

**SUGGESTED  
PACKING LIST**

Your stay at Concordia Language Villages will be easier if you have the things needed to live, play and learn effectively while at the Villages. As you pack, keep in mind northern Minnesota's summer can be quite warm and rather cold. Therefore, bring clothes and bedding which can be layered. Also, because the program is outdoors, bring shoes and clothes appropriate for the environment. Additional tips include:

- Most airlines have strict regulations regarding luggage. Please be sure to check with your airline about these regulations to avoid additional fees.
- Remember as you pack, we ask that villagers be able to carry their own luggage; storage space for personal belongings in Villages and buses is limited, so please do not overpack.
- Your Village does not have laundry facilities; therefore, you need enough clothing to last your entire stay. Four-week villagers will have a chance to do laundry once during their stay.
- Mark your clothing with your name. Our lost-and-found-department returns things with names in/on them.
- Most sleeping areas do not have electricity. Leave your clock radio, hair dryer and other appliances at home.

**TO VILLAGE FROM VILLAGE**

*Bring enough of these to last for one-week or two-week sessions:*

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| _____ | _____ | socks         |
| _____ | _____ | underwear     |
| _____ | _____ | pajamas       |
| _____ | _____ | T-shirts      |
| _____ | _____ | pants, shorts |

*Have these to use as needed:*

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|-------|-------|--|
| _____ | _____ | sweatshirt   |
| _____ | _____ | jacket   |
| _____ | _____ | hat with sun-protecting brim   |
| _____ | _____ | bathing suit   |
| _____ | _____ | shoes that cover and protect the foot — at least two pairs (one that can get dirty or muddy) |
| _____ | _____ | summer sandals   |
| _____ | _____ | one set of dress clothes   |
| _____ | _____ | rain gear  |
| _____ | _____ | 2 towels and 1 washcloth   |
| _____ | _____ | bag in which to store dirty clothing (not a plastic garbage bag)                             |

*Personal supplies:*

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| _____ | _____ | Village passport  |
| _____ | _____ | sunscreen (at least SPF 30)                                       |
| _____ | _____ | insect repellent (non-aerosol; approx. 30% DEET)                  |
| _____ | _____ | toothbrush and toothpaste   |
| _____ | _____ | reusable water bottle   |
| _____ | _____ | shampoo supplies  |
| _____ | _____ | bar soap  |
| _____ | _____ | personal toiletries   |
| _____ | _____ | flashlight with extra batteries                                   |
| _____ | _____ | stationery, stamps, pen, pencil, address book                     |
| _____ | _____ | backpack (something in which to carry items while at the Village) |
| _____ | _____ | camera (optional)   |

- Bring one set of dress clothes (dress shirt, dress pants, dress) for special occasions.
- Village life continues even in the rain — bring rain gear, including coat, pants and footwear!
- We try to keep our impact on the natural setting of the Villages to a minimum. Check that your soap and shampoo are biodegradable and/or have a low phosphate level. Appropriate soaps are biodegradable, natural soaps (not synthetic detergents) that do not contain phosphorous or ammonium lauryl sulfate. Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Insect repellent (approximately 30% DEET) is ESSENTIAL, as mosquitoes are a fact of life in northern Minnesota.

You will go through customs as you enter your Village. American music, books, radios and other items which do not support living in the Village language and culture will be held for you until the end of your session. We encourage you to bring books, CDs and other items in the language of your Village or appropriate to the cultures of your Village.

Villagers of French Voyageur and English will receive different packing lists.

**TO VILLAGE FROM VILLAGE**

*Bedding:*

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|-------|-------|--|
| _____ | _____ | twin-sized sheets                                    |
| _____ | _____ | 3 blankets (bunk-bed size) or open sleeping bag      |
| _____ | _____ | pillow and pillowcases                               |
| _____ | _____ | sleeping bag for those going on overnight excursions |

*Medication:* You do not need to bring common, over-the-counter medications. See your health form for a list of medications at your Village.

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| _____ | _____ | enough daily medication to last your entire stay  |
| _____ | _____ | medication in original containers: medication with labels in other languages should be translated to English before arrival |

*Optional items that may come in handy:*

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| _____ | _____ | books in the Village language |
| _____ | _____ | cultural clothing             |
| _____ | _____ | water socks                   |
| _____ | _____ | lip balm and hand lotion      |
| _____ | _____ | extra paper, notebook         |
| _____ | _____ | hiking boots                  |
| _____ | _____ | small backpack                |
| _____ | _____ | shower sandals                |

*One-month credit villagers should bring:*

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| _____ | _____ | notebooks (3)               |
| _____ | _____ | folders (3)                 |
| _____ | _____ | clipboard                   |
| _____ | _____ | pens, pencils               |
| _____ | _____ | felt-tipped colored markers |
| _____ | _____ | ruler                       |

**Alcohol and illegal substances are forbidden at the Villages.** Possession and/or use and/or distribution are grounds for dismissal from the program and any associated expense will be the responsibility of parents or guardians.

Concordia Language Villages will make every effort to find lost articles, but please recognize that it is sometimes difficult to locate forgotten articles after a session is over and a new session has begun. We encourage you to use this checklist when you pack prior to your Village stay and when you pack to return home.