-making, culminating in a Council Of All Beings.
- Led the creation of permanent art installations at Ekone, including the “yellow submarine” mural behind the kitchen and the Field Guide to Ekone Flowers.
- Shared feltmaking skills with the children, helping them all create a small project to take home as well as a large piece for Ekone’s fundraising auction.
- Led a week-long inquiry into mapmaking, looking at many different kinds of maps and investigating maps as navigation devices, body art, guides to the soul, and directions to the treasure at the end of the week.
- Provided kitchen support, working with our head cook to make her life easier and create the delicious meals that make the Yummy Tummy Café famous.
- Gave time and love to the garden, which needs all of both that it can get.
- Came to just one evening of camp and played music or told stories around the fire with the kids, making powerful memories.
- Made a presentation about Ekone Summer Camps to their children’s school, helping to spread the word about this special place to many more families.

As you can see, the range of offerings is very broad, and depends entirely on the skills and inspiration of the volunteer (and of course, the needs of Camp). They can range from just one afternoon or evening—a “special guest appearance” is sometimes the highlight of the week—to a week-long, in-depth exploration incorporating all of the kids of the session in a very involved way. Or, a volunteer may not work with the kids directly at all, instead giving time to the kitchen or garden or another ranch need, or advocating for Ekone Summer Camps in their own community.

**Volunteer Benefits** include delicious food, excellent company, starry nights, sunny days, and an infusion of the very special magic of Ekone Summer Camps. Camp volunteers should be primarily motivated by their desire to contribute to the special atmosphere and learning of Ekone Summer Camps, and by the opportunity to share something priceless with the children. We do not offer “camp credit” to volunteers, but if a child in your life is in need of financial assistance to attend camp, please visit the [Scholarships](#) area of our website.

## **Ekone Summer Camp VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Description of what you'd like to offer to Ekone Summer Camps:

Dates available \_\_\_\_\_

*I am aware that if selected as an Ekone volunteer, the staff and children will be counting on me to show up! PLEASE INITIAL HERE* \_\_\_\_\_

If you have NOT volunteered for Ekone in the past, please provide two references:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**If yes:** -Please provide a description of conviction on reverse.

-Was the conviction for a sex or child abuse related offense? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Return completed Questionnaire to:

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