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Field Trips at Heifer Ranch

Perryville, Arkansas

Spend a couple of hours exploring Heifer Ranch furthering your knowledge of how Heifer is improving lives around the world. Each **Heifer Ranch day program** includes an introduction to Heifer International and a tour of the Ranch. Review each program in the catalog to find the program that fits your group needs the best. While there is no minimum group size, the minimum group cost will be for 12 people.

- Animal Connections
- Discover Heifer

Heifer Ranch

Heifer Ranch is one of three learning centers operated by Heifer International. Heifer's Learning Centers provide experiential education aimed to inspire, challenge and engage people to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

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- Program Descriptions
- Frequently Asked Questions about the programs
- Guide to Making a Reservation

Heifer Program Reservations:
1-855-3HEIFER (1-855-343-4337)
reservations@heifer.org

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Heifer Ranch | 55Heifer Rd | Perryville, AR 72126
Main Phone (501) 889-5124
www.heifer.org/ranch

ANIMAL CONNECTIONS

- For all ages
- Offered Monday – Saturday, AM only
- Start time: 10:00 a.m.
- Length of program: 2 ½ hours
- Rate: \$10.00/per person (age 3+)
- Chaperone Ratio: 1 adult to 30 kids
- Lunch may be added on after the tour for \$10/person. Advance reservation required (at least 3 weeks).

Animal Connections is a field trip which provides threshold experiences that open the door to exploring and understanding our world.* Age appropriate experiences allow students to learn about people, land and livestock while watching our video, touring the Global Village and interacting with animals in our Show Barn. Along the way you will see examples of sustainable agriculture practices used on the Ranch and by our partners around the world to help meet our mission.

- ✓ **Introduction**-- You will be introduced to Heifer's mission to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth, and you'll learn how Heifer Ranch's mission to educate is a vital part of that plan.
- ✓ **Video** – You will watch a video that will share the story of Heifer by introducing viewers to Heifer project families from around the world.
- ✓ **Tour** – Participants will learn more about Heifer Ranch and Heifer project partners during their stroll around Llama Loop. Ranch animals are representative of animals that are received by project partners around the world. Animals help to enrich the lives of our project partners, as well as helping the Ranch to educate and be more sustainable. As a working ranch, participants will see staff engaging in daily activities, such as working in the gardens or with the animals.
- ✓ **Hands-on Activities**** – Participants have the option to participate in a seasonally-available hands-on experience such as goat-milking while they learn about the 7 M's that animals can provide to humans (milk, meat, money, manure, motivation, muscle, & materials).
- ✓ **Closing and Take Action Discussion** – Evaluate what you have learned via a discussion facilitated by Heifer Farm Staff. Explore the ways in which you can apply this knowledge to help create a world without hunger and poverty.

**Activities are subject to change to meet the group needs or due to constraints such as weather and/or time.*

*** All activities involving livestock will be closely supervised by Learning Center Staff. All members of your group may or may not participate in identical hands-on activities.*

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DISCOVER HEIFER

- For all ages
- Offered Monday – Saturday, PM only
- Start time: 1:00 pm
- Length of program: 2 hours
- Rate: \$10.00/person (age 3+)
- Chaperone Ratio: 1 adult to 30 kids
- Lunch may be added on before the tour for \$10/person. Advance reservation required (at least 3 weeks).

Discover Heifer is a day program which provides an excellent introduction to Heifer International and our work with project partners. Participants learn about people, land and livestock while watching our video, touring the Ranch on the wagon and visiting the Show Barn. Along the way you will see examples of sustainable agriculture practices used on the Ranch and by our partners around the world to help meet our mission.

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- ✓ **Video** – You will watch a video that will share the story of Heifer by introducing viewers to Heifer project families from around the world.
- ✓ **Tour** – Participants will learn more about animals, agriculture and Heifer project partners during their Ranch Tour aboard our tractor wagon. Ranch animals are representative of animals that are received by project partners around the world. As a working ranch, participants will see staff engaging in daily activities, such as working in the gardens or with the animals.
- ✓ **Show Barn** – Meet the animals in our educational show barn and learn how they can help families in need. Animals help to enrich the lives of our project partners, increase sustainability and play a role in caring for our environment.
- ✓ **Closing and Take Action Discussion** – Evaluate what you have learned via a discussion facilitated by Heifer Ranch Staff. Explore the ways in which you can apply this knowledge to help create a world without hunger and poverty.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if it rains?

