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The ELI Weekly

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Canoeing on the Rainbow River

Outdoor Fun!

This coming Saturday, March 24th, the ELI is going canoeing on the Rainbow River! We will rent canoes and float down the river for approximately 2 hours. Along the way we can see several of Florida's famous springs, as well as lots of birds and wildlife!

WHEN: Meet at Norman Hall Garage at 9am. We will likely return to Gainesville around 3pm.

COST: The cost for renting a canoe for the trip will be **\$18-23 per person.**

WHAT TO BRING: You should wear a bathing suit and shoes that can get wet. Bring a picnic lunch and **water!!!** You will not be able to take this on the river, but you can keep it in the car. Do not bring any valuables that could get lost in the river. If you bring a camera, be sure to put it in a sealed plastic bag so it won't get wet. Also, bring sunscreen and a towel!

The Next Trip

Next week, on Saturday, March 31st, our next trip will be our 2nd **Volunteer Day** of the Spring Semester.

Details about this trip will be presented in the volunteer seminar and will also

be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

IDs and Computer Accounts for B Term Students

This Friday at 12:45pm, we will have a walkover for the B-Term students to get their UF ID cards and their computer accounts. Meet at the NRN Garage.

Notes from the Office

- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist, Natalie, in the main office to make the appointment rather than going directly to the administrator. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed. Please do not expect to walk in to the office and speak to an administrator right away.
- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms or elsewhere at the ELI, do come

and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 23-29:

Students:
March 24: Sharifah Alrajhi
March 25: Anne-Lise Peco
March 28: Esperanza Rebollo



Also, we missed one in our last issue:

March 16: Marisa Maza

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

B-Term Countries

The following are the countries and places represented by our students in our new B-Term:

Argentina	New Zealand
Brazil	Niger
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Spain
Ecuador	Taiwan
Germany	Thailand
Italy	USA
Japan	Venezuela
Korea	

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do all the clubs close at 2am?

A: Well, the official reason is that it's supposed to get people off the streets earlier. In practice, there's a lot of debate as to just how effective this is. Some people feel that it really doesn't matter what time the bars close—you're just as likely to have drunk people on the road no matter what. Gainesville is not the only place in Florida with 2am closing times; even places as large as Orlando also do this!

Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.

A: Most of us don't. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a PhD degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms". At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

Quote of the Week

While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.

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