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The ELI Weekly

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Paynes Prairie

Gainesville's Nature Theme Park

This Saturday, we will be going to Paynes Prairie. Paynes Prairie is a 21,000 acre preserve about 15 minutes south of UF. Come on a nature walk with us for a chance to see alligators, wild horse, bison and other wildlife. Bring your cameras because there will be a lot of great opportunities for photographs!

When: Saturday, March 29th, meet at 1:00pm at Norman garage

Cost: The cost is \$2 cash per person. Bring some money for lunch in case we get something to eat afterwards.

What to bring: A backpack with water, sunscreen, a snack, and a camera. Make sure you wear tennis shoes and clothes appropriate for walking.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **St. Augustine**. This is a bus trip so you'll need to purchase a pass from Nate starting Monday, March 31st. Bring \$20, exact change! Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Reminders

Student Voices: Send your writing to mpjimenez@ufl.edu. Include your name, class, and a title for the piece.

Talent Show: The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 1, at 5:30 in Broward Basement. You **MUST** attend if you want to participate in the Talent Show on April 15.

Daryl: Daryl will be on vacation March 24th through March 27th. He'll return on Friday.

Undergraduate Admissions Workshop

We will be having the Undergraduate Admissions Workshop on Wednesday, March 26. A representative from Santa Fe College will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US schools. Sign up on the blue board in Norman Hall.

When: 5:15pm to 6:30pm
Where: Norman 288

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 7pm - 10pm	Game Night (Shirley)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 7pm - 10pm	Soccer (Daniela S.)	Meet at Flavet Field. Free
Wednesday 7pm - 10pm	Coffee Talk (Alejandra)	Meet at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring \$2-\$5 for coffee or food.
Thursday 7pm - 10pm	Volleyball (Lauren)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Friday 7pm - 10pm	Lollicup (Samantha)	Meet at Lollicup on 34 th Street Bring about \$5 for food.

Attendance

Class attendance is a requirement of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). It is also required by the ELI because we feel that you will not learn English if you do not come to class. To help students stay focused on their studies and to enforce the USCIS rules, the ELI has a strict attendance policy. That means that there are no excused absences, even if you are sick. If you are sick, tell your teacher. If you're going to be absent for three days, tell your teacher AND the office.

Remember! Absences due to illness and religious holidays are already covered by the number of absences already permitted by the ELI! Also remember, if you miss 5 days in a row in a class without notifying us, you risk termination of your student status.

Manners and Culture

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.

Q: What's the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

A: They're both used to create an image in reader's mind that compares things, but the main difference is that a simile uses "like" or "as". Consider these examples. Which one is the simile?

- Gainesville in the summer is a pot of chicken soup.
- Gainesville in the summer is emptier than teachers' wallets.

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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