

# Cultural Connections Packing List



Welcome to the Heifer Global Village! Below is our suggested packing list for your Cultural Connections (four-hour) trip to the Heifer Global Village. *Please plan on being outdoors during your entire program!*

## Recommended

In order to make your visit as enjoyable as possible, we suggest you bring or wear the following on your program day:

- A backpack to carry essentials in. (You may want to share a backpack with a friend and take turns carrying it.)
- Sturdy sports shoes or hiking boots that can get dirty. Dress shoes, flip-flops and sandals are not recommended.
- Appropriate clothing for the season and current weather. Remember that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon.
- Water bottle (FULL – there is no drinking water available at the Village).
- Sunscreen, bug spray, chapstick
- Hat, sunglasses

*Optional:* camera

## Please Do Not Bring

- Your own food (includes a “backup” lunch, snacks, candy, gum, drinks other than water)\*
- Electronics (music, games, phones, etc.)
- Weapons of any kind (including hunting or Swiss Army knives)
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products

Strollers and walkers are not advised on this terrain, however benches are available in some parts of the village.\*

\*If you feel that anyone in your group may experience mobility, allergy, or medical issues in the Village, or if you have any further questions, please call us at 517-546-0249 or email Heather Barnes, the Global Village Coordinator, at [hbarnes@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:hbarnes@howellnaturecenter.org).

## *A side note to chaperones:*

We thank you heartily for giving up a day of your hectic lives to accompany your children on such an important trip today. They wouldn't be here without you, and neither would we.

We ask that you be supportive and positive role models for the young people in your group, encouraging them to participate and allowing them the space to try, fail, ask questions, wonder, and explore.

Please remember that chatting in the “background” is always heard and can be distracting for the group. We also ask that you silence your phones and use them on an emergency basis only. Thank you very much for your support and cooperation!

*We look forward to seeing you!*