

Family Week Packing List



CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota USA

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Your stay at Concordia Language Villages will be easier if you have the things needed to live, play and learn effectively while at the Villages. As you pack, keep in mind northern Minnesota's summer can be quite warm and rather cold. Therefore, bring clothes and bedding which can be layered. Also, because the program is outdoors, bring shoes and clothes appropriate for the environment. Additional tips include:

- Most airlines have implemented strict new regulations regarding luggage. Please be sure to check with your airline about these regulations to avoid additional fees.
- Remember as you pack, we ask that villagers be able to carry their own luggage; storage space for personal belongings is limited; spring water is available for purchase in the Village stores.
- Your Village does not have laundry facilities; therefore, you need enough clothing to last your entire stay.
- Storage space in Villages is limited, so please don't overpack. Villagers should be able to carry their own luggage.
- Mark your clothing with your name. Our lost-and-found-department returns things with names in/on them.

- Bring one set of dress clothes (dress shirt, dress pants, dress) for special occasions.
- Village life continues even in the rain — bring rain gear, including coat, pants and footwear!
- We try to keep our impact on the natural setting of the Villages to a minimum. Check that your soap and shampoo are biodegradable and/or have a low phosphate level. Appropriate soaps are biodegradable, natural soaps (not synthetic detergents) that do not contain phosphorous or ammonium lauryl sulfate.
- Insect repellent (approximately 30% DEET) is ESSENTIAL, as mosquitoes are a fact of life in northern Minnesota.

You will go through customs as you enter your Village. We encourage you to bring books, CDs and other items in the language of your Village or appropriate to the cultures of your Village.

Villagers of French Voyageur and English will receive different packing lists.

TO FROM
VILLAGE VILLAGE

Bring enough of these to last for your one-week sessions:

_____ socks
_____ underwear
_____ pajamas
_____ T-shirts
_____ pants, shorts

Have these to use as needed:

_____ sweatshirt
_____ jacket
_____ hat with sun-protecting brim
_____ bathing suit
_____ shoes — at least two pairs
(one that can get dirty/muddy)
_____ summer sandals
_____ one set of dress clothes
_____ rain gear
_____ 2 towels and 1 washcloth
_____ bag in which to store dirty clothing
(not a plastic garbage bag)

Personal supplies:

_____ Village passport
_____ sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
_____ insect repellent (approx. 30% DEET)
_____ toothbrush and toothpaste
_____ water bottle
_____ shampoo supplies
_____ bar soap
_____ personal toiletries
_____ flashlight with extra batteries
_____ stationery, stamps, pen, pencil,
address book
_____ backpack (something in which to carry
items while at the Village)
_____ camera and film (optional)

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Bedding:

_____ twin-sized sheets
_____ 3 blankets (bunk-bed size) or open
sleeping bag
_____ pillow and pillowcases

Medication:

_____ enough daily medication to last your
entire stay
_____ medication in original containers;
medication with labels in other
languages should be translated to
English before arrival

Optional items that may come in handy:

_____ books in the Village language
_____ cultural clothing
_____ water socks
_____ lip balm and hand lotion
_____ extra paper, notebook
_____ hiking boots
_____ fanny pack
_____ shower sandals

Alcohol and illegal substances are forbidden at the Villages. Possession and/or use and/or distribution are grounds for dismissal from the program and any associated expense will be the responsibility of parents or guardians.

Concordia Language Villages will make every effort to find lost articles, but please recognize that it is sometimes difficult to locate forgotten articles after a session is over and a new session has begun. We encourage you to use this checklist when you pack prior to your Village stay and when you pack to return home.