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The ELI Weekly

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Kennedy Space Center

See it all!

Come explore NASA's launch headquarters located on Florida's West coast on Saturday with the ELI!

Activities:

Space Exhibits

IMAX Theatre

Astronaut Hall of Fame

Interactive Space Flight Simulators

Gift Shops

Shows

AND MORE!

Cost: \$25 (van ticket), \$38 + tax

(admissions), souvenir/food money

How: Buy your van ticket at the TRiP office, admission ticket at Kennedy Space Center.

When: We will leave from the Reitz

Union TRiP office at 8:00 a.m. on

Saturday; we will return to Gainesville around 8:30 p.m.



exploration!

Don't miss out on your chance to visit the United States' hub of technology and space

NASA has very strict regulations about what may be brought into the complex, much like an airport. Forbidden items include:

- Fire arms of any type (with or without a permit)
- Ammunition (live or spent)
- Pepper/mace sprays
- Knives of any size
- Box cutters or like items
- Nail clippers with knife blades
- Any other sharp/pointed items, including pointed scissors or nail files

Additionally:

Coolers, luggage or other large bags are not permitted through the front gate. All bags, purses and other items will be opened and inspected at the Visitor Complex. (Procedures to search all bags carried into the complex by visitors & employees are actions taken as part of the increase in security and not part of a specific threat to our facilities.)

All electronic devices such as digital cameras, MP3 players, mobile/cellular phones, video recorders, voice recorders and pagers must be in working condition before entering the complex. Devices that cannot be powered on, broken devices or devices without properly charged

batteries will not be permitted through the front gate.

Stand alone GPS equipment is not permitted on property

Notes from the Office

- **Immunizations**-Don't forget; we must have proof of your immunizations for you to be allowed to attend classes. The deadline this semester is Friday, January 26th. We often have quite a few students who are very surprised to be pulled out of classes at this particular time for this particular reason. Don't be one of them!
- **Class Attendance**-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.
- **Student Mailbox**-Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.
- **Smoking**-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.

Sports and Activities

The following is our activity schedule for the semester; this may change from time to time, so please watch the Activities Board.

Pool and Bowling (Carmen)	4:30pm Monday	Meet at Reitz Union Game Room and Bring UF ID; Cost Varies
Sports...will change weekly (Kristen)	4:30pm Tuesday	Meet at NRN Garage; Free; Bring your UF ID
Coffee Talk (Dan and Stef)	7pm Wednesday	Meet at Archer Road Starbucks (New Location!); Bring money for coffee.
Wild Card Thursdays	5pm Thursday	Meet at NRN Norman Garage; Varies
Gator Nights	5:45pm Friday	Meet at Reitz Union, Ground Floor; Free; Bring your UF ID

Activities may be added or cancelled during the semester; we'll keep you updated!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be here in Gainesville our first **Volunteer Day** of the semester. Details will be on the

Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of January 26th to February 1st:

Students:
January 31: Abdulaziz Alsalman

Staff:
None this week!

Manners and Culture

We don't have any questions yet this semester (Teachers! Help!), so here are a few from last year at this time:

Q: Why don't the people work in gas stations?

A: I'm guessing that you are wondering why almost all of our gasoline is self-serve these days. It's cheaper. If we don't have to pay extra people to pump the gas, then the gas can be sold for less. Most people in the US seemed, when the concept was first introduced, to prefer to pump their own gas rather than to pay more for the gas.

Q: Why do American people talk so loud on their cell phones in public?

A: Mercifully, it's not all of us. Those that do are rude, plain and simple. Unfortunately, we have a lot of really rude and thoughtless people roaming around these days.

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.

Q: Why do Americans use so many plastic bags in the supermarket?

A: They're more convenient and easy to carry. Thankfully, we do have a choice; we can request paper bags. Also, many supermarkets have recycling bins for used plastic bags. Personally, I do use the plastic ones (I live in a 2nd floor apartment—it's MUCH easier to carry them up the stairs!), but I always take them back to the store on my next visit and put them in the recycling bin.

Quote of the Week

Use what you have to run toward your best - that's how I now live my life.

--Oprah Winfrey



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