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Busch Gardens

Theme park fun!

Busch Gardens is a theme park in Tampa. It is famous for its roller coasters and its wild animals. Among the roller coasters is "Sheikra", that has two 90 degree angle drops making it the first coaster of its kind in the Americas and only the third in the world. This is one of the most popular trips of the semester, don't miss it!

WHEN: Saturday, Nov.15th. We will meet at *The TRiP Office* on the ground floor of the Reitz Union at 8:00 AM. The park will be open until 7:00 PM. Depending on the group decision, we may return to Gainesville as late as 12:00 PM. We will go rain or shine.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a van trip so you must purchase a transportation pass at *The TRiP Office* on the ground floor of the Reitz Union. (The TRiP Office sells transportation passes. You will need to buy your Busch Gardens admission ticket online or at Busch Gardens.)

COST: The cost of transportation is \$30 for a seat in the van. Busch Gardens admission tickets for Florida residents are \$67.95 for adults and \$57.95 for kids. **Bring your Gator 1 card or Florida driver's license to prove that you are a Florida resident.**

You can buy your admission ticket to Busch Gardens now and use it as many times as you want until December 31, 2008. Also, bring money for food and souvenirs.

TOEFL®

The ELI's Institutional TOEFL will be given on Friday, December 5th, at 2pm in the Communicore at Shands. The Registration Schedule for the TOEFL is as follows:

FULL-TIME ELI STUDENTS
Friday, November 21st, 1pm
Room 250 NRN

MUSLIM STUDENTS' REGISTRATION
Friday, November 21st, 3:30pm
Room 250 NRN

PART-TIME ELI Students and Non-ELI Students
Tuesday, December 2nd, 9:35am
Room 2337 NRN

Part timers, remember that you also must sign up in the ELI Main Office ASAP in order to have a space at registration.

If you have a problem and cannot register at your assigned time, please

come to the ELI Main Office BEFORE WEDNESDAY, November 19th, to receive a different registration time.

IMPORTANT NOTE #1: You MUST be on time. If you arrive even ONE MINUTE late, you will not be permitted to register at the regular time. You will have to register with the part-time and non-students, and you will be permitted to register only if there is space. **You will also have to pay a late fee of \$40. There will be no exceptions.**

IMPORTANT NOTE #2: The registration takes about an hour. No one will be allowed to leave until it is finished and we have matched your IDs to your forms and we have taken them all and counted them. Please do not make any plans that may conflict with this time.

IMPORTANT NOTE #3: Everyone, bring **A PICTURE ID AND A NUMBER 2 PENCIL** to registration. We do not have enough pencils to give each person one.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our annual ELI Thanksgiving Potluck! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Manners

Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant, or brush their teeth regularly, and it's kind of difficult for me. Can I tell them?

A: No, but I can. Folks, if you come from a culture that doesn't use deodorant and anti-perspirant, that's absolutely fine—we're not telling you that you have to or that it's wrong in any way. However, remember that you are currently living in a culture that does use it, and you are among many students who also come from cultures that also do. When the weather is warm, as it often is in Florida, many natural body smells are going to get stronger—and our classrooms are pretty small. For those of you not using deodorant or anti-perspirant, it's likely that you may be making things a bit more difficult for some of your classmates and teachers. As for the other part of the question, well, everyone, for heaven's sake, please brush your teeth in the morning. It's just healthier that way!

Q: What do Americans do on Thanksgiving?

A: Eat. Thanksgiving is a special feast holiday for Americans. This is the main holiday when we get together with our families; travel is at its absolute peak during Thanksgiving week in the US.

It's also traditional for us to shop; the day after Thanksgiving is a big day for retailers, and you will find a lot of special sales throughout the weekend.

Q: Why is it incorrect to call my teacher "teacher"?

A: In US society, we only address our teachers as "teacher" when we are very young children, if at all. Otherwise, we call our teachers by Mr. or Ms. and the family name. In college, when many teachers hold doctoral degrees, we address them as Dr. or Professor along with the last name.

Here at the ELI, we do want to foster a more collegial and team atmosphere. Most of the teachers here do not have Doctorates; the Masters is considered the high degree for teaching ESL. Use of the first name here is considered a preferred choice.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between 'other' and 'others'?

A: The first one, 'other', is an adjective for plural nouns. It comes in front of a noun, as in, "There are other alternatives." The second one, 'others', is a pronoun, meaning that it stands alone, as in, "There are others."

Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just

want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.

- **Part-time students and TOEFL:** Part time students, don't forget-if you wish to take the ELI TOEFL with the other students, you must actually sign up for it in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. If you have not already done so, please go and sign up as soon as possible.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 13-20:

Students:

November 13: Jongyeong Do

November 14: Pei Chen Hsieh

November 14: Emre Sare

November 19: Yena Kim

November 20: Humberto Cespedes

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Quote of the Week

To die is nothing, but it is terrible not to live.

--Victor Hugo



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