For villagers thinking of enrolling in
the high school credit (videregående) program
at Skogfjorden...

The Skogfjorden videregående program is an intensive, academic four week program that takes place from the last week of June through the third week of July. It is intensive not just in the amount of Norwegian that is learned during that period, but also in the amount of work that is required in order to be successful in the program. For this reason, it is important to consider whether or not your villager is ready. Below are some basic skills that your villager needs in order to not only be successful, but also to enjoy and really get the most out of the videregående program.

**Ability to manage your time well**

Credit villagers are expected to complete class assignments, personal projects, a portfolio and support various village activities while participating full time at Skogfjorden. Managing this many tasks and completing them according to their due dates can be a big hurdle for some villagers. Coming ready to use available time well will make a big difference.

**Good study habits for keeping up with work as it is assigned**

Similar to time management, students need to have effective study habits in order to follow the pace of the program. Falling behind often leads to an unfortunate snowball effect. We may have to pull the villager out of the program in order to complete assignments. Though we will do this if necessary, on a limited basis, it is more fun for all involved when villagers are able to complete their assignments on time and stay in the program.

**The maturity and self awareness needed to function well in an intensive and demanding learning environment**

We understand that high school students are growing and maturing continuously, and we do our best to support them and help them to learn how to be more self-aware regarding how to manage their workload. However, it is helpful if they enter the program with some basic learning skills down. Skills such as knowing when they are tired and need to rest, and taking the initiative to rest at program-appropriate times are important. It also helps when they are able to communicate their learning needs and preferences such as needing to slow down, to see things in writing, to be more active, etc. When students are aware of and able to communicate their needs, we are able to create an even better program for them.

The videregående program can be an incredibly fun and rewarding program. Notable learning and growth takes place in the realms of Norwegian language and culture, but also on a personal level. It is truly impressive. Nonetheless, if your villager is interested in being a part of this program, it is important to enter the program prepared to work hard and prepared to meet new challenges head on. Both are essential for fully enjoying and being successful within the program. Naturally, that is what we wish for all of our students, and coming prepared gives our students a great start. As for all the norsk they want to learn thereafter -- we’ll make that happen when they arrive!