



CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota USA

French Language Village



Tout le monde devant Paris



Sur le lac et dans les pins

Lac du Bois



Afrique!



Lac du Bois, the French Language Village

- One-, two- and four-week summer youth programs, including high school credit and college credit for high school students
- Specialized programs including *Aventure Nature*, *Afrique!*, and *Helvetia*
- *Les Voyageurs*, a wilderness camping program
- Abroad programs to France and Cameroon
- Master of Education in World Language Instruction
- Family Weeks and Weekends
- Adult Week
- Village Weekends for French language students and their teachers
- Adventure Day Camps for ages 6-11 in Bemidji



Les beaux artistes



La Mode



Life at *Lac du Bois* is infused with French. Participants become “villagers” and live in the language and culture from the moment they wake up — participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, song — to the close of the day. Counselors from the US and several French-speaking countries engage villagers in dynamic and fun activities, games, song and drama that facilitate the acquisition of vocabulary, deepen understanding and increase retention.



Where

- *Lac du Bois* summer youth programs are held at three different locations: Bemidji, Minn. (architecturally authentic site); Hackensack, Minn.; and Savannah, Ga. All other programs are held near Bemidji, Minn.

About French Language and Culture

French Language Speakers

- Used by over 200 million people in more than 50 countries around the world, French is a language for international communication, culture, diplomacy and business. It improves test scores and reinforces English skills, making French the language for today’s students.
- 75 million native speakers
- 30 countries have French as an official or co-official language, including France, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Cameroon, Senegal, Morocco and Haiti

Dialects

Each French-speaking community has its own slightly different way of speaking, although all dialects are comprehensible to other French speakers. At *Lac du Bois* villagers are exposed to words and accents from many French-speaking countries.

Alphabet

26 letters of the Latin alphabet, as well as some special characters

Lac du Bois activities:

- Cooking
- Hiking
- Dance
- Crafts
- Chess
- Soccer
- Canoeing
- Pottery
- Archery
- Theater
- Croquet
- Radio programming
- Fencing
- Art (painting)

All activities conducted in French.



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