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# The ELI Weekly

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## St. Augustine

*Visit the Nation's Oldest City!*

On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> we will be going to St. Augustine which is the oldest European city in the US! St. Augustine was founded on September 8, 1565. It was named St. Augustine after the Saint with the same name.

First, we will visit the Old City, where everyone can visit the Fort and walk through the streets during a special art show event. After that, we will visit the beach (depending on the weather) and the lighthouse. Families are welcome!

**When:** Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be meeting at Norman Garage at 8:00am. We will leave St. Augustine around 4:30pm and arrive in Gainesville around 6:00pm.

**Cost:** You'll need to purchase a bus pass from Nate in Norman 318 between 9:00am and 12:30pm before Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring \$20 cash, exact change, and a picture ID (like a Gator 1 ID card or a passport). Bus passes are non-refundable and first come, first serve.

**What to bring:** Your yellow bus passes and Gator 1 IDs to get on the bus. Also, bring comfortable shoes and money for food and souvenirs and of course, your camera.

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Silver Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Emily out

Emily will be on vacation for the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>. She will return to the office on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you need help this week, please contact the following people:

**Doctor's appointment:** Talk to Jennifer or Sylvia in Norman 315.

**Number of absences:** Talk to Jennifer or Sylvia in Norman 315.

**Immunizations:** GO TO THE STUDENT HEALTH CARE CENTER IMMEDIATELY!!

**Emergency:** Call Debbie Kellermann. Please only call Debbie if there is a real emergency. Her phone number is on Emily's door.

### Weekday Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities

Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7:00pm	Pool and Bowling (Nick)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 7:00pm	Soccer and Frisbee (Ian)	Meet at Flavel Field. Free
Wednesday 7:00pm	Coffee Talk (Scott)	Meet at 7 p.m. at Starbucks on Archer Road.. Free (Bring money for coffee and food if you like.)
Thursday 6:00pm	Volleyball (Becky)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Friday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Lunch at the Plaza (Alanna)	Meet at the Plaza of the Americas \$4 for Krishna lunch or bring your own

### Notes from the Office

**Library Fines and Infirmary Fees:** If you have any outstanding fees or fines, you'll need to clear those up soon. There

is a handout on Emily's door [Norman 316] that shows you how to pay those fines. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you. The end of the semester will be here before you know it!

#### **Immunizations & Insurance:**

Remember to take care of your insurance and immunization as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

**IRS Tax Forms:** Don't forget that all international students are required to file a tax form in the United States by April 15. You can find the form at the link below, which is also on our Facebook page. If you have questions, please make an appointment to see Daryl.

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

### **Birthdays**

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 26 to April 1:

Students:

March 28: Feras Aldeeb

March 28: Badr Alsoduis

March 28: Mariana Lisboa Yanez

March 29: Ashwag Alasmay

March 30: Hamzah Qadiri

April 1: Jihad Alhuthail

April 1: Lan Phung

Staff:

March 27: Roxy Fraser

March 31: Sarah Adams

Happy Birthday, one and all!

### **Manners and Culture**

*Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminating?*

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be used by such people in a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

*Q: Why do American people apologize or say "I'm sorry" a lot? For example, when I am on a bus and I accidentally hit someone, he or she tells me "I'm sorry" even when it was my fault.*

A: The other person knows that it wasn't their fault. In this case, "sorry" doesn't

really mean "I apologize for bumping into you". The function of "sorry" here is to acknowledge that something bad happened.

### **Grammar**

*Q: What's the difference between "like" and "such as"?*

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use "like" to mean "such as" (in other words, to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway.

*Conversational:* I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers.

*Academic:* I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers.

### **Quote of the Week**

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

**St. Augustine of Hippo**

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