

16:01:46 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Hi there. Thx for hosting this! Where do we find the address to send mail to our campers? (I have a 9 yo French Village Bemidji camper). Thank you!

16:02:10 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

@Faith - here you go! <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/who-we-are/our-locations>

16:07:29 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

clvfinance@cord.edu

16:11:20 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

More info on insurance at the bottom of this page:
<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-dates-and-rates/paying-your-bill/cancellation-policies>

16:13:41 From Jon Suomala to Everyone:

http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/pdf/AD_Program_Protector_Family_Letter.pdf

16:14:26 From Erik Craft to Everyone:

Can you share what percentage of villagers have tested positive for Covid after arriving safely at the villages?

16:15:27 From Misty Anderson to Everyone:

I have a question about the Monday arrivals. I had not signed up for the bussing but now that it is a Monday arrival I am wondering if I can add bussing from Minneapolis and how that works.

16:15:47 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

@Erik - Candace can answer one she's done presenting.

16:15:57 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

@Misty - we'll address transportation next!

16:15:57 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Misty, our next speaker can address that!

16:17:25 From amy.c.jersild@wmich.edu to Everyone:

Is there available a percentage of villagers sent home due to a COVID positive test?

16:17:45 From Erik Craft to Everyone:

But you must know how many students have had to leave the villages. And how many villagers you have had to date attend.

16:18:09 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

What happens to the student if they test positive?

16:18:29 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Amy, @Erik, Candace can respond accurately after she finishes speaking.

16:18:33 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Do you have HEPA filters in the cabins now to mitigate since they will be unmasked while sleeping?

16:19:43 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Wondering how students brand new to a language can learn words with a teacher masked and masked themselves? I'm not educated on language learning. Thank you.

16:21:52 From Sally Larson to Everyone:

My son had covid over 10 days ago but still tests positive (with no symptoms) If he still tests positive 10 days from now, what happens?

16:21:56 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

I think those of us coming from very far would like some sense of likelihood of having to leave bc I can say for us that would be a nightmare. I know that's an impossible ask but maybe just how many have had to leave? I'm so sorry you're having to deal with this!

16:22:10 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Faith, pronunciation is certainly part of language learning. "Villagers" still hear through the teacher's mask. In cases where fine levels of mouth/lip formation are important to the learning process, the group would be outside or the teacher would be distanced while unmasked.

16:22:19 From Seth Guterman to Everyone:

In previous years campers were advised to bring Brita water bottles designed to filter out iron. Is that a recommendation for Mori no Ike?

16:22:34 From Leon Cherr to Everyone:

What kind of library does Al Waha have?

16:23:51 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Did you say that the Brita water bottles are a good idea?

16:23:55 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Seth, there is, indeed, an iron taste to the water at our Mori no Ike location but not unhealthy. A Britta water bottle with filter is a great idea but certainly not a requirement.

16:24:15 From Andrea Larson to Everyone:

In getting those numbers about how many campers have had to leave, it would be helpful to know how many campers you have in total.

16:24:30 From Megan Davies (NC) to Everyone:

is water taste ok at all the other sites?

16:24:47 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Leon, the library at Al-Waha includes novels, magazines, short stories and children's books written in Modern Standard Arabic. There are a limited number of texts in dialect.

16:24:48 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

As of two weeks ago we've seen around 1400 villagers across all of our villages.

16:24:53 From Erik Craft to Everyone:

That is ok if it by all villages

16:25:11 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Are the numbers of campers lower in August? Specifically Waldsee?

16:25:19 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Thank you. I'm so sorry you (and we!) are still dealing with this

16:25:34 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Megan, there is an iron taste to the water at many of our Villages. We ameliorate by adding slices of lemon to water pitchers, for example.

16:25:52 From Lisa Kazazean, son Zain to Everyone:

What type of Covid test is required before the camper arrives?

16:26:03 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, your child is certainly welcome to bring a water bottle with a filter but not required.

16:26:22 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Lisa any type of covid test, including antigen.

16:26:24 From Jon Suomala to Everyone:

As of last Friday the total number of villagers that had been welcomed at the villages was 1,540.

16:26:44 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Thank you, @Faith for your support!

16:27:13 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, across all 14 languages, we tend to see smaller numbers in August, as many families head back to school. The same trend holds at Waldsee.

16:27:41 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

scholshp@cord.edu

16:27:48 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

We've had ~36 positive cases among villagers onsite (with approximately 1,400 kids so far)

16:28:07 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

clvregister@cord.edu

16:28:20 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

health@cord.edu If you have any health or covid-related questions

16:28:31 From Erik Craft to Everyone:

Thank you. I am on your side. I am a former Waldsee staff member. I appreciate the transparency.

16:29:39 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Are kids rapid tested after flying in to Minneapolis?

16:29:43 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Erik, thank you so much for that.

16:29:59 From Kirsten Nicolaysen to Everyone:

How does laundry work for those staying for 2 weeks?

16:30:00 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Or are they rapid tested upon arrival at camp?

16:30:31 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Kirsten, villagers coming for a 1- or 2-week residential session should bring enough clothes for the entire length of the session.

