

ELI Weekly

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Daytona Beach Trip

On Saturday, **July 15th**, we will take a trip to world-famous Daytona Beach to enjoy a day of surf, sun, and sand with your ELI friends and family! We'll drive to the beach in the morning, and spend the day swimming in the ocean, sunning, and having lots of fun.

Meet at **8:30 am** at the **TRiP office** on the ground floor of the Reitz Union. We may return to Gainesville as late as 10:30 pm, although we might return earlier, depending on how long we want to spend on the beach.

Because Daytona Beach is about a two-and-a-half hour drive away, this is a van trip. That means **you must purchase a transportation pass for \$25 at the TRiP Office prior to Saturday**. We will go rain or shine – there's plenty to do in Daytona either way.

You should bring money for lunch, dinner, and any shopping you



may want to do in Daytona Beach. You should also bring a bathing suit, towel, drinking water, a change of clothes, and sunscreen. You may also want to bring snacks, a picnic lunch, games for the van, magazines or books to read while you suntan –

anything you can think of to make the trip fun.

Continuing Education Certificates

Students who successfully complete the ELI program may also request a certificate awarding Continuing Education Units (CEUs) if they choose in addition to the regular ELI certificate. CEUs are granted by the University of Florida Division of Continuing Education. While they do not count toward a degree at the University of Florida, they are generally recognized as proof of completion of a quality program. In order to receive a Continuing Education Certificate, **you must also be eligible for an ELI certificate**. That means you must:

- 1) Attend 85% of all your classes
- 2) Receive a passing grade for all of your classes
- 3) Take the exit CELT test at the end of the term

If you would like to receive CEUs you may pay the \$15 fee in the ELI Main Office (315 Norman) on Tuesday, **June 18th**, and Wednesday, **June 19th** from 8:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Payments are non-refundable. The office can only accept cash payments and cannot make change.

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Manners and Culture

Q: *Why don't Americans respect old people? In my culture, older people automatically receive respect.*

A: Your question is primarily asking why we don't accord more respect to old people than to others in our society. To some extent, we do. Older people do have certain automatic privileges accorded to them and we do tend to give them more benefit of the doubt in many situations. But not as many as in some other cultures. The reason is primarily that we place a very high value on individuality in this culture; this value translates to respect for what you have accomplished and not quite as automatically to respect for just what characteristics you might possess.

Q: *Why do bars and clubs close so early here?*

A: A very, very common question not only from ELI students but from the public at large. Alcohol laws vary greatly depending on the location. It's not just Gainesville; even cities as large as Orlando have 2 am closings. The City Council in Gainesville decided that it was better to have clubs close earlier, ostensibly so that there would be fewer people on the roads who were drunk. There is still a great deal of debate about whether or not this actually has made a difference.



*Thanks for your input! If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our ELI Weekly editor, Nora Spencer, at noraspencer@gmail.com, or put questions in her mailbox (marked **Spencer** in the ELI Main Office).*



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Winter Break Dates



Some students are already making their plans to fly to their home countries on Winter Break. It may help to know that, for the Fall semesters, the TOEFL will be offered on Wednesday, **December 6th**. The exit test, which is required of all students, is on Thursday, **December 14th**. Commencement is on Friday, **December 15th**. You can find all the important dates for the upcoming semester at the ELI Web site, under "Calendar and Tuition Fees".

Birthdays

Belated birthday wishes to:

July 8: Chia-Wen Wu

July 10: Viviane Araujo

Happy birthday wishes this week to:

July 15: Hyung Min Yoon