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The ELI Weekly

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Canoeing on the Santa Fe River

Outdoor fun

WHAT: The ELI is going canoeing on the Santa Fe River! We will rent canoes and float down the river for approximately 3 hours. Along the way we can see several of Florida's famous springs, as well as lots of birds and wildlife!

WHEN: Saturday, March 19th. Meet at Norman Hall Garage at 10:00 AM. We will likely return to Gainesville around 4:00 PM.

COST: The cost for renting a canoe for the trip will be **\$16 per person.** (Bring cash.)

WHAT TO BRING: Money to rent a canoe. Also, you should wear a bathing suit and shoes that can get wet. Bring a picnic lunch and **water!!!** We will bring our lunch with us and eat at some point on the river. 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. Don't forget sunscreen and a towel!

Next Weekend

Next weekend, on Saturday, March 26th, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester. More

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

Student Voices Deadline

It's *ELI Student Voices* time, everyone! Steve wants us to let you know that the deadline for submissions for this semester will be on Friday, April 8th. You can send your submissions directly to Steve at sflocks@ufl.edu. Let's see what you can come up with!

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Spring, 2011 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 1:50pm. We will walk over together from Norman Hall at 1:35 from L/S Classes or LA hours. For classes not in Norman Hall, please gauge your time to arrive at Tigert Hall by 1:50. For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who wants to participate, we very much would like to encourage you to come and join us for the picture

B-Term Countries

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

Angola	Panama
Bolivia	Qatar
Brazil	Saudi Arabia
China	Switzerland
Colombia	Thailand
Italy	Turkey
Korea	Venezuela
Kuwait	

Welcome, new students!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 18-24:

Students:
March 23: Ahmed Alotiaibi

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: I often see American flags in front of restaurants, classrooms, houses, buildings and so on. In my country, we hang our flag only on specific days. I wonder why American flags are always hanging outside?

A: Just a simple cultural point for us. The flag is a very strong symbol of patriotism in the US, and it has been for most of our existence. Study the lyrics to our national anthem—you'll find that the song is about seeing the flag in the middle of a battle. Interestingly, there's now even a law in the State of Florida that requires that all state classrooms to have one!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

A: They're both used to create an image in reader's mind that compares things, but the main difference is that a simile uses "like" or "as".

Q: Is it correct to say, "I have been going to class since 3 days ago?"

A: 100% No. "Since" and "ago" can never be paired.

Q: What's the difference between "different from" and "different than"?

A: "Different from" is correct. "Different than" isn't. However, this is one of those that a lot of native speakers get wrong. It may be a case in which the error eventually becomes the rule.

Quote of the Week

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem to be more afraid of life than death.

--James F. Byrnes



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