

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:

- ___ Personal face masks (please bring enough for the four days)
- ___ Hand sanitizer (hand sanitizer is available in all program spaces but this would be to carry with you)
- ___ 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
- ___ Shower shoes/sandals
- ___ Regular wrist watch
(cellphones/smart watches will be turned in at customs and returning on the last day)
- ___ 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:** School/user groups are responsible for all participant medications according to their school's policies. The school will designate an adult member will oversee the administration of prescription and over-the-counter medications to students. School groups are responsible for collecting all medications from participants before they leave for the trip to the Language Village.

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.
 - ___ Money. Villagers are not required to purchase anything during the program, but may wish to budget for:
 - ___ 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 \$5/day)
- 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.