

THE FOREST

Directions to The Forest

(a 45 minutes drive from the Twin Cities)

Highway 36 to County Road 15
(Manning Avenue) and turn left.

Go north 7 miles on County Road 15 to
County Road 7 (Square Lake Trail) and
turn right. (signs: "Square Lake Park"
and "Pine Point Park")

Go east 2.35 miles on County Road 7
to County Road 55 (Norell Avenue)
and turn left. (sign: "Wilder Forest")

Go north 1.75 miles on County Road 55
to Oldfield Road and turn right.
(sign: "Wilder Forest")

Go east 1 mile on Oldfield Road and
continue straight ahead for .5 mile onto
Ostlund Trail. Turn left into the entrance.
(sign: "Wilder Forest")

For Meeting House, Clearing and Homestead building:

Continue straight ahead past the small stop sign
as the road bears left.

At the fork in the road, bear right.

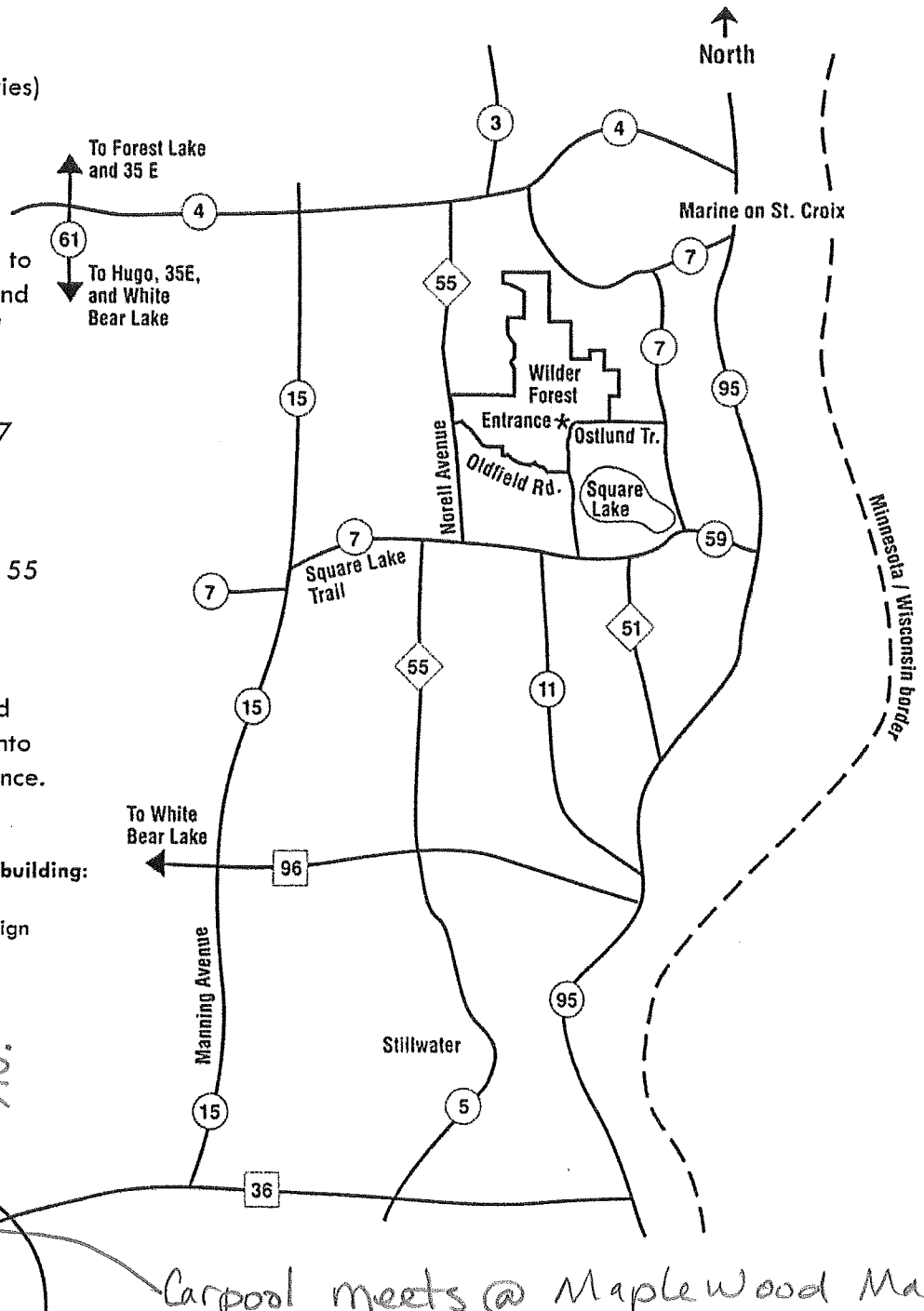
Turn left into the Guest Parking lot.

