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I-75 Super Flea Market

Shop 'til you drop!

This Saturday, February 9th, we are going to the I-75 Super Flea Market in Ocala!

Flea Markets are very popular in the United States. At the I-75 Super Flea Market in Ocala, there are approximately 1000 different vendors selling stuff... everything from music, to vegetables, to jewelry. This will be a great chance to buy some inexpensive gifts for people, to see a very interesting part of U.S. culture, and to practice your English!

WHEN: *Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 AM* at Norman Garage. We will return to Gainesville around 3:00 PM. Sign up on the activities board by 5:00 PM Thursday, February 7th.

COST: **FREE!** However, bring money for anything you plan to buy and for lunch. The amount of money you should bring depends on what you want to buy...most stuff at flea markets is less expensive when compared to regular stores.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be headed to Walt Disney World in Orlando! We will be putting up a sign up sheet for people who would like to go to the

Trip office February 8th (the day before the Flea Market) with an LA to buy tickets for the Disney World trip February 16th. Please note that we **MUST** fill up the vans seats in order to be able to go on the trip. Van seats are convenient for students because you do not have to pay for gas or parking which will cost more than the \$25.00 you pay for the van ticket. Please be sure to sign up if you are interested, as we will only be able to take the first 12 people who sign up. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

- **Did you leave the country?-Returning** ELI Students: If you left the United States between the semesters Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 please bring your I-94 to Scott or Daire in the ELI Main Office, Room 315, Norman Hall.
- **ELI T-Shirts-**Don't forget, we have the ELI T-Shirts for sale in the ELI main office, \$10 each, sizes S, M, L, X-L, 2X, cash only, exact change, sold from 8:30am-1:30pm.

Daily Activities Schedule

The following is our Activities Schedule for the semester. Please note that it is subject to change...check the Activities Board regularly!

Activity	Date	Location/Cost
Volleyball Kathy	Monday 4:30 p.m.	Meet at Norman Garage Free
Pool and Bowling Amy	Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Meet at Reitz Union Game Room Bring UF-ID and about \$5
Coffee Talk Max and Heather	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Kay's Coffee House (Behind Archer Road Starbucks) Bring money for coffee
Ultimate Frisbee with Josh's UF group Josh	Thursday 8:00 p.m.	Meet at Norman Field Free
Gator Nights Jon and Jessica	Friday 6:00 p.m.	Meet at the Reitz Union Information Desk Free Bring UF-ID

Birthdays

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

Students:

February 14: Nguyen Ha

Staff:

None this week, but we missed a couple in January, as it turns out...happy belated birthday to Sid Gaddam and Joel Deacon!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why are there so many fire incidents in Gainesville? Almost every day, I see a fire truck with its siren on. Do Americans call the fire trucks about things other than fires?

A: We don't really have any more fires than most cities this size. The

thing is, Norman Hall sits right on 13th Street, and it's one of the main routes that fire trucks take when they're on their way to an emergency. So, we hear and see more trucks than we might if we were in another location. And yes, an emergency might be something other than an actual fire. Sometimes the fire trucks go to accidents to make sure there isn't a fire, for example. They even sometimes rescue kittens from trees!

Q: Why aren't taxes included in the price to begin with?

A: Because we have different tax rates in different places, and most of our retailers are regional or national. In Florida, for example, the tax rate varies even by county. In Alachua County, it's 6.25% (I think...it's hard to keep track of sometimes!), but just a couple of counties away in Duval County, it's 7%. It's much easier to add the tax in where it's different.

Grammar

Q: What does "lack" mean—as in "a lack of something"?

A: It means *absence* or *insufficient quantity*. "We have a lack of funding this year to meet our goals," would mean that we don't have enough money. It can also be used as a verb, meaning *to have an absence of or an insufficient quantity of*. "Your paragraph lacks unity," would mean that you don't have unity in your paragraph.

Quote of the Week

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

--Benjamin Disraeli

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