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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Day

*Help others while helping yourself!*

We are holding our first **Volunteer Weekend** of the spring term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

**Cost:** Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

**When:** Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. See below for meeting times.

**Great Invader Raider Rally:** Help remove invasive species and to restore pre-assigned natural areas. After working hard to help the environment, enjoy live music and food! Meet at Norman Garage at 8:30am.

**Little Orange Creek:** Learn about Hawthorne's history while cleaning up an old cemetery. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am.

**Porters Community Farm:** Help tend to the local community garden. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

**Guardian Angels Service Dogs:** Clean dog crates and socialize with the dogs. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am.

**Project Downtown Gainesville:** Join the Islamic Center and help feed the homeless in the downtown Bo' Diddley Community plaza. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

**Emeritus:** Come out to Emeritus and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation and/or games. If you are interested in playing music and have an instrument, please sign up. Let's make this a memorable day! Meet at the Norman Garage at 2pm.

Please check the board as there may be more opportunities later in the week. Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, January 29th at 4pm and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see David in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Outdoor Laser Tag**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Immunizations & Insurance

All of our students are required to have certain immunizations and adequate health insurance in order to attend class. We do this because UF requires it and because we care about you and don't want you to infect each other with tuberculosis or get sick and not have insurance. Unfortunately, every semester there are some students who don't bring us

their immunization records, don't have immunization records at all, or forget to enroll or re-enroll in health insurance. If you received a green note from Emily, you are one of these students. Please carefully read the green notes, and if you don't understand, please see Emily in Matherly 223 immediately. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2015 semester!

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Dongha Kwak

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Juan Romero Amaya

Congratulations as well to the nominees! It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard last semester and met the criteria. ([www.eli.ufl.edu/scholarships.htm](http://www.eli.ufl.edu/scholarships.htm)) Students, if you want to be nominated for the scholarships this semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

## Note from Daryl

If you would like to speak with Daryl, please schedule an appointment on Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays. Tuesday and Thursday he will be helping new students before they arrive.

## ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our students:

Angola	Japan
Argentina	Korea
Bolivia	Kuwait
Brazil	Libya
Burkina Faso	Oman
Cameroon	Peru
Canada	Qatar
Chile	Russia
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Spain
Congo	Taiwan
Ecuador	Turkey
France	United States
Iraq	Venezuela
Italy	

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Other than scrambled, how can I order my eggs in a restaurant?*

A: Fried, sunny side up (not turned and yolk unbroken and liquid); fried, over easy (turned and lightly cooked on the yolk side); fried, over medium; fried, over hard; hard boiled; soft boiled; poached (broken open and cooked in a little bit of water); and various types of omelets. Check out the Facebook page for pictures of the different egg types!

*Q: Which one is served first when visiting an American home: juice or tea?*

A: After talking with my colleagues, it seems that we are more likely to offer juice, water, soda, or wine before dinner. Then after dinner, some of us will offer coffee or tea. Some of us don't drink tea or coffee, however, so we won't offer those options.

## Grammar

*Q: Why do Americans say, Which sentence is more clear? instead of Which sentence is clearer?*

A: According to the grammar rules we teach you, one syllable words should use *-er*. We say *more clear* because it's easier to say. *Easier* is easy to say but *clearer* is harder because of those two "r" sounds. Here are more examples:

- rare – more rare
- sure – more sure

## Words of the Week

Some weeks you'll have to guess the part of speech or the definition. This time, collocations are included with the definition. Look for the words in this *Weekly!*

*Invasive* ( \_\_\_ ) – spreading into areas where it is harmful; using tools to see inside the body  
Collocations: species, procedure, surgery

*Adequate* (Adj) - \_\_\_\_\_

## Quote of the Week

If you can, help others; if you cannot do that, at least do not harm them.  
**Dalai Lama**



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