Welcome to the Heifer Global Village! Below is our suggested packing list for your Global Gateway program at the Village. **Remember that you will be outdoors the entire 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**

- Sturdy sports shoes or hiking boots that can get dirty.
- Appropriate clothing for the season and current weather. Dress in layers and bring clothes appropriate for the coldest part of the day.
  - Raincoat and/or umbrella if rain is forecasted
  - Winter coat, warm socks, winter hat, gloves/mittens if cold weather is predicted
- A filled reusable water bottle (quart-sized recommended)
- Medications**
- Sunscreen, Lip balm, hat, sunglasses
- Bug spray
- Backpack/bag to carry all your belongings

**Please Do Not Bring**

- Electronics (music, games, phones, etc.)
- Weapons of any kind (including hunting or Swiss Army knives)
- Dress shoes, sandals, or flip flops
- Anything with words, gestures, logos, or symbols which may be considered inappropriate

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

*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 Beckym@howellnaturecenter.org.
A side note to chaperones:

Thank you for accompanying 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!