



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR STAFF

Your employment at Concordia Language Villages will be easier if you have the things needed to live and work effectively while at the Villages. As you pack, keep in mind that northern Minnesota's summer can be both quite warm as well as rather cold. As a result, bring clothes and bedding which can be layered. In addition, the program happens outdoors so clothing and shoes should be suitable to that environment. Additional tips include:

- Your Village does not have laundry facilities; therefore, you need enough clothing to last a minimum of two weeks.
- Mark your clothing with your name. Our lost-and-found department returns things with names in/on them.
- Most sleeping areas do not have electricity. Leave your clock radio, hair dryer and other appliances at home.
- Bring one set of dress clothes (dress shirt, dress pants, dress) for special occasions.
- Village life continues even in the rain—bring rain gear!
- We try to keep our impact on the natural setting of the Villages to a minimum. Your soap and shampoo must be biodegradable and/or have a low phosphate level. Appropriate soaps are natural soaps that contain no phosphorous or ammonium lauryl sulfate. Examples are Camp Suds, Dr. Bonner's Pure Castile Soap or Kirk's Coconut Castile Soap. Herbal Essence is a biodegradable shampoo.

A Word about Orientation... Most of you will participate in an orientation that is held somewhere other than your Village. Consider this when you pack: A smaller suitcase with enough things to last during orientation's four or five days may save you re-packing time and energy. You will need bedding for orientation.

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Bring enough of these to last two weeks:

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

Have these to use as needed:

_____ sweatshirt or light jacket
 _____ warm jacket
 _____ hat with sun-protecting brim
 _____ bathing suit
 _____ shoes (at least one pair)
 _____ summer sandals
 _____ one set of dress clothes
 _____ rain gear
 _____ towels and washcloth(s)
 _____ bag in which to store dirty clothing

Personal supplies:

_____ sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
 _____ insect repellent (at least 30% DEET)
 _____ toothbrush and toothpaste
 _____ drinking cup
 _____ 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)
 _____ travel alarm clock

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Bedding:

_____ 3 blankets (bunk-bed size) or open sleeping bag and two sheets
 _____ pillow and pillowcases
 _____ sleeping bag for those going on overnights

Medication: Your Village's health center stocks common over-the-counter medications. No need to pack these! Call: (218) 586-8771 if you have a question.

_____ enough daily medication to last your entire stay
 _____ medication in original containers (medication labeled in other languages should be translated to English before arrival)

Village realia:

_____ books in the target language or about the target culture
 _____ posters/photos about the target culture
 _____ games/crafts about the target culture
 _____ tapes/cd's of cultural music
 _____ cultural clothing

Optional items that may come in handy:

_____ books to read during down-time
 _____ clipboard
 _____ whistle on lanyard or clip
 _____ beach shoes
 _____ lip balm and hand lotion
 _____ extra paper, notebook
 _____ compass
 _____ hiking boots
 _____ fanny pack