Follow the signs for your
group to find your buildings.

**For Earth Lodge, Sun Lodge and
Commons building:**

Turn left into the large parking
lot at the small stop sign.

Consult the site map under the welcome
shelter to find your building.



CONCORDIA
LANGUAGE VILLAGES



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

You will need bedding (with the exception of pillow and pillowcase which is provided) and casual clothing for layering since you will be both inside and outside during the program.

Personal items

- Fresh undergarments for each day
- A pair of warm socks for each day
- 1-2 short-sleeved shirt(s)
- 1-2 long sleeved shirt(s)
- 1-2 pair(s) of pants
- 1 warm sweatshirt or sweater
- 1 pair of pajamas
- 1 pair of warm gloves/mittens
- 1 warm hat
- 1 scarf/neck warmer
- 1 warm jacket
- 2 pairs of shoes (sneakers as well as seasonal footwear for snow/rain are a must)
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush and hairbrush
- 1 bath towel and 1 hand towel
- Flashlight
- Re-usable water bottle
- Contact lens wearers: bring a pair of glasses in addition to enough solution for your stay
- If applicable, necessary medications (enough to last your entire stay)

Bedding (pillows and pillowcases will be provided)

- one twin fitted sheet
- one twin flat sheet
- a warm blanket/sleeping bag

Optional

- Digital, automatic, manual or disposable camera labeled with villager name (phones with cameras are considered contraband and are not permitted)
- Money for the store and snacks on the way to/from Village (\$1-\$100 depending on stay)



Dear Family,

Thank you for sending a young person to Concordia Language Villages! Our mission is to *prepare young people for responsible citizenship in our global community*. We have been bringing the world closer to people of all ages for 50 years. To help you prepare for this adventure, you will find answers to the ten questions families ask most frequently, below.

Please share this information with your villager.

1. **Immersion:** Our programs create safe, positive learning communities where villagers feel inspired to use the target language. Staff are experts in helping villagers, even beginners, understand and learn the target language while participating in engaging activities. In the event of an emergency, we will speak English for the safety of the participant(s).
2. **Food:** Mealtimes are always highly rated. Menus reflect the cultures where the target language is spoken. Please talk to your villager about trying new foods. We ask that everyone respect the culture and the cooks by tasting everything (with the exception of those with allergy or faith-based dietary needs). Meals are served family style, but there is always more and the kitchen always welcomes requests for second helpings!
3. **Health and Safety:** As you know from the health form, we do not provide healthcare at the Village. Villagers are responsible for taking their own medication at the Village. Ill villagers should stay home. If there have been any changes in your villager's health since you turned in your health form, please let us know by emailing clvforest@cord.edu.
4. **Contraband:** To take full advantage of the immersion environment, villagers should leave "contraband" (phones, music players, games, food, and reading materials in English) at home. Those who wish to bring these items for the bus ride should keep them in a separate bag to turn in for safe-keeping during program.
5. **Packing:** Valuables should be turned in for storage in the Village safe during the program. Otherwise, all personal belongings are each villager's individual responsibility. The Village store with culturally authentic snacks and souvenirs will be open every afternoon. Purchases are not required, but optional. Prices range from under \$1 for a treat to \$50 for a fleece jacket. For overnight programs: a packing list is included with this letter.
6. **Policies:** Responsible global citizens take care of themselves and respect the people and places around them. Concordia Language Villages does not tolerate inappropriate behavior or attitudes that intimidate and/or offend others (e.g., bullying, treats, physical aggression), shoplifting, stealing or damaging/defacing property. Any participant in violation of this policy will be required to clean and/or pay for damages and be dismissed at their own expense. All federal and state statutes pertaining to the illegal use and sale of drugs and alcohol are enforced at the Village. Anyone who uses, possesses, sells or persuades someone else to use drugs or alcohol will be sent home at the expense of the parent(s) or guardian(s) and be subject to legal action. Smoking is not permitted regardless of age.
7. **Location:** The Forest is located in Marine on St. Croix, Minn. Facilities are modern, comfortable and in the midst of nature.
8. **Phone:** In the event of an emergency, call The Forest Office at (651) 433-4375. If we are all out with the program, leave message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Villagers do not have access to a phone during the program.
9. **Lost and Found:** Should you arrive home and realize that you are missing something, please email clvforest@cord.edu. To aid in the retrieval of missing items, please label everything with first and last names before you leave home.
10. **Positive Attitude:** We have found that villagers become their best selves at Concordia Language Villages. Pride in yourself and the community you represent as well as respect for others goes hand in hand with becoming a responsible global citizen. We look forward to welcoming your villager and providing a memorable experience for years to come!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordi Teillard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jordi Teillard
Associate Director for Concordia Language Villages at The Forest