

Concordia Language Villages Youth and Families

Walk through customs at Concordia Language Villages and you enter another zone. At the border you show your passport, exchange American dollars, and select a Village name. As a citizen of a Village you are free to explore a new language, a different culture, and an expanded identity.

"By teaching the culture, the camps help villagers to better understand the people who speak the language, making the world a more connected place."

- French Language Villager, Brookfield, Wis.



Explore with us

What is Concordia Language Villages?

Since 1961 Concordia Language Villages has been committed to preparing young people for responsible citizenship in our global community. Core to the Language Villages experience is respect, curiosity, and communication.



"I thought I knew Skogfjorden like the back of my hand, but I was so inspired by the credit program. ... It was hands-down the best experience of my summer."

- Norwegian Language Villager, Walford, Iowa



"The food is positively delicious. ... The traditional Korean meals rocked and were unbelievably marvelous."

- Korean Language Villager, Minneapolis, Minn.



"She learns to live with and learn from others who are very different from herself, and in so doing, she learns to live with and learn from herself."

- French Villager Parent, Rochester, N.Y.

What is a Language Village?

A Language Village is a community centered around one language and the cultures of the people that speak it. Village atmospheres vary and are inspired by the culture, dean, and the talent of the program staff. As a villager you will interact with native speakers from around the world and staff members proficient in languages, world knowledge, and global citizenship.



"I'm going to keep coming back until I become a credit villager and then a counselor."

- Korean Language Villager, Chicago, Ill.



What is immersion?

Immersion means you willingly give up anything that represents or connects you to your own language – music, books, television, video games, mobile phones – for the freedom to explore another language, culture, people, friendships. You live every day in the language.



What will you value most?

The relationships you build with your counselors, activity groups, and cabin mates, the memory of these people, the experiences you shared, and the lessons you learned will remain with you. When you come across these friends years later you'll still be able to recount ridiculous adventures, academic triumphs, and fabulous characters your counselors became as they inspired lively participation.



Our Youth and Family Programs

Exploratory One- and Two-Week Summer Immersion

Villagers aged 7 to 18 participate in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, arts, dance, and song. Counselors from the United States and around the world engage villagers in meaningful and fun experiences. A one-to-five counselor-to-villager ratio maximizes active learning.

High School and College Credit for High School Students

Villagers entering grades 9-12 can build language skills and, at the same time, earn high school credit. Concordia Language Villages offers an accredited language program in 14 languages and that includes a minimum of 180 instructional hours. In the college credit program, Concordia College grants four semester hours of credit in French, German and Spanish to villagers in senior high who complete a month of college level studies.

High School Credit Abroad

High School Credit Abroad takes villagers to one of eight countries with Concordia Language Villages for four weeks. Villagers earn credit and utilize language as they experience a traditional Chinese tea ceremony, hike a snow-capped Argentinean mountain pass, sample sushi in a seaside Japanese town, or visit the Louvre in Paris.

Family Programs

Concordia Language Villages offers families a vacation that is fun and out-of-the-ordinary. Families can enroll for sessions throughout the year in one of 12 language programs and access the same rich setting and daily schedule. Immersed in beautiful surroundings, conversation and language, both children and parents absorb lessons about the larger world and the value of learning language.

"... The staff was so friendly and funny, the food was so authentic, fresh and tasty, and the place was so beautiful that every one of us let down our guard and had a great time. The children picked up more of the language than I would have dreamed possible, and I got to practice my rusty German."

- German Family Participant, Moorhead, Minn.

Pre-Kindergarten and Day Camp

Year-round in St. Paul and summers in Bemidji, Minn., children 2 to 11 years old can join discovery programs in a number of languages. Be it the licensed pre-school program, half- or full-day day camps, experienced teachers and camp counselors integrate music games, crafts, stories, and physical activities into engaging, fun and age-appropriate sessions for children to discover, learn, and love language.

Become Responsibly Engaged in the World at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

Concordia Language Villages is an integral part of Concordia College. The Language Villages played a significant role as it received one of only eight Senator Paul Simon Awards for Campus Internationalization in 2006. Concordia strengthens its commitment to creating responsible global citizens by fostering lifelong language learning and international education through programs at the Language Villages.



