

Wolfe Ranch Open House May First

Quakerdale is a ministry of the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends and for decades Quakerdale has served children of the state of Iowa through the Department of Human Services. There have been rich opportunities to serve many in need, however as state budget cuts occur we are aware that our services must and will change. We are striving to become more involved with Iowa communities to seek out the needs and see how we can help.

We know that Quakerdale will look different in the future and we expect to touch even more people than ever before through new initiatives. We need the people in our churches, communities, and state to show us what is needed so we can partner and develop new initiatives. Quakerdale exists to serve people as Christ serves.

One of the first changes happening at Quakerdale has to do with the closing of the Wolfe Ranch Residential Treatment program and the start of a new 24 month pilot project at the Ranch. While we will not be operating a residential treatment program at the ranch, we will still be doing ministry work in new ways. Quakerdale is not limited to a campus location or restricted to a service that matches what we have done in the past. As a matter of fact... we doubt we know all the ways that we will be utilizing this facility and we need your help to talk to us about ideas and areas of need. Even so, here are some of our rough ideas:

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- Using the horses for team building, counseling and communication training for Quakerdale kids and outside groups
- Sponsoring family, church and organization retreats and meetings
- Holding youth Lock ins/conducting youth and adult spiritual/leadership events
- Sponsoring horse camps lasting from a half day to a week
- Counseling (and virtual) Support groups for weight loss, divorce, singles, parents addictions etc.
- Hosting IAYM meetings: BOC, Quarterly meetings, spring and fall body meetings, short course etc.
- Hosting work groups to volunteer at Quakerdale ministries
- Hosting Veterans home, nursing homes, schools etc... to come and spend a day

We invite individuals, families, Sunday School Classes, Churches and others to come visit. Meet Joy and Jon Bethel who are leading this project and reside on the ranch. Learn about our heart to serve the Lord at Quakerdale... not only at the Ranch, but in every program and initiative we do!

We are having a come and go open house breakfast on May 1, from 6 to 10 am! We invite you to come and see the ranch and have some breakfast. Then you can go to Camp Quaker Heights for their work day.

So please keep Quakerdale in your prayers. We are always looking for ministry minded people to work and volunteer. We need your prayers that we find the needs that God has for us to serve Him through. We need your input! If you'd like someone to come and talk to your church, school, or club please contact us!

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Horse Barn and Basketball Court



Wolfe Ranch Life Enrichment Center



Wolfe Ranch Life Enrichment Center and Conference Site