

Village Weekends Packing List

Our programs are located in a beautiful natural setting on Turtle River Lake, outside of Bemidji in northern Minnesota. You should come ready to spend time outdoors, whether it's a hike around the lake, a game of soccer in the snow, or just walking from one activity building to another. Therefore, in order to participate fully, it is best to come prepared with seasonally appropriate items. We recommend layering clothing (T-shirt underneath a sweater underneath a jacket) so you will be comfortable regardless of the weather. If you do not bring appropriate outerwear or choose to not wear weather-appropriate clothing, especially in winter, you will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.

Personal items:

- ___ 3-4 days' worth of undergarments
- ___ 3-4 pairs of (warm) socks
- ___ 3-4 pairs of pants
- ___ 1-2 sweatshirts or warm sweaters
- ___ 3-4 long-sleeved shirts or T-shirts
- ___ 1 pair of running shoes or sneakers. Flip-flops and other unsupportive footwear should be left at home.
- ___ 1 pair of boots (winter/snow/hiking)
- ___ 1 pair of warm gloves or mittens
- ___ 1 warm hat
- ___ 1 scarf or neck warmer
- ___ 1 coat appropriate for the weather (check the forecast for temperatures and snow or rain)
- ___ 1 set of bedding—twin-sized sheets & warm blanket, or a sleeping bag, or a combination thereof. We provide pillows and pillowcases.
- ___ 1 bath towel
- ___ Flashlight
- ___ Water bottle
- ___ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, etc.)
- ___ **Contact lens wearers:** bring glasses and enough solution for the duration of the program
- ___ **Medications:** If you need medication, bring enough for the duration of your stay

OPTIONAL:

- ___ Camera (disposable or digital) with your name on it. Camera phones or old cell phones are considered contraband and will not be permitted. Video cameras and filming are not permitted without express consent.
- ___ Nice outfit for the banquet on the last night of the program. Must be seasonally appropriate.
- ___ Money. Villagers are not required to purchase anything during the program, but may wish to budget for:
 - 1) Culturally authentic items at the Village's clothing or candy store (approximate prices: T-shirts \$15-20; sweatshirts \$30-40; toys and games \$10-25; jewelry \$5-25; books and CDs \$10-25; candy & pop \$3/day)
 - 2) Food stops coming to and from the Village on the CLV charter bus. There will be a 30min stop each way at a fast food restaurant, so **villagers taking CLV transportation should budget \$5-10 for each meal.**

Please label your items with your first and last name. We make every effort to find and return items left behind, but please understand that it is sometimes difficult to locate items after a program is over and a new one has begun.

For a list of items that are considered **contraband** and **not appropriate for our program**, please refer to the parent letter.