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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Days

Help others while helping yourself!

We are holding our first **Volunteer Weekend** of

the summer term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

Cost: Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Friday, September 13th

Bread of the Mighty: We will help create care packages and store food for the needy of Gainesville. Meet at Norman Hall at 12:45.

Saturday, September 14th

When: See below for meeting times.

St. Francis House: We will prepare food for people in need and also serve food to the guests at St. Francis. St. Francis helps the poor and hungry of Gainesville. Meet at Norman Garage at 7am.

Little Orange Creek: Learn about Hawthorne's history while cleaning up an old cemetery. Experience Florida's nature and take pictures of the animals and plants. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

Guardian Angels Service Dogs: Clean dog crates and socialize with the dogs. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

Jungle Friends: Learn about monkey conservation. Help clean cages and prepare food for monkeys that have been abused, injured, or sold. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:30 am.

Project Downtown Gainesville: Help serve lunch to the homeless and interact with English speakers from different cultures. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

Please check the board as there may be more opportunities later in the week.

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, September 12th at 4pm and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Chris in the CIP Office, Room 318.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Jacksonville Zoo & Beach**. You will need to purchase a bus pass from Nate in Norman 318 between 9 am and 12:30 pm starting on Monday, September 9th. Bring \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to buy a pass. The bus passes are non-refundable. Come early before they sell out! We only have room for 47 students. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course
Students who withdraw from a course or the ELI after **September 11th**, the drop/add deadline, will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Turns: When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone **will** be served eventually.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Norman Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week:

Monday: *Game Night* at the Reitz Union Game Room, 7-10pm. Bring money to play games.

Tuesday: Soccer at Flavet Field, 7-10pm. Free!

Wednesday: *Coffee Talk* at Starbucks on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks.

Thursday: *Volleyball* at Lexington Crossing, 7-10pm. Free!

Friday: *Gator Nights* at the Reitz Union, 6-9pm. Bring your UFID.

UF Services

Recreational Facilities: As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts by showing your Gator 1 card. On the other hand, ELI students do **not** have access to the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, Southwest Recreation Center and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center because these facilities are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees. If you want to use these facilities, you'll need to pay a membership fee.

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator

1 ID, get it activated at the Education Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Olga in 315 Norman to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket.

Manners and Culture

Q: I don't have enough time between classes! Where can I eat?

A: The best solution is to bring lunch and some snacks. Pack a sandwich or leftovers from dinner the night before with fruit, nuts, or granola bars. If you do have time between classes, you can go to the Reitz Union, which has a lot of options. You could also go to Broward Dining (Fresh Foods), which is very close to Norman Hall. It's all-you-can-eat and it costs \$6.99 for breakfast, \$8.49 for lunch and \$8.99 for dinner, plus tax. There are also lots of options on University Avenue and throughout the campus.

Grammar

Q: Sometimes I ask my teacher a question but he doesn't understand me. What can I do?

A: The most important thing is to make sure that you ask a complete question. If you say, "Teacher, comfortable", your teacher doesn't know if you want the spelling, the meaning, or if you're trying to tell her that you're comfortable. If she or he still doesn't understand, try asking it a different way. Here are examples of what I mean:

- How do you spell *comfortable*?
- What does *comfortable* mean?
- How do you pronounce *comfortable*?
- When can I use *comfortable*?
- Are you comfortable?

Quote of the Week

Study intensely. Speak English intensely. Play intensely. Live intensely.

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