GLOBE is a comprehensive two-tier Texas 4-H Youth Development citizenship and leadership program designed to create awareness and understanding of different cultures and the challenges they face. Through this holistic approach 4-H members will be challenged to look at their own communities through the eyes of people experiencing hunger and poverty and take humanitarian action. The goal of the program is for youth participants to DO, REFLECT and APPLY. GLOBE is designed for intermediate (grades 6-8) and senior (grades 9-12) 4-H members. Texas A&M AgriLife personnel will chaperone all activities. Tier I must be completed in order to advance to Tier II, but advancement to the second level is not mandatory.

**TIER I**

- **Education Grows Here**
  - required participation in series of three webinars
  - cultural and geographic competency of countries served by Heifer International

- **Citizenship Grows Here**
  - learning, leading and making a difference
  - Action Plan...two civic education presentations and a service project fulfilled

- **Empathy Grows Here**
  - vicarious experience ‘in another’s shoes’
  - hands-on simulation at Heifer Ranch, Perryville, Arkansas

- **Leadership Grows Here**
  - knowledge and life-skill development through experiential learning
  - teambuilding exercises

**TIER II**

In Tier II 4-H youth will go a step beyond the experience at Heifer Ranch and focus on global communities and service learning that makes a difference. Participants will travel to a predetermined location (abroad or within the USA), such as a Native American Reservation, and engage in cultural experiences and perform service learning to benefit the peoples of the community. The Tier II annual program will begin in 2017. More information to be shared in the near future.
GLOBE — Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education, Tier I experience

Who? 4-H members grades 6-12  |  When: June 29—July 2, 2016

Register on 4-H Connect, GLOBE  |  Limited to first 40 paid youth

Registration fee: $350  |  $175 deposit due March 13, balance of $175 by April 13

June 29 travel to Heifer Ranch  *  June 30-July 1 Global Village experience  *  July 2 return home

**Webinars:** 4-H members are expected to participate in at least two of three scheduled online webinars. The webinars are designed to introduce youth to the concepts of poverty, sustainability and temporary aid. Youth will learn about Heifer International and the partnerships with various countries in the Global Village simulation at Heifer Ranch.

**Experiential Field Trip:** 40 youth and Texas A&M AgriLife personnel serving as chaperons will travel on charter bus to Perryville, AR on June 29. The bus will begin in San Angelo, stopping in College Station and Canton, arriving at Heifer Ranch about 5:30 pm. Participants will bring a sack lunch and snacks. The registration fee of $350 includes lodging three nights and all meals beginning with Dinner on June 29. The bus will depart Heifer Ranch after breakfast on July 2, lunch provided along the way with drop-offs in Canton, College Station and San Angelo. (Route details and times to be provided.) Participants will bring sleeping bags and toiletries as with any ‘camp’ experience.

**T-shirt:** all participants will receive a Texas 4-H GLOBE commemorative t-shirt

**Expectations:** Upon completion of the Tier I experience at Heifer Ranch, participants are expected to complete a service project related to poverty and/or hunger and make two presentations about their experience to civic groups. Tasks will be reported through an online reporting system.

**What’s next?** A Tier II international service learning experience abroad will be offered in 2017; only those youth that have completed the Tier I experience are eligible to participate.

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Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR is a 1,200 acre educational farm dedicated to educating youth and adults about Heifer International’s programs and activities to promote sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation.

Heifer International has partnered with and helped communities for 70 years. Their mission is to attain sustainable livelihoods through community-owned interventions. Through their efforts, 25 million families have lifted themselves out of hunger and poverty, yet nearly one billion people around the world still live in extreme poverty.

Heifer’s holistic approach focuses on increasing income and assets, food security and nutrition and the environment. The cornerstone of ‘passing the gift’ continues today with farming families in marginalized locations receiving a gift of a livestock animal, one that can provide one or more of the 7 M’s of Livestock: milk, money, meat, manure, muscle, material, or motivation. The expectation of the family to pass the gift of a female offspring to another family provides intangible benefits of opportunity, dignity, acceptance and sustainability.

**Global Challenge — an ‘international’ experience closer to home**

Global Challenge uses problem-solving and communication activities to help participants learn teambuilding skills that can be drawn upon and used to assist them in the overnight global village experience. By participating in daily life activities such as preparing meals and doing chores, similar to those that Heifer’s Project Partners perform each day, the goal is to inspire participants to take action in their own life that will positively impact the environment and the world.

Global Challenge participants spend the first night in Heifer Hilton, an open air bunk barn. The second night is spent in the Global Village. Global Challenge creates an existence in which nothing — shelter, food, water or cooking fuel — can be taken for granted. Youth and adult participants are randomly assigned as ‘families’ for each community and must work as a team for survival. The Global Village include simulations of Zambia, Thailand, Guatemala, China, Appalachia, Urban Slums and a Refugee camp.