16:30:33 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

For those of us driving to camp, what time should we arrive on Monday?

16:30:50 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Arrival is between 1-5

16:30:56 From Sara Brockhaus to Everyone:

how does it work on the way back home getting to the air port and all?

16:31:15 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

For Villagers only staying two weeks, they won't do laundry during that time.

16:31:52 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

viltrans@cord.edu

16:31:53 From Laurie Cunningham (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

My child will be flying home but being driven to camp. On a one way flight apparently the UM fee and check baggage needs to be paid at check in. I'm hoping someone will be able to help with that - she'll have a prepaid card to pay.

16:32:12 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Sara, if your child is flying out of MSP, they will take a bus with other Villagers from Bemidji to MSP for their flight.

16:32:17 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Good question. If they bring a small container of laundry detergent can they hand wash swim suits? And will they have the ability to wash out their water bottles daily?

16:32:18 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Sara, if you use our transportation, your villager would leave the Village at approximately 7 am on the Saturday of departure. There is a supervisor on the bus, in addition to the driver. They go to our Twin Cities Transportation Center for parent pick-up there or transfer to MSP.

16:32:47 From Erik Craft to Everyone:

Thank you. One parent might be ill, and so a late change might be of interest to us.

16:33:01 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

for pickup on Saturday, what time should we collect our kids at the end of their stay?

16:34:14 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Closing programs are at 10 AM in all villages

16:34:42 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Dale, the Village is open to visitors from 9:30 am Central. Pending safety considerations, there will be a closing program that starts at 10 am; it will end by 11 am at the latest. Please plan to wear a face covering.

16:34:45 From Megan Davies (NC) to Everyone:

so does a staff member stay with camper while they get their boarding pass and check in luggage?

16:35:07 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

How much spending money would be good for two weeks?

16:35:38 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

@Liz We are not testing upon arrival. We are relying on those prearrival tests and encourage parents to source the most accurate test possible--ie a molecular test. We are not using antigen tests for surveillance testing as their sensitivity in asymptomatic cases is very low (34%). We will test anyone who is symptomatic or exposed to a Covid positive case.

16:35:57 From Megan Davies (NC) to Everyone:

Is this true even if camper is not traveling as an unaccompanied minor, but is traveling alone

16:36:29 From Sara Brockhaus to Everyone:

Does the money brought to camp need to be in the form of cash or check? or can it be a credit/debit card

16:36:54 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, most villagers like to visit the Village store to shop for soda, a bit of candy or souvenirs although it is not a required part of the program. Soda is about \$1, candy ranges from \$1-5, t-shirts are about \$15, sweatshirts about \$40. Villagers convert their US dollars into cultural currency upon arrival and use the target language to withdraw dinar, pesos, etc. from the bank and negotiate their purchases in the store.

16:37:21 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Sara, cash or check when arriving at the Village in person.

16:37:48 From Kristin to Everyone:

Can we still sign up for the bus from camp to the airport? We have 3 kids traveling together back to NYC.

16:37:57 From Sally Larson to Everyone:

who do you make the check out to?

16:37:57 From Henry Charnaux to Everyone:

Hey! So my kid is going for a 2 week camp! How much money should they bring for the camp store?

16:38:08 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

Is there a test at the end of the high school credit program? If so, what is format?

16:38:12 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Sally, to Concordia Language Villages

16:38:14 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

At pick up will we be able to get a tour with our child?

16:38:25 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

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16:38:50 From Nicole Ellis (she/her) to Everyone:

Transportation changes: viltrans@cord.edu

16:39:10 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

Also, is the high school credit program graded? Is there a grade reported to the school?

16:39:23 From Megan Davies (NC) to Everyone:

are the sodas and candy typical of the target language countries, or just regular American stuff?

16:39:48 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Side question from my son- He noticed that dress clothes are on the list. Is there a dress up event?

16:39:50 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

@Megan Davies the candy is typical of that culture

16:39:51 From Kristin to Everyone:

How have the mosquitos been this summer?

16:40:13 From Laurie Cunningham (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

are water shoes needed for the lake?

16:40:20 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Megan, typical of the target cultures!

16:40:41 From Marty "جوست" Fankhanel to Everyone:

@Dale Eppler: Credit Villagers will have both formative assessments throughout their 4-weeks of the session as well as several summative assessments. Many of the villages have a version of a final test but they are not weighted as heavily as the portfolio work done throughout.

16:41:10 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Read the stuff in docs about ticks. How commonly do you have campers come in with a tick? New mom here - villager is 9.

16:41:12 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Many Villages will do a "restaurant" night and dance. Many villagers like to dress-up for this night, but it is not required, @Liz.

16:41:31 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

@Liz Anderson - There is usually a dance or party at the end of each week where girls may wear a sun dress and boys may wear a polo and pants. Cultural costumes are also encouraged!

16:41:42 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Laurie, water shoes certainly aren't required but your child is welcome to use them if they prefer.

16:41:56 From Kristin to Everyone:

Is some form of International Day going to happen this summer? That was my son's favorite part a couple of years ago. :)

16:42:08 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

What is the daily schedule for four week students? Is there free time?

