

About Concordia Language Villages

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Concordia Language Villages is the most extensive language and cultural immersion camp in the United States. Our mission is to prepare young people for responsible citizenship in our global community.

We offer 15 world languages for young people ages 7-18, including an English Language Village for non-native speakers and a French *Voyageur* program with a special focus on French-speaking Canada and wilderness living. We offer both high school and college credit programs. Also available are family, adult and Elderhostel programs; Village Weekends for teachers and their students, teacher seminars, rosemaling and genealogy workshops, and various programs abroad. We launched our Master of Education in World Language Instruction program in 2007.

LANGUAGE OFFERINGS

- Arabic:** *Al-Wāḥa*, the Arabic Language Village, is held near Vergas, Minn.
- Chinese:** *Sēn Lín Hú*, the Chinese Language Village, is held near Cass Lake, Minn.
- Danish:** *Skovsøen*, the Danish Language Village, takes place at the permanent Norwegian Language Village site on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.
- English:** *Hometown*, the English Language Village, is held near Frontenac, Minn., and in Ftan, Switzerland.
- Finnish:** *Salolampi*, the Finnish Language Village, is located on the Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.
- French:** *Lac du Bois*, the French Language Village, is held at two locations in Minnesota and one in Savannah, Ga.
- French Voyageur:** *Les Voyageurs*, a French language and wilderness camping program, is held at the Turtle River Lake site near Bemidji, Minn.
- German:** *Waldsee*, the German Language Village, is located on the Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.
- Italian:** *Lago del Bosco*, the Italian Language Village, is held near Fosston, Minn., and New Jersey.
- Japanese:** *Mori no Ike*, the Japanese Language Village, is held near Dent, Minn., and Sandstone, Minn.
- Korean:** *Sup sogŭi Hosu*, the Korean Language Village, is located on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.
- Norwegian:** *Skogfjorden*, the Norwegian Language Village, is located on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.
- Portuguese:** *Mar e Floresta*, the Portuguese Language Village, is held at Camp Patmos near Hackensack, Minn.
- Russian:** *Lesnoe Ozero*, the Russian Language Village, is located on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn..
- Spanish:** *El Lago del Bosque*, the Spanish Language Village, is held at three locations in Minnesota and one in Georgia.
- Swedish:** *Sjölundén*, the Swedish Language Village, is held at the permanent Finnish Language Village site on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji, Minn.

LOCATION

Concordia Language Villages has six year-round Villages near Bemidji, Minn., built to reflect the cultures and languages at those locations. Summer sites located throughout Minnesota and near Savannah, Ga., and XX, N.J., have more traditional camp architecture. The English Language Village has locations in Minnesota and in Ftan, Switzerland.

ENROLLMENT

With an annual enrollment of approximately 9,500 young people and 500 adults, our programs offer a wide variety of options with sessions varying in length from one weekend to four weeks. All language levels are welcomed, from beginning to advanced. Our villagers come from all 50 states and more than 40 countries. Charter transportation is available.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ABROAD

Participants with at least intermediate language proficiency can earn one year of high school language while traveling abroad to Argentina, China, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Spain or Sweden.





CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota USA

Portuguese Language Village



*Mar e
Floresta*



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Mar e Floresta, the Portuguese Language Village



FACTS ABOUT MAR E FLORESTA

Q: What does *Mar e Floresta* mean?

A: Mar e Floresta means “Sea and woods.” The name is meant to symbolize the strong tie that many Portuguese speaking cultures have with sailing and the sea.

Q: What is *Mar e Floresta*?

A: It is a language immersion program that introduces children, students and parents to Portuguese speaking cultures like those from Portugal, Brazil, Angola and Mozambique. *Mar e Floresta* is one of the 15 languages offered by the Concordia Language Villages, a program of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., U.S.A.

Q: What if I don't speak any Portuguese?

A: Come as you are! *Mar e Floresta* and the Concordia Language Villages community will meet you where you are at, whether you are an advanced speaker or just beginning the adventure of learning a new language.

Q: Where does *Mar e Floresta* take place?

A: Our 15th Village will be opening at Camp Patmos near Hackensack, Minn.

Q: When is it?

A: Sessions will begin in summer 2008 (July 28 - August 23)

Q: Why should I be interested in learning Portuguese?

A: The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to “prepare young people for responsible citizenship in our global community.” Portuguese is spoken by more than 210 million people worldwide!

DID YOU KNOW:

(facts about the Portuguese Language)

- 1.3 million speakers of Portuguese live in the United States
- More people speak Portuguese than speak German, French, Italian or Japanese
- Portuguese became an official language of the European Union in 1986
- The origins of the language are in Portugal and the Spanish province known as Galicia
- Seven countries have Portuguese as their official language: Angola (10.3 million); Brazil (184 million); Cabo Verde (346,000); Guinea-Bissau (1 million); Mozambique (15.3 million); Portugal (10.1 million); São Tome and The Principe Islands (126,000)





MAR E FLORESTA ACTIVITIES:

- basketry
- cooking
- folk dancing
- games
- music
- painting
- pottery
- soccer
- storytelling
- theater
- weaving

All activities conducted in Portuguese.



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