



Sacred Earth Foundation

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

Ekone Summer Camp Counselor-In-Training Information

Ekone Summer Camp offers a special service learning opportunity for campers looking to take their experience of “life on a working ranch” to the next level. Most of our CIT’s have attended camp for a few seasons and are ready to take on more responsibility. Here are a few things you should know before submitting your application.

CIT’s are ages 13-17, with priority given to returning interns and campers who have proven themselves hard working, positive, and ready to take on some responsibility.

Being a CIT is work! We ask our CIT’s for lots of help each day. You will be assigned to a staff member to “shadow,” who will provide you with direction, guidance, support, and supervision. Typical CIT responsibilities may include:

- Helping your staff member lead a chore crew
- Running errands, delivering messages, etc
- Washing kitchen laundry
- Planning and leading evening games and activities for your fellow campers
- Helping with craft projects
- Assisting in the riding arena—helping riders keep their horses straight and safe in the line, managing the waiting area, etc

We expect you to be an excellent example. One of the greatest benefits to having you as a CIT is knowing that you will help show other campers what being a “top hand wrangler” is all about. It means constantly looking for ways that you can help, keeping a positive, energetic and enthusiastic attitude, and helping make camp a place where ALL campers are supported, everyone looks out for each other, gossip and cliques aren’t tolerated, and we have tons of fun living, working and playing together.

CITs are not staff, and not all CITs are the same. You will be given some responsibility and be asked to show leadership, but in general, you do not have authority over other campers. It takes maturity to find this balance, and we will help you learn to be a good leader. We also will ask for a different level of responsibility from a 17 year-old CIT who has been an CIT for years than a 13 year-old first-time CIT.

CITs sometimes grow up to run the place! Caitlin, Liz, Shonie, Shannon, Julia and many others all started as campers, then became CITs, then interns & junior staff, and are now leading the summer camp program and other aspects of Ekone. We’re excited to cultivate leadership in our campers, and look forward to watching some of you take over our jobs and have a life-changing impact on the *next* generation of Ekone kids!

We do not offer a tuition discount to CITs. We have a robust scholarship program—if you need help making camp affordable, please submit a scholarship application.

To apply to become a CIT, please complete the online registration process at app.campdoc.com/register/ekone, including the embedded CIT application portion.

Note: Youth aged 16-22 interested in spending a 3-4-week intensive at camp, working closely with our staff and taking on increased leadership, should consider applying for an Internship position. Please contact us for more information on the Intern program.