



"Inspiring courageous global citizens"

Welcome to Village Weekends 2021-2022

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to Village Weekends, a high-energy, motivating enrichment program for language students attending with a school group! Your child has been invited to participate in a language and cultural immersion experience at Concordia Language Villages, located near Bemidji, Minnesota, at our architecturally authentic sites on Turtle River Lake.

The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to inspire courageous global citizens. Immersed in another language and culture, students gain a deeper perspective of the world through activities and games, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, authentic meals and conversations with fluent speakers of the language. Concordia Language Villages celebrates diversity, unity, peace, stewardship and justice.

Participating students will attend a short program (evening, one full day and morning) or a long program (evening, two full days and morning). Our staff includes full-time program leaders, culture and language specialists, native speakers and language students from colleges and universities in the region.

Some parents become involved in Concordia Language Villages by volunteering as chaperones; ask your child's teacher(s) if there are openings for your group. Chaperones supervise and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of Village life.

For 2021-2022: As in your school and home community, we are operating this year with enhanced risk mitigation health protocols for the safety of all participants and staff. We have careful plans we will follow; see the health guidelines for Village Weekend programs for more information. Village Weekend residential programs will look different this year, but we will help villagers and chaperones experience cultural activities and have fun in the language.

Please contact us with any questions you may have before or after the program at (800) 450- 2214. We can also be contacted by email at weekends@cord.edu before or after the program. We look forward to seeing you this year!

Sincerely, The Village Weekends Team

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