Welcome to the Heifer Global Village! Below is our suggested packing list for your Global Gateway (overnight) program at the Village. Remember that you will be outdoors for most of your first day.

**Please note:** you will be hiking your own gear out to the Village! Make sure your gear is easily transported!

**Things You Should Bring to the Village**
- Sack lunch
- Sturdy sports shoes or hiking boots that can get dirty.
- Sleeping bag
- Appropriate clothing for the season and current weather.
- A filled water bottle (quart-sized recommended)
- Medications**
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Lip balm

**Things You May Leave in Your Lodge or Vehicle**
- Change of clothes
- Snacks or leftovers from lunch.

**Please Do Not Bring**
- Electronics (music, games, phones, etc.)
- Weapons of any kind (including hunting or Swiss Army knives)
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products
- Dress shoes, sandals, or flip flops
- Anything with words, gestures, logos, or graphics

Stroller and walkers are not advised on this terrain, however benches are available throughout the Village.

*If you feel that anyone in your group may experience mobility, allergy, or medical issues in the Village, or if you have further questions, please contact Global Village Coordinator Emily De Long at 517-546-0249, or at emilyd@howellnaturecenter.org.

**If your child takes medications, please communicate those needs to your organizing teacher. The Howell Nature Center prefers that medications are kept in an adult’s possession.**

**A side note to chaperones:**
Thank you for giving up a day to accompany your children on such an important trip. We ask that you be supportive and positive role models for the young people in your group. Please encourage them to participate and allow them the space to try, fail, ask questions, wonder, and explore.

Chatting in that “background” is always heard and can be distracting for the group. We ask that you refrain from side conversations, and that you silence your phones and use them on an emergency basis only. Thank you very much for your support and cooperation!