April 28, 2020

Dear Village Families,

We hope that you and your family are safe and well, and that your community is resilient and strong. The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of emotions for so many of us. We are facing new challenges: staying healthy and safe; keeping children educated, entertained and calm; and navigating what is now a “new normal” everyday life. At Concordia Language Villages, we’re also facing new challenges: redesigning our summer schedule; enhancing health protocols; shifting employees to remote work and some on temporary furlough; and attempting to navigate the ever-changing world impacted by COVID-19.

What Will Summer 2020 Look Like?

Our primary goal is to offer safe and fun language and cultural learning for youth this summer. However, due to current health protocols, we have delayed our residential youth sessions to start in late July, with the provision to finalize this decision no later than June 1. Moreover, we are encouraging attendance of longer duration in order to minimize multiple entries into a Village site, and are only offering two- and four-week residential sessions between July 27 and August 22. We have cancelled all one-week and day camp sessions. Please see our updated schedule and health protocols.

New for this summer, experience the Villages here, there or anywhere! We’re excited to launch a new online learning experience: “Virtual Villages” with real language, real culture and real people! Participants will be fully immersed in creative and fun ways in small groups—virtual interaction enabling villagers to also live the language at home and in their own communities. Here’s a glimpse into what you can expect:

- Real-time language and cultural immersion with our world-class Village staff, many teaching directly from the Villages.
- Fun, interactive and creative experiences - all in the target language!
- Real friendships with villagers from across the globe!
- One-, four- and five-week Virtual Village youth programs, including high school credit, begin in mid-June; find our rates and dates here.
- Questions? Check out our Virtual Villages FAQ.

Here are the specifics for summer 2020 programming:

- Two-week and four-week residential youth programs are offered in northern Minnesota from July 27 - August 22 (to be confirmed no later than June 1). A number of residential four-week high school credit sessions are offered during this same timeframe. All other residential programs through July 25 are cancelled.
- Four- and five-week high school credit Virtual Village youth programs will be offered beginning June 15.
- One-week Virtual Village youth programs will be offered beginning June 22.
- All residential one-week (youth, family and adult) and Adventure Day Camp sessions are cancelled for summer 2020 in northern Minnesota.
View our summer 2020 rates and dates document [here]. **Please note: as part of our ongoing commitment to health and wellness, we have decreased the number of spaces available in each residential session in order to maintain spatial distancing protocols.** There may still be alterations to the residential schedule. We will continue to communicate relevant information in a timely manner.

**Registration opens to the public on Tuesday, May 26. Want early VIP access? Provide your [email](mailto:) and register on Tuesday, May 19!**

If you have any questions, please contact our registration team at clvregister@cord.edu or (800) 222-4750 ext 1. For a quicker response, please email us. We expect a heavy call/email volume, so please bear with us as we respond to you just as soon as we are able.

We assure you that villagers will have a fun, engaging and stimulating experience no matter your choice. Our Village staff are hard at work to bring you the best of Concordia Language Villages this year. Join us!

**PS: We encourage you to [subscribe](mailto:) to our [WorldView Blog](mailto:) in which we share good reads and useful links from around the globe. We continue to “bring the world to you.” Also, be sure to check out this list of [resources](mailto:) to continue your language learning. It includes website links for each of our 14 languages, and all are either free or partially free. And don’t forget our social media pages - our amazingly talented staff are posting so many fun things to keep language alive!**