

Heifer Global Gateway

Optional Field Trip for

PreAP 5th Graders



Studying cultures and resources is an important part of being a citizen of the world. Heifer International is a wonderful organization that provides opportunities for people to learn about and help third world countries' citizens. Heifer encourages a "pass it forward" system and our 5th grade students have the opportunity to go and learn more about our world and its citizens.

Who: 5th Grade Pre-AP Students

What: An overnight adventure in the Heifer Village

When: October 29- 30, 2015

Where: Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR

Why: To learn about impoverished countries

How: A school bus will leave **Thursday, October 29th** and take approximately 50 students to the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR and return Friday, October 30th in the afternoon.

When the students arrive, they will have lunch in the cafeteria and then the program begins. By that afternoon, each student is randomly assigned a "country village" to "live" in for the night. While in the village, students will examine resources and will barter with other villages in order to cook their own dinner and breakfast. They are also responsible for "daily chores" similar to those in the assigned country. The

accommodations in the village are as close to real life as possible – no power sources or showers and including outhouses.

Electronics (including cell phones), watches, or any food items are **NOT allowed**. These items will be confiscated by the Heifer Ranch employees.

If you are unable to live without a cellphone or any other type of electronics DO NOT sign up for this trip.

We are excited about this real-life experience and believe it will leave a lasting impression on the students. Students will leave with knowledge of solutions to the challenge of hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation. Risk of physical injury is about the same as camping. There will be a variety of insects and wildlife. If you do not feel you can handle a two-day outdoors experience including sleeping and cooking your own meal, please pass on this trip. Chaperones will have the same experiences as the students.

If you choose this activity for your child, you will need to send a \$25.00 deposit per person and the following forms filled out completely **no later than Thursday, September 17, 2015. The remaining balance is due Monday, October 19th.**

This hands-on experience is an extension of the classroom curriculum and will include learning activities. This price includes the Global Gateway adventure, lunch for two days, and a Heifer International Heifer Ranch t-shirt.

The amount of students attending this trip is limited to the number of adult chaperones available. We must have one adult for every five students. We will rely on parents to attend as chaperones to supervise groups of students. This will be your opportunity to participate with your child in an educational activity and to assist us. If you choose to attend, you will be playing a crucial role in making this an important learning activity for the children in Pre-AP Social Studies. You must be willing to give your undivided attention therefore no electronics for adults during instructional activities. The cost for adults attending is \$80.00 (parents provide their own transportation).

This is an exciting adventure and I hope that you feel the same way. **You may text @eldoradogt to (870) 568-0862 for trip updates. This will be our form of communication.**



Leaving: **7:00 a.m.** October 29, 2015 from El Dorado Education Complex (Old EL Dorado High School) parking lot. We will leave ON TIME!

Returning: **4:00 p.m.** October 30, 2015 to the El Dorado Education Complex (Old EL Dorado High School) parking lot – Please Be ON TIME for pick-up.

Students Need To Bring: Jeans/Long Pants, Jacket, Insect Repellent, Flashlight. Students may bring a hat. Students MUST bring a pillow and sleeping bag. Students will be sleeping outside and spend most all of the time outside as well. Be prepared for cool, wet, or warm weather. You must be prepared to experience a variety of weather conditions (hot, cold, rainy, etc.). Bring a light rain poncho (Plastic from Dollar Store/Wal-Mart is fine). You will be outside rain or shine, hot or cold. Students will need to bring a lightweight backpack and a refillable water bottle. You will carry all that you bring with you, so only pack what is needed!

*There is a gift shop so students might want to bring some money for shopping.

Sincerely,
Katie King

Please return this portion along with the necessary forms with your child by Sept. 17th.

Please mark one or more.

_____ My child is not attending the trip to Heifer Ranch.

_____ My child is attending the trip to Heifer Ranch. I have enclosed \$80.00 in a sealed envelope labeled for Mrs. King.

_____ I am willing to be a chaperone for this trip. I have enclosed \$160.00 for both of us in a sealed envelope labeled for Mrs. King.

_____ Student's Name

_____ Parent's Name

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. **Heifer Ranch** is a 1,200-acre working ranch and hands-on learning center providing education that promotes sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental concerns. Since 1992 the Heifer Ranch has been offering overnight experiences in their Global Village. During that time, thousands of lives have been challenged to make the world a better place for all its inhabitants.