

Open Country Farms

Dear Kneehill County,

Open Country Farms will be located 22 KM Southwest of Three Hills AB, formerly called Refuge Ranch. It will be privately owned by Wayne and Lydia Nelson. Possession date is June 1, 2024. Our Application for Redesignation would primarily include two existing buildings, as well as additional space to be used for a combination of RV's, tents, and mini cabins.

These spaces would be for events such as:

- Family Reunions
- Weddings
- Church picnics/campouts
- Conferences/workshops/seminars
- Retreats – Leadership, Marriage, families, individuals
- Music events

We anticipate our busy months to be June-September but at this time it is difficult to say just what that will look like. Our focus will be on hosting events with most of them taking place on the weekends (Friday-Sunday). We anticipate that there will 6-8 larger outdoor events through the summer with up to 20 RV's and 150-200 people. The remainder of the year will focus on indoor events, and we would anticipate 2/month with approximately 50-150 people. We hope our disc golf course will attract visitors during the week but those will be small numbers spread throughout the day.

Open Country Farms will create a safe and friendly environment that offers:

- Activities such as disc golf, mini golf, a children's play area, etc.
- A 160-seat, multi-purpose building with wheelchair access, washrooms, and showers.
- A dining hall with a kitchen and seating for up to 80 people.
- RV parking for up to 20, that includes both power and water hook ups.

This Application for Redesignation would apply to approximately 4 acres of the total 20-acre property. The remaining 16 acres would include a residence, shop, barn, corrals, and pasture. The residence would be our permanent dwelling (Wayne and Lydia) and the remaining buildings/pasture would remain agricultural.

Wayne & Lydia Nelson