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Tubing and Snorkeling on the Ichetucknee

Join us for a great day of sun and fun

This weekend, on Saturday, June 9, we will be headed to beautiful **Ichetucknee Springs for Tubing and Snorkeling**. This is a great chance to spend some time in the wonderful Florida outdoors, floating down the river while you relax in an inner tube. Enjoy the beautiful sunshine and the cool water. You can also rent a mask and snorkel set to snorkel in the crystal clear spring water.

We will meet at the Norman Hall Garage at 9:30am. Each car will decide its own return time, probably around 4pm. You need to sign up on the Activities Board by 4pm on Thursday, June 7th. If it is raining, call 392-3354, extension 230 after 8am to find out if the trip has been cancelled.

The cost is \$5 per person. Also bring about \$5 to rent an inner tube. **You MUST bring your own lunch, a bathing suit, and sunscreen as well.**

Snorkeling Equipment: Snorkel sets are very popular in the summer, so if you want to use one, you should reserve it as soon as possible. There is no snorkel set rental available at Ichetucknee Springs. If you want to snorkel, you can rent snorkel equipment from 2 places:

1. The Outfitters at the Reitz Union have 9 snorkel sets that cost \$4 each. You can reserve one by going to the Reitz Union Outfitters and paying for it. Bring your Gator One card.
2. The Aquatic Center in Butler Plaza on Archer Road has 6 sets that cost \$7.50 each. You can reserve one by calling the Aquatic Center at 377-3483, but you must also be able to go and pick it up.

Join us for this great day of fun in the sun.

New Grammar Lab!

In order to address the need of the number of low level students who have been asking to take Grammar for Writing class (despite being far too low for the class), Noreen has offered to lead a "Grammar Lab" for any interested students, from 4:30 - 5:30 starting this week (Tuesday, June 5) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We won't charge for this lab, as this is our first attempt at offering something like this (Thank you, Noreen!). We'll tentatively schedule the lab in 313, but it may change, depending upon the number of students interested.

Check it out!

Notes from the Office

- **Summer Break and I-20s**
Summer break is only two and a half weeks away! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada or Mexico—please remember to come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!
- **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.

The Next Trip

It's going to be quite a while, folks, until we have another weekend trip. Next weekend, since it's right before ELI Midterms, there will be no trip, and then we have summer break! Our next scheduled activity after that is **Fanfares and Fireworks**, Gainesville's Independence Day celebration. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*. Also, we will be holding our **Midterm Picnic** (which is also our Welcome Picnic for the B-Term students) on Saturday, July 7th.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 8-14:

Students:

None this week!

Staff:

June 8: Forrest Myers

Manners and Culture

Yay! Real student questions from this semester! Thanks, Melina!

Q: Why is the campus so quiet in the summertime? Where do the students go? What do they do?

A: Interesting question. Traditionally, we have our main school year in the Fall and Spring Semesters. Summer is a time in the US that many families take their vacations. While we do have Summer Semesters here at UF, we only have about half of the student population that we do in the others. Many students go home for the summer to spend time with their families. Many students take extended trips to other countries or do volunteer work. Many students also work and save their money during the summer.

Q: What is the difference between Miss, Mrs., and Ms.? Are there also different titles for men other than Mr.?

A: No, there aren't. Miss and Mrs. are leftovers from a time when

socially and even in business, it mattered more to people for women whether or not they were married. Miss is for unmarried women, and Mrs. is for married women. In the 1970s, when we started moving toward more equal treatment of the sexes, especially in business, the term Ms. (pronounced "Mizz") was invented as a substitute for *all* women to use to show that it doesn't matter for them anymore than it does for men whether or not they are married.

Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

--George Burns



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