



TOMKAT
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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

invite you to

LAND AS A LEVER FOR GOOD

Exploring stewardship, legacy, and the role
of land in a changing West

September 11-13, 2026

TomKat Ranch

Pescadero, California

Owning land is a tremendous responsibility, opportunity, and privilege. Throughout the West, a growing community of landowners is working to determine how the lands they steward will be cared for in the future. **As part of this next generation, this weekend is a chance for you to explore the potential role these lands can play in your life, your family's future, and the vitality of rural communities in the West.**

How can you translate your values and vision into action on the land, both now and for generations to come? Through guided conversations, inspiring voices, and small-group discussions, you'll discover how the lands you may inherit can be a powerful force for good.

Hosted at the beautiful TomKat Ranch near the coast of central California, with food and lodging included, this will be a memorable weekend of learning and camaraderie. We hope you'll leave with a deeper understanding of your own personal values and vision for your land, a supportive peer network of NextGen landowners, and an appetite for continuing the conversation!

Reserve your spot today!
(Space limited to 15 participants)
RSVP to Dani Howlett at
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406-253-3480

Example agenda:

Friday

- Arrival, introductions, & welcome
- Happy hour, games, & dinner
- Fireside chat - stewardship stories with guest speaker

Saturday

- Group hike & breakfast
- Discussion: *Living your Values*
 - *Identifying and discussing your personal values in context of land and legacy of stewardship*
- Field trip to the beach with group activity
- Lunch
- TomKat Ranch tour
- Visioning exercise: *What is a vision you have for your future land base?*
- Dinner, short films, & fireside chat

Sunday

- Morning yoga & breakfast
- Discussion: *Practicalities & Tools Versus Lofty Visions*
- Personal & group next steps
- Departure

**Where
you'll stay:**

Ranch Camp *available May-October*



- 12 Canvas bell tents
- Each with camping gear for two (includes sleeping bag and pillow)
- Close by: Outdoor kitchen and restroom/shower trailer combo with biodegradable soap (includes towels)

Participant Testimonials

“As a next generation landowner, *Land as a Lever for Good* gave me a community of people who understand both the challenges and the hope tied to caring for working landscapes. The retreat helped me grow, connect, and feel supported in work that can often feel isolating.” – Jackson Stewart, B Bar Ranch, Montana

“I really enjoyed hearing about other participants operations. It was reassuring to learn that other families run into some similar things. I wasn't really aware people experience the same issues around family dynamics. It's nice knowing they're common and also nice having a network to now discuss this with.”

– 2025 participant



Photos from 2024 & 2025 events

