

# The ELI Weekly

## Lake Wauburg



This weekend the ELI will be going to one of Gainesville's most enjoyable summer spots - Lake Wauburg, UF's private lake!

You can enjoy swimming, boating, and playing volleyball or just hang out with friends. It's a great way to spend some time outdoors! Sign up on the Activities Board outside MAT 10 if you want to carpool.

**When:** Saturday, June 10th, from 12:00-4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or meet us at Lake Wauburg's North Pavilion

**Cost:** Free with a Gator1 ID

**What to Bring:** Sunscreen, towel, bathing suit, and lunch (no food is available there)

## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, June 8th, come to Museum Nights at the Harn from 6-9 p.m. See photography and have free food! Take bus 20 to get there.

Next weekend, the ELI will not have a CIP Activity so that you can prepare for your midterm exams!

The next activity is the Midterm Welcome Picnic on June 24th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Summer Weather Safety

North Central Florida has very interesting weather! It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. There are many weather notification and radar apps you can download to stay informed.

Therefore, you should always have sunscreen and an umbrella in your backpack. Remember to drink lots of water and eat right. If you can't eat or drink during the day, make sure to do it before you leave your house and when you get home after school.

One hazard that you should watch out for is **lightning**. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime in Florida in a year than anywhere else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. If it looks like it's going to storm, you should go inside as soon as possible. A car is also a safe place. **DO NOT** stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area and don't use a metal-tipped umbrella.



Occasionally, there are **tornado watches** or **tornado warnings**. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. **DO NOT** ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car.

Another thing that you should prepare for is **hurricanes**. Hurricanes are rare, but do sometimes come to Florida. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to stay informed of hurricane activity. Of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go.

The most useful part of the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about preparation!

Remember to check the weather before you go out and stay safe!



## Notes From the Office

**Attendance:** Because of US immigration law, we can't excuse absences for any reason, but we do allow non-probationary students to miss up to 15% of their classes with no penalty (this semester, that's 35 total class hours).

We also encourage you to bring a note from the infirmary to show your teacher whenever you are sick. We can't erase your absence, but your teachers will usually allow you to make up any work you missed as long as you talk to them.

**Summer Break:** Summer break is coming up from June 19th -23rd, and many of you are probably starting to make plans. If you will be traveling anywhere, in the U.S. or outside of the country, it is important to make sure you have all original immigration documents, including your I-20, passport, and UF ID.

We want you to have a great holiday, so if you have any questions or concerns about traveling, you can talk to Victoria in Yon 318 or Daryl in Yon 316.

**Matherly Entrance:** Remember, you can ONLY enter Matherly Hall through the east entrance. If you enter on the construction side, you could get in big trouble!

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why is public transportation poor in most American cities?*

A: The United States is very wide and has a lot of open space. Many of the major cities outside of the Northeast and Upper Midwest became large cities after the invention of the automobile. These two factors created a need for a strong highway system, rather than a strong public transportation system as is common in older countries. Rising gas prices and damages to our environment are forcing us to reconsider these choices.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "borrow" and "lend"?*

A: It's the same as the difference between "take" and "give". You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. The verb "lend" is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun "loan".

- Can I borrow a pencil?
- Can I take a pencil?
- Can you lend me a pencil?
- Can you loan me a pencil?
- Can you give me a pencil?

## My Life as an Undergrad: Part 3

*The third installment of the weekly series by Melina Jimenez, titled "Assignment "2"*

The second unit of ENC1102 was social sciences, so we chose a topic and wrote an annotated bibliography (AB) and a literature review (LR). This assignment is important if you are going to do research in the social sciences or the natural sciences. You need to read articles by researchers who have studied something similar and then you write a synthesis of their research. This helps you find the gap, or the missing piece of research that you can focus on. If you are planning to do a PhD in the US, you will probably write an AB and LR to help you organize the many, many articles and books that you will read. The LR is similar to the research paper that RW60 students write.

I don't usually write such academic essays at the ELI. This is partly because I find academic writing dry and boring, both to read and to write. Writing for experts in the field means using very technical language. To me it feels like removing my soul from my writing. On the positive side, I am reading a very large book about fire ants by Walter Tschinkel, who writes about the ants passionately. I think if researchers were allowed to show their passion in their writing, more people would read their academic papers. This was my greatest challenge with the literature review.

## Birthdays!

Students:

June 8: Mohammad Alsaedi  
 June 9: Lydia Bardawil Chakar  
 June 10: Ibrahim Alfalahi  
 June 11: Jubran Kaabi  
 June 11: John Solorzano

Staff:

None this week



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