16:42:18 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Mosquitoes: hmm... We have them :-). Not horrible this year but definitely here.

16:42:41 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

No International Day at this time. We miss it too, @Kristin.

16:42:53 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

@Liz In a typical year, you definitely would be able to. During this Covid year, level of access will depend upon a number of factors, such as whether other sessions are still in session. Which session is your child attending?

16:42:56 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Kristin, we are not hosting an International Day this summer, unfortunately. It's a fun day, and I see why your son liked it.

16:43:07 From Marty "Jost يوسف" Fankhanel to Everyone:

@Dale Eppler: Yes, the credit session is graded. The general syllabus for all credit programs can be found http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/pdf/General_Credit_Program_Syllabus_1.pdf

16:43:14 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

New camp parent here- best bedding? Sheets, mattress pad and a blanket. Is that enough? Also, are the bathrooms and showers in the cabins or a separate building? Waldsee

16:43:33 From Laurie Cunningham (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

what does the weekend look like for kids staying through two weeks? And can they use a phone to check in at mid camp?

16:43:39 From Henry Charnaux to Everyone:

What games do you play at camp?

16:43:49 From Lisa Kazazean, son Zain to Everyone:

Do we email a copy of the Covid test prior?

16:44:07 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, and a pillow and towels

16:44:23 From Charlotte Hemr to Everyone:

Also curious about best bedding options for Italian Village? Just pillow and towels or sheets/blankets as well?

16:44:23 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

@Lisa You can upload your covid test result to the Prescreening section in CampDoc

16:44:28 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, it depends on the cabin to which your child is assigned, based on gender and age.

16:44:36 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

I saw a response on mosquitoes but what about ticks?

16:44:50 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Charlotte, sheets and blankets as well.

16:44:54 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

@mark 14 year old boy

16:45:01 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Laurie, 4-week villagers get their devices back for a bit at the mid point but not 1- nor 2-week villagers.

16:45:12 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Do you get a lot of kids coming to nurse w tick bite?

16:45:34 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

@faith Ticks are still out there, though the worst of the summer is past

16:45:41 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Faith, yes, we have ticks and we teach villagers and staff how to mitigate but Villagers do come in with bites or attached ticks from time to time.

16:45:41 From Marty "جوست" Fankhanel to Everyone:

We are on the tail end of tick season at this point in the summer but still have villagers do daily tick checks.

16:45:46 From Faith Hindman to Everyone:

Also not twin XL, correct? Just regular twin? I think I read that somewhere

16:45:52 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Do all meds- including Ibuprofen- stay with the camp nurse?

16:45:55 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Faith, correct.

16:45:55 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Henry, a wide variety. Some are traditional to the target culture/s, others are common in the US (e.g., Monopoly) but played in the target language.

16:45:57 From Lisa Kazazean, son Zain to Everyone:

How do I give you another family members contact to you who will be in town picking my son up. I will be out of the country with my older son

16:46:27 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Liz, yes, except for epipens and inhalers.

16:46:28 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Lisa, who we can release your child to should be on your documentation in CampMinder.

16:46:42 From CeCe Stark to Everyone:

Hi! You mentioned how medication needs to stay in the their original bottles. But I also read that they need to be relabeled in the language the child is going for, correct?

16:47:02 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

No, medicine does not need to be relabeled in the Village language.

16:47:11 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

@Lisa - release information can be put on the transportation form

16:47:12 From Dale Eppler to Everyone:

What is the daily schedule for four week students? Is there free time?

16:47:17 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Is the nurse open 24 hours?

16:47:37 From CeCe Stark to Everyone:

Okay thank you! But everything else does need to be relabeled?

16:47:50 From Liz Anderson to Everyone:

Can they bring a small guitar?

16:47:57 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@Dale Eppler: The general syllabus for all credit programs can be found
http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/pdf/General_Credit_Program_Syllabus_1.pdf

16:48:04 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

Please bring a guitar!

16:48:10 From Heather Vick to Everyone:

@Liz instruments totally encouraged!

16:48:12 From Sara Brockhaus to Everyone:

How do cell phones work at camp? are they allowed to check them during the day or are there certain times?

16:48:22 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@CeCe, no, nothing needs to be relabeled.

16:48:23 From Candace Kretchmar to Everyone:

@Liz Nurses don't have office hours 24/7, but are certainly available for emergencies at any time

16:48:27 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Dale, the typical daily schedule varies by Village but typically includes 3 hours of class by proficiency level, cultural/sports activities, mealtimes in the language, free time (varies from 45 mins. to 90 mins.) and time in the cabin group.

16:49:08 From Mark 健治・けんじ・Kenji Chen to Everyone:

@Sara, villagers turn in their devices when they arrive, to help create the immersion environment. They receive them back before leaving the Village and, if a 4-week program, at the mid point.

16:49:54 From CeCe Stark to Everyone:

@Amanda Can our kids still bring things in English? I thought they couldn't

16:50:34 From Amanda Fie Hand to Everyone:

@CeCe, that is correct. No books in English with the exception of culturally relevant content. Village staff can help with that at arrival.