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Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota USA

# Japanese Language Village

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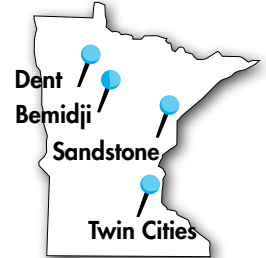
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# Mori no Ike, the Japanese Language Village

- Summer sessions lasting one, two or four weeks, including high school credit sessions
- Credit Abroad in Japan
- Village Weekends for students in grades 7-12 and Japanese language teachers
- Pre-K language immersion programs for ages 2 to 5
- Family Week
- Teacher Seminars for Japanese language educators
- Master of Education in World Language Instruction



Life at *Mori no Ike* is infused with Japanese. Participants become “villagers” and live in the language and culture from the moment they wake up—participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, song—to the close of the day. Counselors from the United States and Japan engage with villagers and share experiences using vocabulary repetition and actions to increase understanding and retention.



## Where

- Near Sandstone, Minn., for summer youth sessions and family weeks; near Dent, Minn., for summer youth sessions only. Site for adult, teacher and Village Weekends programs is on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn. Pre-K classes are held in the Twin Cities area.
- In 2007, *Mori no Ike* dedicated a new building site on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.



## Facts about Japanese Language and Culture

### Japanese language speakers

- Worldwide: more than 127 million speakers
- Japanese is spoken in Japan, Brazil, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines and the United States.

### Dialects

Each region has its own variation of language, but the most widely spoken is the dialect based in Tokyo.

### Alphabet

Consists of 71 sounds formed by combinations of fourteen consonants and five vowels. Written Japanese includes three systems: *hiragana*, *katakana* and *kanji*. Each has a different function and all can be combined to form sentences.

### *Mori no Ike* activities:

- Drumming
- Origami
- Tea ceremony
- Japanese pop music
- Calligraphy
- Martial arts
- Cooking
- Flower arranging

All activities conducted in Japanese.



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