

TO: 4-H Members in grades 7-12

RE: Global Gateway Experience at Heifer Ranch April 11-15, 2019



Dear 4-H Member,

Kosciusko County has the opportunity to join Indiana 4-H members from other counties on a "Global Gateway Experience" trip to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, April 11-15, 2019. We are looking to send a team of 4 youth and 1 adult from Kosciusko County.

The Heifer International Learning Center includes a Global Village in which you will see re-created urban slums, bamboo huts, shanties, refugee camps, and more. Heifer International creates an experience in which nothing (shelter, food, water, or cooking fuel) can be taken for granted.

On Thursday evening, April 11, our county team will join other Indiana 4-H members at a location in Indiana (TBD) for an orientation and chance to get to know the others in the group. Friday morning, April 12, we'll board a Purdue charter bus for the trip to Perryville, Arkansas. Friday evening, we'll stay in the "Heifer Hilton," which includes bunk bed style housing in a barn on the top level, with animals living on the level below our sleeping area. Saturday morning after breakfast we'll enjoy some team building activities. Following lunch, we'll begin the tour of the Global Village.

On Saturday night we'll stay in a Global Village facility and prepare a meal with limited resources. Sunday morning, April 14, we'll wake up to breakfast, chores, and a discussion of our experiences, followed by some additional team building activities. We'll stay in the Heifer Hilton on Sunday evening as we work on our county plans that will enable us to take action when we return home!

On Monday morning, April 15, we'll begin our trip back to Indiana after breakfast, with expected arrival time at 5 p.m. Monday (to the location where we met on Thursday night).

Enclosed is an application for you to complete and return indicating your interest in representing our County on this trip. There is limited space on the charter bus, available to county teams of 4 youth and 1 adult on a first-come, first served basis. Please return your application to the Extension Office by Nov. 1.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Farm Credit Mid-America** and **Indiana 4-H**, the cost to you for attending this trip has been reduced from its original price. Members should expect to pay at least \$50, depending on support from 4-H Council and other organizations plus three meals to and from Arkansas. If this is a hardship for you, please let us know. Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity to learn about the world and its cultures! If you have further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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