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# The ELI Weekly

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## Thanksgiving Potluck

*Join us for a holiday meal!*

On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ELI International Thanksgiving Potluck!** Thanksgiving in the US is a time to gather with friends and family to give thanks for all the good things in our lives, enjoy each other's company, and eat delicious food. The ELI has been celebrating Thanksgiving with its students since 1994 and as an international potluck since 2002. This is a great opportunity to celebrate an important holiday in the US by joining with your ELI family to give thanks and enjoy some wonderful food!

**When:** Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 to 6:00pm. Dinner will be from 2:30pm to 4:30 and then we will have a campfire and games.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage and carpool to Little Orange Creek Nature Park (about 30 minutes away).

**What to Bring:** Please bring a traditional food from your own country to share. You should bring enough to feed 5 to 10 people and a serving utensil for your dish. We will provide plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups, and drinks. We will also provide notecards so you can write your name, your country, the name of your dish, and the major ingredients of your dish. For example, you might write:

*Megan Forbes  
US  
Mashed Potatoes  
(Potatoes, Milk, Butter)*

All students, teachers, language assistants, staff, and administrators who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please write what type of food you will bring and the number of guests.

### Scholarship Winners

If you see these two guys around, say "Congratulations! What did you do to win the scholarship? What advice can you give me?"

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Alejandro Magnani Estevan

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** David Garrido De Sousa

### Traveling Ideas

If you do not have any plans for Thanksgiving Break yet, we have some suggestions for you!

**In Gainesville:** If you're staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on campus. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail—15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo

Road trail system. Also, Paynes Prairie itself has some really nice walking paths worth checking out. Remember to take water and a camera!

**Close to Gainesville:** Miami and Atlanta are each about 6 hours away, Orlando and Tampa are about 2 hours away, and lots of other places are even closer. There are plenty of things to do at each of cities! If you don't have a car, you can check out the bus companies below.

us.megabus.com  
greyhound.com  
redcoachusa.com

**Travel outside the US:** If you're traveling outside the US, even if just to Mexico or Canada, remember that you must have Daryl sign your I-20 so that you can get back into the country.

If you're traveling and will miss any classes on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving or the Monday after, these will count toward total absences.

### I-20s Expiring

If you started at the ELI in Spring C 2013, your I-20 is going to expire on December 16. If you want to continue studying in Spring C 2014, you must see Daryl before December 16 to renew your I-20. If you don't, you'll need to leave the country.

## Questions from the Office

**Are you a part-time student?** You'll be taking the grammar portion of the CELT on November 22 at 10:40 to 11:30am. Or you'll be taking the listening portion of the CELT on November 22 at 12:50 to 1:30.

**Returning for Spring C?** The check-in link will be available from January 9 to January 13 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. If you don't check in, you will have to pay a \$100 fee and may not be able to study with us.

**Going home and want to return to the US?** You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

**Taking a vacation semester?** You must speak with Daryl before January 22.

**Transferring to another school?** You'll need to show Daryl that you have been accepted to the new school before January 13 and he can release your I-20 to that program.

**Have any Library Fines or Infirmary Fees?** If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates.

**Still getting green slips from Emily?** If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit

package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

**Thanksgiving Holiday:** Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. **Classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday.**

**Holidays and RTS Bus Service:** There is reduced or no campus service on these days: November 27, 28, and 29 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday thru Friday) and December 16, 2013 -January 1, 2014 (End-of-year Break).

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website [www.go-rts.com](http://www.go-rts.com)

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is Black Friday?*

A: It's the unofficial start of the Christmas season. People wake up early and go shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This year, some stores are opening on Thanksgiving evening but many people think this is too much. Thanksgiving is about spending time with family.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "make" and "do"? Are they ever interchangeable?*

A: "Make" and "do" something is just like gerunds, infinitives, and phrasal verbs. It's vocabulary that you have to memorize. Look at the examples below and decide which ones take 'do' and which ones take 'make'.

- My sister \_\_\_ business in El Salvador.
- She \_\_\_ her hair and nails before she travels.
- She never \_\_\_ the dishes because she never \_\_\_ dinner.
- She always \_\_\_ the bed and then \_\_\_ coffee.

## Quote of the Week

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

**W.T. Purkiser**



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