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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Weekend

Help others while helping yourself!

This weekend, we are holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the fall term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites.

There is no cost to volunteer. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Friday, October 25

Bread of the Mighty: We will help create care packages and store food for the needy of Gainesville. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30.

Saturday, October 26

Wilmot Gardens: Help restore the Gardens to become a healing and meditation garden for patients, students, faculty and staff and the greater Gainesville community by weeding and planting flowers. LAs will pick up students at their apartments at 8:00am.

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.

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

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, October 24th 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 **Paintball!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Class Photo - Reminder

The ELI Class picture for Fall 2013 will be taken in front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on **Wednesday, October 30th**, at **1:50pm**. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the first Listening/Speaking hour. Please

plan your time to arrive by 1:45. If it is raining on Wednesday, we will hold the picture on Thursday. The second hour of LS will start at 2:05, so make sure to go to class as soon as the picture is taken.

For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who want to participate, join us for the picture!

ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our new Fall B students:

Brazil	Korea
Burkina Faso	Kuwait
Chile	Nigeria
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Senegal
Cote D'Ivoire	Taiwan
Greece	United States
Iraq	Venezuela
Japan	

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: *Five Guys* on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for food.

Notes from the Office

New students: If you're a new Fall B student, Welcome! If you're a veteran Fall C student, please welcome the new Fall B students.

Immunizations & Insurance:

All of our students are required to have certain immunizations and adequate health insurance in order to attend class. We do this because UF requires it and because we care about you and don't want you to infect each other with tuberculosis or get sick and not have insurance. So please remember to take care of your insurance and immunizations as soon as possible. **You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.**

Smoking: There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus. This means you should not be smoking anywhere on campus, including the

courtyard inside Norman Hall, the private property surrounding Norman Hall, or any other building on the UF campus.

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. We recommend that you ride the bus because the parking lot is very far from your classes.

Manners and Culture

Q: What do Americans do on the weekend?

A: What do you do on the weekend? Americans would probably answer the same way you would. Some would say they sleep, some would say they party, some would say they travel, some would say they do household chores, some would say they study, etc. Most likely, you'd even get a combination of all of those answers.

Grammar

Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/an, the, or nothing?

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular count nouns **MUST** have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific guidelines but these rules are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I want to eat ___ avocado.
- The girl is wearing ___ scary costume.
- Let's go see ___ movie you suggested.

Quote of the Week

Kindness is the one commodity of which you should spend more than you earn.

T.N. Tiemeyer

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