

Study Tour for Educator Application

Dear Study Tours for Educators Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Heifer International's Study Tour for PreK-12 Faculty and Administrators! Please complete this application packet and return it by February 1, 2012 to the Community Education Office. This is a highly competitive program and you will be notified early February if you have been accepted.

This Study Tour is designed for PreK-12 teachers, administrators and educational volunteers who can provide local and regional support for Heifer's educational outreach programs. Continuing Education (CEU) credit is available for all participants. Pre- and post-trip commitments are expected of each participant, as the program is designed to train educators for leadership roles in promoting education on the issues surrounding hunger, poverty and environmental degradation and Heifer's sustainable solutions.

Accepted applicants will receive a grant from Heifer International which pays for all items listed in the tour's itinerary, including shared accommodations, meals, tour leaders and guides, workshops, resource materials, project and cultural site visits, transportation between activities, and emergency evacuation insurance. International air transportation to Honduras is also included, but all participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the selected U.S. departure city and for any incidental costs such as snacks and souvenirs.

We recognize that travel is not without risk, and we take the safety of our participants very seriously. If deemed advisable, we reserve the right to cancel or interrupt a trip at any time. ***Trip itineraries are subject to change***, even after a trip commences. Upon acceptance, you must complete a waiver form.

For any further information, visit www.heifer.org/schools, contact the Community Education Office at schoolprograms@heifer.org or call 501-907-2631. For your application to be considered, you must complete all of the attached forms and mail this packet to: Heifer International, **Attn: School Programs/Kim Machnik**, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or email it to schoolprograms@heifer.org.

* Heifer uses its best efforts to obtain emergency medical evacuation services ("SOS") for all study tour groups. **However, in the event Heifer is unable to obtain SOS for you, you will be required to (a) obtain your own emergency medical evacuation services, acceptable to Heifer in its reasonable discretion, and (b) provide Heifer with proof thereof prior to the Study Tour.**



Honduras: Study Tour for Educators

Dates: June 24 – July 1, 2012 (PreK-12 Faculty and Administrators)
Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

Name (as it appears on Passport): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Passport Number: _____ Date of Expiration: _____
Address (street, city, state, zip): _____
Home Phone: _____ Work/Day Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
List any health or dietary restrictions here: _____
Have you applied for a Study Tour for Educators before? Yes / No
If yes, when: _____

Professional Background

Current Position (i.e. teacher, college or university faculty, administrator, retiree, etc.): _____
Workplace: _____
Education: _____
Professional Organization Memberships: _____
Relevant Work Experience (give specific details): _____

Because of the demanding nature of a Study Tour, it is essential that participants are mentally and physically fit. Do you feel prepared to deal with stressful situations such as lack of sleep, physical exertion, sudden changes in itinerary and emotional responses to witnessing the conditions of extreme poverty? Yes / No
If you have concerns, please explain: _____

This tour may be in remote areas reached by long rides over bumpy roads, moderate to strenuous walks and long periods of standing, so participants should be physically independent. A "Waiver and Release" form will be sent for you to sign before departure. Please initial here to verify that you have read the preceding statements: _____

Passing on the Gift

I understand that by participating in a Heifer International Study Tour, I am responsible for sharing my experience with others upon my return. I pledge to become an advocate for Heifer's mission and to educate people about the root causes of hunger and poverty and how caring for the Earth can alleviate these problems. I pledge to pass on the gift of this experience to my students, peers and colleagues, and to incorporate the lessons learned during this Study Tour into my curriculum and on my campus. I also understand that by signing this application, I agree to complete a Heifer Study Tour evaluation form as well as any subsequent Study Tour evaluation documents.

Participant Signature/Date: _____



Study Tour for Educators Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions completely and honestly to allow us a better understanding of the depth of your affiliation with Heifer and your existing views on hunger and poverty. These answers will help us determine if you should be selected to participate in a Study Tour for Educators.

Name (as it should appear on name tag): _____

Provide the requested information below for any of the Heifer Education programs that you have participated in previously:

Heifer U (Month/Year Attended): _____

Heifer U for Educators (Year Attended): _____

Heifer Volunteer Training (Month/Year/Location Attended): _____

Heifer Learning Center Program (Program/Year/Location Attended): _____

Heifer Education Professional Development Workshop (Month/Year/Location Attended): _____

Conference Workshop on Heifer Programs (Month/Year/Conference Attended): _____

Have you participated in a Heifer Study Tour before? Yes / No
If yes, where and how have you shared your experience?

In your own words, describe Heifer International's mission.

Have you volunteered for Heifer? Yes/No If yes, describe your experience(s).

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. What do you see as the primary purpose and value of Heifer's educational offerings and/or methodology and development approach to the curricular programming and student engagement at your academic institution? Provide details of any experiences that you have had using Heifer's educational materials or incorporating Heifer into your curriculum.
2. In what ways can you integrate your experience in Honduras into your classroom, institution, and overall academic community during the 2012-2013 school year and beyond?
3. How would you be able to assist Heifer in promoting our education programs as a result of this program?
4. After this trip is completed, are you willing to continue to collaborate with Heifer's Education Team to provide outreach and training to other educators and students?
5. Provide any additional information which you feel would be relevant in your application to this program. We want to know how we will be able to most fully benefit from your participation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

