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The ELI Weekly

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End of Semester BBQ

at Little Orange Creek

A chance to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to friends. We will be going to Little Orange Creek, a nature –preserve in Hawthorne, FL! Eat barbecue chicken, corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw! You can also play volleyball, frisbee, football, and soccer!

When: Saturday, December 6th. Meet at Norman Garage at 11am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

Cost: Free! We will have free barbecue food!

What to Bring: Bring an appetite for good food and fun!! Also, dress warmly. The forecast is a high of 69F (21C) and a low of 46F (8C)

What Not to Bring: No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Little Orange Creek is about a 40-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board in Matherly by 4 PM on Thursday, December 4th.

The Next “Trip”

On Friday, December 12th, we will be holding our **ELI Fall 2014 Commencement Ceremony** at

Paramount Plaza Hotel. Details will be in next week’s *Weekly*.

Final Exams

All ELI classes will be administering final exams this week and next week. In addition, you will be taking the CELT in your Listening Speaking and Grammar for Writing classes. Both the finals and CELT exams are very important for promotion purposes. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and late arrivals to the CELT cannot take the exam.

If you are not currently taking Grammar, and want to return in the Spring, your CELT will be Friday, December 5th at 11:45am in Matherly 107.

If you’re not currently taking Listening Speaking and want to return in the Spring, your CELT will be Friday, December 5th at 12:50 in Matherly 118.

I-20s Expiring

If you started at the ELI in Spring C 2014, your I-20 is going to expire on December 16. If you want to continue studying at the ELI in Spring C 2015 or you are transferring to another school, you must see Daryl before December 16 to renew your I-

20. If you don’t, you’ll need to leave the country.

Spring C 2015 Deadlines

Fall C students: Check in online or in person or pay your tuition online between January 9 and January 13, 2015. Show proof of insurance or buy more insurance by the end of the first week of classes.

Leaving the country and returning to the US: Get your I-20 signed, bring your new I-94 to the main office, and report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

Vacation Semester: Let us know before January 21, 2015.

If you do not check in on time: You will pay a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. You won’t be accepted after January 23rd.

Reminders from the Office

Please don’t write on the desks. There’s just no excuse for this behavior.

Want to hang out with your friends one last time? Join us for afternoon activities this week since it’s the last week.

Daryl out: Daryl will be out December 3rd and 4th.

Shaye out: Shaye will be out November 24 to December 2. If you have questions, you can make an appointment with Debbie.

Debbie out: Debbie will be out December 3rd and 4th.

St. Francis Donation Drive

The CIP office in Matherly 211 will be collecting anything reusable that students want to get rid of and would otherwise throw away, including textbooks, clothes, bedding, non-perishable food items, etc. Everything will be donated to the local St. Francis House. Drop it off any time before December 12th. Every donation is appreciated. These items include canned foods, packaged rice, clothing, unopened hygiene products, and cleaning products.

Manners and Culture

Q: If I'm walking with an American and they encounter a friend, why don't they introduce me to their friend? Isn't this rude?

A: There could be a couple of explanations. Your friend forgot your name or the other person's name and is avoiding the awkwardness. Your friend is hoping this will be a quick hello and doesn't want to involve you in it. Or your friend is just rude.

Q: Why do Americans say 'mmbm' instead of 'You're welcome'? For example, I was walking into Norman Hall and I said 'Thank you to the man holding the door.' He replied 'mmb'.

A: For a couple of reasons. You're both walking away so the person doesn't want to spend time saying "You're welcome." Or because the person doesn't really know you and doesn't want to spend time saying you're welcome.

Grammar

Q: Why can I say one hundred or hundreds but not two hundreds?

A: You can say *dozens, hundreds, thousands,*

etc. only to refer to indefinite amounts. Otherwise, we never make any number plural. How many does each sentence below express?

I bought a dozen eggs.

I saw dozens of people I knew at the party.

Q: What is the difference between go away and go out?

A: *Go out* means to go to do something for just the day or evening and generally in the same town. *Go away* means to go somewhere out of town for a longer period of time or to stop talking to someone.

- Let's go out tonight and see a movie.
- Most UF students went away for Thanksgiving weekend.
- Go away! I need to concentrate.

Quote of the Week

A friend is, as it were, a second self.

Cicero



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