Welcome

Are you ready to learn the world?

Are you interested in knowing how people in other parts of the globe approach the same life questions, opportunities and problems that you face? Are you willing to learn the skills you'll need to be a 21st century world citizen? Then, we look forward to your participation in our programs this summer!

Perhaps never before in history has it been so important for us to see, to experience, and to know other cultures. And, culture is best understood through language and all its nuances. During your stay at Concordia Language Villages, you'll have the opportunity to learn through music, song, dance, poetry, nature, food, sports, games, and art. You'll have the chance to interact with native speakers from around the world and also with U.S.-born counselors and staff who, just like you, have made a choice to become proficient in world knowledge and global citizenship.

At the Language Villages, you'll delve into contemporary world issues as well as experience time-honored traditions, customs, and rituals. You'll spend your days learning to express yourself in a different language and learning the attitudes and habits that accompany that culture; you'll relax with camaraderie, story-telling and song at the campfire. And, in the process, you'll make significant new friends who share your sense of adventure and joy in learning.

There are many choices you can make to spend your summer days; your choice to attend one of our Villages tells us that you are a special person who is eager to choose an interesting, exciting, and fun path for yourself – a path that leads to being a confident member of an ever-connected, yet ever-complex world. A path that will prepare you to make a difference. We cannot wait to welcome you to one of our sites in the North Woods of Minnesota, the warm pines of Georgia, or the gentle hills of New Jersey this summer.

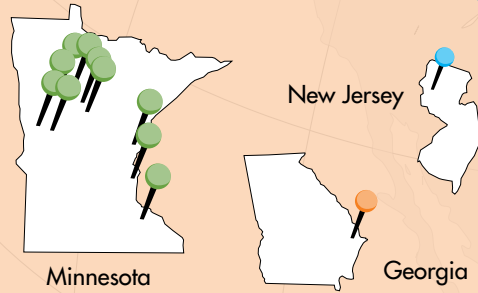
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Where we are

All 15 languages we offer are represented at Language Villages located in Minnesota. Youth and family programs now extend beyond the state's borders reaching to Georgia, New Jersey and overseas to Argentina, Cameroon, China, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, and Switzerland.

- Minnesota Programs
- Georgia Programs
- New Jersey Programs
- Credit Abroad
- English Language Villages



Lesnoe Ozero, Bemidji, Minn.



Al-Wāḥa, Vergas, Minn.



El Lago del Bosque, Bemidji, Minn.



Sēn Lín Hú, Cass Lake, Minn.



Salolampi, Bemidji, Minn.

Summer Language Offerings

Arabic	<i>Al-Wāḥa, Vergas, Minn.</i>
Chinese	<i>Sēn Lín Hú, Cass Lake, Minn.</i>
Danish	<i>Skovsøen, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
English	<i>Hometown, Frontenac, Minn., Ftan, Switzerland, and Shanghai and Beijing, China</i>
Finnish	<i>Salolampi, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
French	<i>Lac du Bois, Bemidji, Minn., Hackensack, Minn., and Savannah, Ga. Les Voyageurs, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
German	<i>Waldsee, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
Italian	<i>Lago del Bosco, Fosston, Minn., and Blairstown, N.J.</i>
Japanese	<i>Mori no Ike, Dent, Minn., and Sandstone, Minn.</i>
Korean	<i>Sup sogūi Hosu, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
Norwegian	<i>Skogfjorden, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
Portuguese	<i>Mar e Floresta, Hackensack, Minn.</i>
Russian	<i>Lesnoe Ozero, Bemidji, Minn.</i>
Spanish	<i>El Lago del Bosque, Bemidji, Minn., Callaway, Minn., Marine on St. Croix, Minn., and Savannah, Ga.</i>
Swedish	<i>Sjölunden, Bemidji, Minn.</i>

Programs for Youth and Families

- One-week exploratory (camp sessions)
- Two-week core immersion (camp sessions)
- Four-week high school credit (camp sessions)
- Four-week college credit for high school students (camp sessions)
- Four-week credit abroad
- Family programs
- Pre-kindergarten and day camps

Visit us at our Web site or make an appointment to come see our sites in person.

www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

A complete schedule and registration forms are available online or contact our office.

Registration

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