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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Day

Help others while helping yourself!

We are holding our second Volunteer Weekend of the fall 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 also bring water.

Mill Creek Horse Farm: Help clean and organize at a farm for retired horses. Language Assistants will pick you up from your house at 8am.

Little Orange Creek: Help clean up this nature park and learn about Florida's natural history. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

Guardian Angels Service Dogs: Help train these medical service 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, Oct 30th 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 Tiffany in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Arts Festival & Rock Gym!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

ELI Places of Origin

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

Argentina	Kuwait
Bolivia	Morocco
Brazil	Qatar
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Switzerland
Congo	Taiwan
Ecuador	Tunisia
France	Ukraine
Italy	United Arab Emirates
Japan	United States
Korea	Venezuela

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week:

Monday: *Monday Mixer* at Starbucks on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks.

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

Tuesday: Lollipup on 34th Street to play board games. Bring money for frozen yogurt.
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, 7:00pm. Bring your Gator1 ID.

Mexican Special Program

We are excited to welcome a group of 30 students from Mexico. They will be here from November 1st to November 25th. They won't be part of your regular classes, but they will definitely be at the CIP activities so please make them feel welcomed.

Time Change

This Sunday morning, November 2nd at 2am, we will be going off of Eastern Daylight Time and returning to Eastern Standard Time. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour back. Most of your cell phones will probably do this automatically. If you forget to adjust your alarm clock, then you will be here a whole hour earlier than you have to on Monday! You can check <http://time.gov/> to make sure you have the right time. Please be aware that the sun will be setting at around 5:30; starting Monday, it will be dark in the early evening.

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.**

Fall C students: Remember that you'll be getting your Midterm Student Reports this week. Keep those in case you need to see Patti. Also, you'll be doing the Midterm Course Evaluations. Please write lots of comments to let your teachers know what is helping you learn and what could help you learn better.

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 Matherly 223 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's Halloween and why is it such a popular holiday in the US?

A: It's actually a combination of ancient Celtic and early Christian traditions. In Europe, All Hallows Eve (the night before All Saints' Day—November 1 on the calendar) was said to be a night when ghosts and spirits would roam the earth; people carved scary faces in vegetables and left them out to scare the spirits away. We see this tradition today with the carved pumpkins. In the 20th century, it became a popular holiday for children. And, so many of us remember fun at Halloween as kids that it has gradually become a holiday that adults enjoy as well!

Q: Where can I get a cheap Halloween costume?

A: The absolute best place to shop is in your own house. Be creative! Use things you already own to make clever costumes. For example, the Harry Potter characters would be very easy to do.

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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