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The ELI Weekly

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Skate Station Funworks!

Come out and have some fun!

Come spend the afternoon at Skate Station Funworks! We will go and play miniature golf, roller-skate, play arcade games, rock climb, ride go-karts, and more! You can also buy food, drinks and ice cream at the Café!

Where: Skate Station Funworks

When: Saturday, March 23rd. Meet at the Norman Hall Garage at 12:30 pm. We will return around 5:00 pm.

Cost: Prices range from \$9.00 for one attraction up to \$25.50 if you want to do everything.

Transportation: This is a car-pool trip. You will need to sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, March 21st at 4pm. You can drive your own car and bring family and friends (make sure you sign up your family and friends on the board).

What to Bring: Wear comfortable clothes and shoes (and socks)! Bring your Gator 1 ID card to get \$1 off!

Remember to sign up on the activities board!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **St. Augustine!** This is a bus trip. PLEASE reserve your spot on the bus by signing up and buying a bus pass early. You can begin

buying bus passes Monday, March 18th between 9am and 12:30pm (starting 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday) from Nate in Norman 318. Please bring \$20 cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID cards.

Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

No Smoking: UF is a smoke-free campus. This means smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. If you are smoking on campus, you risk getting fined for littering. Definitely, do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground. If you want to quit, Emily has some great information on her office.

Noise in the Hallways: Classes are happening all the time in Norman Hall. Please try to keep your voices low when talking in the hallway. As always, SPEAK ENGLISH!

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>

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a green note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily in

Norman 316 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Spring 2013 will be taken in front of **Tigert Hall** on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, March 19th, at 1:45pm. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the first Listening/Speaking hour. Please gauge your time to arrive by 1:45. If it is raining on Tuesday, we will hold the picture on Wednesday at the same time.

For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who want to participate, please join us for the picture!

Please leave your backpacks on the floor by the bushes. Don't sit on the edges or the floor in front of the stairs. Move towards the back of the steps and squeeze together as much as possible. The more you squeeze, the better you'll fit in the picture!

Emily out

Emily: Emily will be on vacation from Friday, March 22 until Monday, April 1st, when she returns to the office. If you need help this week, please contact the following people:

Doctor's appointment: Talk to Jessica or Stephanie in Norman 315.

Number of absences: Talk to Jessica or Stephanie in Norman 315.

Insurance: Talk to Stephanie in Norman 315.

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

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

Daryl out

Daryl: Don't forget that Daryl will be out until March 24th.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 18 to March 22:

Students:

March 19: Jose Cedeño Seijas

March 21: Konseiga Abdoul

March 23: Luis Fernando Polete

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.

Q: Why do Americans talk on their cell phones in the bathroom, even the public bathrooms?

A: I haven't the foggiest. Really. I can't understand this either. I guess their conversation is more important than their shame.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with people. However, *sort* and *kind* are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

Quote of the Week

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein



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