



"Inspiring courageous global citizens"



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to Village Weekends, a high-energy, highly motivating enrichment program for language students attending with a school group! Your child has been invited to participate in a language and cultural immersion experience at Concordia Language Villages, located near Bemidji, Minn. at our architecturally authentic sites on Turtle River Lake.



The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to inspire courageous global citizens. Immersed in another language and culture, students gain a deeper perspective of the world through activities and sports, games, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, authentic meals and conversation with fluent speakers of the language. Concordia Language Villages celebrates diversity, unity, peace, stewardship and justice. Students return to their home classrooms energized and increasingly motivated to actively engage in language learning.



Participating students attend a short program (an evening, one full day, and a morning) or a long program (an evening, two full days, and a morning). Our staff includes a full-time dean, program leaders, culture and language specialists, interns, native speakers and language students from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., as well as other colleges and universities in the region.

Some parents become involved in Concordia Language Villages by becoming chaperones; ask your child's teacher if there are openings for your group. Chaperones supervise in cabins and are encouraged to participate in Village life.



Please contact us with any questions you may have before or after the program at **(218) 586-8600**. We can also be contacted by email at **weekends@cord.edu** before or after the program. We encourage you to visit our website at ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org to learn more about all of our programs, including family and adult programs as well as our world-renowned youth summer camps.

We hope your child will join us at the Language Villages this year!

Very Respectfully,
Marty Jost Fankhanel
Dr. Kirsten Addison

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Family fills out the entire registration form.
2. Payment are to be made to your school.
3. Teacher sends initial payment at time of registration and then send final payment students six weeks before the session.

IS MY CHILD READY TO PARTICIPATE

In order to participate in a Village Weekends program, your child should be able to meet their personal needs such as showering, getting dressed and eating, moving independently from place to place, and effectively interacting and maintaining emotional resilience in our group-based and community living environment. By completing the registration form, you as a parent/guardian attest that your child meets these criteria.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Eating culturally authentic foods is an essential element of a Language Villages immersion experience. Some of these foods contain items to which a person may be allergic; consequently, our program is not appropriate for people whose food allergy is so sensitive that being around others eating that item triggers anaphylaxis.

MEDICATIONS

All medications are to be left in the care of the school or group's designated medical personnel for the safety of all our guests and staff. Parents should send medication with the school designate if they think their child may need it. Medication procedures will follow each individual school's policies. Medication will not be provided by Concordia Language Villages staff.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Housing is in comfortable, winterized cabins and villagers are assigned according to gender and age. Each cabin houses 10 to 14 villagers and their chaperones.

PROGRAM COSTS (includes tuition, room and board)

- 3-day short program - 2025-2026 \$250
- 4-day long program - 2025-2026 \$370

PHOTOGRAPHING VILLAGERS

During Village Field Trips we often photograph or film Village life. Images may be used in displays, on our Website, for publication or in advertisements. All photographs, video, or audio are exclusive property of Concordia Language Villages. No compensation is paid to the villagers or staff whose photos are used. Villagers will never be identified by legal name or home address in any publications without prior parental consent.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be reported in writing to our Bemidji office.

- 31 days or more before the program: all payments, less the non-refundable deposit, will be refunded.
- 30 days or less before the program: full tuition is due; no refunds will be given.
- No show/no notice of cancellation: full tuition for each student will be billed to the school.

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If Concordia Language Villages cancels the weekend program due to inclement weather, or if a group decides on its own to cancel, all payments will be refunded less the registration fee.

If you have questions or comments, write, call or email Village Weekends: (218) 586-8600, weekends@cord.edu

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