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Spring Break

Relax! Enjoy!

Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Spring Break is only a couple of weeks away. Since we have no scheduled trip this week and there is no major news, we thought that this week we might let you know that there are quite a few things that you can do if you don't already have plans. Even if you're staying here in town, there is a good bit that you can find right here!

If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you! Within an easy day's drive from Gainesville, you will find Atlanta at one end and Miami at the other, with Savannah, Jacksonville, Cedar Key, Orlando, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and many other interesting places in between. There are a number of good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations, notably Travelocity, Expedia, and Orbitz, found at www.travelocity.com, www.expedia.com, and www.orbitz.com. And, if you really want good bargains and are feeling adventurous, then you can try out Priceline bidding at www.priceline.com or blind purchasing on Hotwire at www.hotwire.com. If you're planning on renting a car, then be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

If you are among those staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do, too! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on the southwest side of campus. Each of these provides an afternoon of cultural enjoyment. 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.

If you're traveling, do please remember that missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences.

Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Gainesville.

www.visitgainesville.com
www.springbreak.com
www.springbreaktravel.com
www.daytonabeach.com
www.visitflorida.com

The Next Trip

Next week, on Saturday, February 28th, our next trip will be **Canoeing on the Santa Fe River**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

- **Spring Break:** There will be no ELI classes during the week of March 9th to 13th. Regular classes will resume on March 16th. ***Please remember that Friday, March 8th and Monday, March 16th are regular class days.***
- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist, Chelsea, in the main office to make the appointment rather than going directly to the administrator. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed.
- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms

or elsewhere at the ELI, do come and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from February 20-26:

Students:

February 20: Satoshi Hamai

February 24: Aldo Schenone

February 26: Jonathan Vasquez

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do many girls and guys in the US wear a lot of earrings?

A: Fashion.

Q: What is Presidents' Day?

A: It's a combined holiday, actually. We used to have holidays for George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. These two are generally considered to be our greatest presidents. Both birthdays are in February, so the federal government decided that it was a good idea to make the Monday between them into a holiday to make a long weekend.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "most" and "almost"?

A: "Almost" is an adverb. You cannot use it in front of a noun. You can say, "most students" or you can say, "all students" or you can even say, "almost all students". However, you cannot ever say, "almost students".

Q: What's the difference between "lots of" and "a lot of"?

A: Very little, actually. "Lots of" is a tiny bit less formal than "a lot of", but it's a very minor distinction.

Quote of the Week

Don't reserve your best behavior for special occasions. You can't have two sets of manners, two social codes - one for those you admire and want to impress, another for those whom you consider unimportant. You must be the same to all people.

Lillian Eichler Watson