



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to Village Weekends, a high-energy, highly motivating enrichment program for language students attending with a school group!

Your child has been invited to participate in an experience in language and cultural immersion at Concordia Language Villages, located near Bemidji, Minn. at our architecturally authentic sites on Turtle River Lake.

The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to prepare young people for responsible citizenship in our global community. Immersed in another language and culture, students gain a deeper perspective of the world through activities and sports, games, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, authentic meals and conversation with fluent speakers of the language. Concordia Language Villages celebrates diversity, unity, peace, stewardship and justice. Students return to their home classrooms energized and increasingly motivated to actively engage in language learning.

Participating students attend a short program (an evening, one full day, and a morning) or a long program (an evening, two full days, and a morning). Our staff includes full-time deans, culture and language specialists, interns, native speakers, an on-call nurse, and language students from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., as well as other colleges and universities in the region.

Some parents become involved in Concordia Language Villages by becoming chaperones; ask your child's teacher if there are openings for your group. Chaperones supervise in cabins and may participate in all aspects of Village life.

Please contact us with any questions you may have before or during the program at 1 (800) 450-2214. We can also be contacted by email at weekends@cord.edu before or after the program. We encourage you to visit our website at www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org to learn more about all of our programs, including family and adult programs as well as our world-renowned youth summer camps.

We look forward to welcoming your child soon to a Village Weekend at Concordia Language Villages.

Sincerely,

Jennifer "Charlotte" Speir *Mark Kenji Chen*

Jennifer Charlotte Speir and Mark Kenji Chen,
 Village Weekends Group Directors

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Family fills out entire registration form and health form.
2. Student returns completed application, health form and at least the non-refundable deposit to his/her teacher.
(Deposit for programs: Oct. to Dec. is \$50, Jan. to May is \$75)
3. Checks should be made payable to **Concordia Language Villages**.
Please write the student's name on the check.
4. Teacher sends all applications and deposits to the address below.
5. Teacher collects remaining fees from students and sends to the address below at least 30 days before session.

IS MY CHILD READY TO PARTICIPATE?

In order to participate in a Village Weekends program, your child should be able to meet his/her personal needs such as showering, getting dressed and eating, moving independently from place to place, and effectively interact in our group-based and community living environment. By completing this registration form, you as a parent are attesting that your child meets these criteria.

HEALTHCARE

Village healthcare is overseen by a registered nurse (RN). A person trained in first aid is on duty with each program. Medical care and emergency services are available through Bemidji's Sanford Clinic, North Country Regional Hospital and local ambulance services. Parents or guardians are contacted when healthcare beyond that provided by Concordia Language Villages' staff is necessary. Healthcare received from a Bemidji provider is billed directly to and the responsibility of the villager parent(s) or guardian(s).

PROGRAM COSTS

<u>October to December</u>	<u>January to May</u>
Short Program \$173	Short Program \$180
Long Program \$245	Long Program \$255

TRANSPORTATION COSTS*

<u>October to December</u>	<u>January to May</u>
Twin Cities Metro Area to Bemidji \$78	Twin Cities Metro Area to Bemidji \$80
Fargo/Moorhead to Bemidji \$58	Fargo/Moorhead to Bemidji \$60

*Transportation from locations outside the Fargo/Moorhead or Twin Cities Metro Area may incur additional costs.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Eating culturally authentic foods is an essential element of a Language Villages immersion experience. Some of these foods contain items to which a person may be allergic; consequently, our program is not appropriate for people whose food allergy is so sensitive that being around others eating that item triggers anaphylaxis.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Housing is in comfortable, winterized cabins and villagers are assigned according to gender and age. It is common for different school groups to share a cabin. Each cabin houses 10 to 14 villagers plus chaperones.

PHOTOGRAPHING VILLAGERS

During Village Weekends we often photograph or film Village life. Images may be used in displays, on our website, for publication or in advertisements. All photographs, video or audio are exclusive property of Concordia Language Villages. No compensation is paid to the villagers or staff whose photos are used. Villagers will never be identified by legal name or home address in any publications without prior parental consent.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be reported in writing to the Bemidji office.

- **15 days or more** before program: all payments, less the nonrefundable deposit, will be refunded.
- **14 days or less** before the program: no fees will be returned

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If Concordia Language Villages cancels the weekend program, all payments will be refunded. If a group decides on its own it is unable to attend due to weather, payment will be refunded, less the deposits and up to 50% of the Concordia Language Villages' charter transportation expenses.

If you have questions or comments, write, call or fax:

Village Weekends	(800) 450-2214
Concordia Language Villages	E-mail: weekends@cord.edu
8659 Thorsonveien NE	Fax: 1-800-455-3630
Bemidji, MN 56601	

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW, DETACH AND RETURN TO THE TEACHER



2017-2018 VILLAGE WEEKENDS REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration form and return it to your teacher with your deposit.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION.

Program language _____ Dates attending _____ School name _____

Student's name _____ Language teacher _____
First Middle Last

In which calendar years has this student previously attended a Language Village program (school group, summer youth, family program, etc.): _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Gender* Male Female Grade (8,9,10,etc.) _____ Language level (1,2,3,etc.) _____
Month/Day/Year

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal code _____

Home telephone (_____) _____ Parent/Guardian Cell phone (_____) _____ Parent/Guardian e-mail address(s) _____

Parent/Guardian name(s) _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____
First Middle initial Last *This is for housing assignment purposes.

Program Cost (see above) Fees include room and board.	+ \$ _____	Payment Method
Round-trip Transportation (optional)	+ \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (Please note the student's name on the check to help us credit the proper student account.)
Subtotal	= \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Amount enclosed	\$ _____	Card number _____ 3-digit CVV Code _____
Balance due	= \$ _____	Expiration date _____
<small>Due 30 days before the session.</small>		Cardholder name _____
		Signature _____ Date _____

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