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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Day

Help others while helping yourself!

This Saturday, September 13th, we are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the fall term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites.

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, September 11th.

There is no cost to volunteer. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity

Family Fishing Day at UF Ponds— Come help families enjoy catch-and-release fishing at the UF ponds! This event is free and open to fishermen and non-fishermen alike! There will be a hot dog lunch and a free raffle for kids for some fishing prizes. There will also be a casting competition in which every participant gets a prize. There are seven stocked ponds with channel catfish, bream, and largemouth bass!

Meet at Norman Hall at 9:15am and we will drive together. We will return around 2pm.

Summerville— Come and play Bingo and talk with senior citizens. This is a great way to practice your English and have a wonderful time!! We will meet at the NRN Garage at 2:30pm and return around 5pm.

Gator Plunge-- Gator Plunge is a community-wide service event in which over 500 UF students, faculty and staff volunteer with over 20 different community agencies to make a difference. You will arrive at the Plaza of the Americas at 8am for a FREE breakfast. From breakfast you will go to your preferred service project and then return to the Plaza of the Americas for a FREE lunch during the afternoon. Meet at the Century Tower at 7:45am. We will be done around 1pm.

If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Ximena in the CIP Office, Room 318.

Have a great day, everyone!

Notes from the Office

- **Smoking:** We have noticed that some folks are smoking right under the “No Smoking” signs outside the Florida Room. Remember, students, that it is state law now that not only is there no smoking inside state buildings, you must be at least 50 feet from the building to smoke at all. Please do not smoke in this area, even if you see other people doing so. Remember, you are representing not only the ELI when you’re here, but you are also representing your country and affecting people’s opinions of you. Smoking is permitted at the picnic tables adjacent to the small parking lot on the northeast side of Norman Hall (right across from the Credit Union).
- **Noise in the Hallways:** Everyone, please remember that we share the third floor of Norman Hall with other classrooms and offices. We’ve had some gentle reminders from some of our neighbors already this semester that the enthusiasm of our students is a little too high-spirited. In between your classes, if you have to socialize a lot,

please keep it down or go outside. Our neighbors will thank you!

- **English in the Hallways:** While we're on the subject of socializing in the hallways, we've noticed this semester that some of you don't seem to realize that it's part of your ELI experience to speak English only while you're here. Please don't speak languages other than English while you're on the third floor of Norman Hall.

Afternoon Activities

Here is our afternoon activity schedule for the semester:

MONDAY: Tea Lounge at the Hookah Hut 8pm @ Hookah Hut (Heather)

TUESDAY: Swimming 7pm @ NRN Garage (Charlotte) Bring Gator1 ID

WEDNESDAY: Coffee Talk 7pm @ Archer Road Starbucks (Megan)

THURSDAY: Soccer 5:30pm @ NRN Garage (Lolade and Stephan)

FRIDAY: Gator Nights 6pm @ Reitz Information Desk (Venita and Nate) Bring Gator1 ID

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be **Canoeing on the Ichetucknee**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of September 12-18:

Students:

September 14: Ernesto Torre Jaimes

September 15: Svatava Rumpelova

September 16: Youngdae Lee

None this week!

Happy birthday one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people buy water?

A: Convenience. It's a good way to have water always ready for drinking in a portable way. It is, however, environmentally unsound to have all those bottles around to dispose of, and fewer people are buying the bottled stuff.

Q: I like seafood so much, but I like it fresh. Where can I get fresh seafood in town, other than Publix?

A: Northwest Seafood is a good place. It's on NW 16th Blvd, next to

the Fresh Market near the intersection of at NW 43rd Street.

Q: Why do people in the US like to suntan?

A: Because there are a lot of idiots who are slaves to fashion over health, and it's still considered by some people to be fashionable. Experts warn that there is no such thing as "safe" tanning, period. Tanning itself is actually a representation of damage to the skin. People hate listening to experts.

Grammar

Q: When can I use adverbs?

A: Whenever you want to. Seriously, though, adverbs have four uses. They can modify verbs, adjectives, other adverbs, and entire sentences.

Q: Why do you only use one question mark with questions?

A: We just use one at the end of any sentence. To my knowledge, Spanish is the only major language that uses two.

Quote of the Week

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.

--Maya Angelou

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