All activities are rain or shine. Activities take place in a mix of indoor and outdoor locations. Many of the outdoor locations have shelters. If dangerous weather is predicted, please call the reservation office to discuss rescheduling possibilities.

What should we wear?

All participants should wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes and dress for the outdoors. Outside activities will continue in heat, cold, and rain unless deemed unsafe. Water bottles, hats, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended during warmer months.

What should we bring?

You might wish to bring water bottles, insect repellent, sun protection, camera and/or rain gear.

How can we prepare for our trip?

We recommend a visit to www.heifer.org. Click on "What You Can Do" for additional activities and ideas. The website will contain recommended books, lesson and challenges which may be of interest to your group.

What is the role of adults/chaperones?

We look to the adult chaperones for behavior management and any discipline required. Adults/chaperones are considered participants in all activities and should therefore be included in your final count.

Is the tour handicap accessible?

Discover Heifer is 100% accessible if we are notified in advance so that our ADA accessible wagon can be reserved. The Animal Connection program is accessible except certain homes in the Global Village. The Guatemala site has an ADA compliant trail to the home and an overlook to the rest of the village.

Will I receive cell phone reception?

Most cellular services receive coverage except T-mobile. We do require all cell phones be turned on silent during all Ranch programming.

Is there a place where we can have a picnic lunch?

Yes, there are two covered pavilions near the parking area. These pavilions can be rented for an additional fee if you would like guarantee availability for your group.

Who are the Ranch Staff?

Staff includes both employees and volunteers from all over the world. Staff undergo a thorough background check and several weeks of training.

Will we be combined with other groups during our programming?

Animal Connections groups will not be combined with another group however; we may have multiple groups at the same time. Discover Heifer tours may occasionally combine with drop-in visitors if there is space.

Do you have a gift shop?

Yes! The Shop@Heifer offers a variety of t-shirts and fair-trade products from around the world. Many of the items in our shops can also be found on-line at www.heifer.org/shop.

Can we bring our pets?

No. For the safety of our animals and yours, only service animals are permitted.

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MAKING A RESERVATION

To Register: Review all information, determine your group size, choose a first & second choice of dates, call or e-mail to make a reservation:

1-855-3HEIFER (1-855-343-4337) or reservations@heifer.org.

Dates: Call for availability and supply a month and dates.

Chaperone Requirements: 1 adult to 30 youth (1:30)

Group Sizes: No minimum requirement; Minimum group charge is for 12 participants

Deposit: Balance is due 30 days from date of contract.

Determining your group size

It is important to have as accurate a group count as possible as we normally have multiple field trip groups each day. Your group size should include students, staff and guests such as parents, grandparents, etc.

Regarding Number of Attendees: To ensure our events are appropriately staffed, you must contact us prior to increasing or decreasing the number of attendees indicated at reservation. **We cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate additional attendees.** You will be financially responsible for the number of attendees agreed upon when signing the Contract, regardless of whether you decrease your number of attendees. If you increase your number of attendees, you will be responsible for a new balance based upon said increase. A Group Roster, which should be your final number of attendees, must be given to us at least three (3) weeks prior to your Reservation Date.

Payment Schedule

- Payment for initial group size estimate and signed contract due within 30 of contract date.
- If a reservation is made within 30 days of the arrival date, full payment is due at time of reservation.
- Final count due 3 weeks prior to arrival date with Group Roster Form
- Any final payments are made at time of arrival.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- If you cancel, reasonable efforts will be made to reschedule an alternative date.
- Cancellation by the group 90 days or more before the arrival date, a refund of half (1/2) of monies paid will be issued.
- Cancellation by the group 90 days before the arrival date, no refund will be issued & any monies paid will be forfeited.