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# The ELI Weekly

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## Commencement

*Can you believe it's already here?*

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Summer Term, 2009.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Health Professions, Nursing & Pharmacy Auditorium (HPNP Room 1404) on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For those of you taking or who have taken the TOEFL, the building is directly across from the Communicore. All students and staff are welcome to attend. You are encouraged to invite your friends and relatives as well. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

## Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving our exit test. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.** All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a semester certificate from the ELI.

**Please remember to be on time.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate from the ELI. The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

### 8:30am-10am:

Sections 20 and 1:	211NRN
Sections 30, 31, and 2	270NRN
Sections 40, 41, and 60	288 NRN

### 10:45am-12:15pm:

Section 50	211NRN
Sections 3 and 4	270NRN

Part-time students not taking R/W must check in with the main office to receive a room assignment by Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The writing portion of the test will be given to all students in Reading/Writing classes on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Part-time students not taking R/W this semester who may want to take R/W next semester must take this portion of the test. Please sign up with the main office for this portion by Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Weekend Trip

This Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs!**

**WHAT:** Food, soccer, swimming, tubing, volleyball, and much more! All at beautiful Ginnie Springs. Lunch will be catered by Sonny's Barbecue and will be served around 12:30 PM.

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:00 AM. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4 PM.

**COST:** Entrance into the park is \$12.00 plus tax for adults and \$3 for children, and the barbecue is FREE and delicious! Tube rental is \$6 plus tax and we can share tubes. You may also rent canoes.

**TRANSPORTATION:** This is a carpool trip. Ginnie Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. You **MUST SIGN UP** on the Activities Board by 4 PM Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. *If you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing.*

**WHAT TO BRING:** Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!!! Also bring sunscreen. If you want to rent a tube or canoe you will also need an ID and credit card. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

## TOEFL Walkover

The TOEFL is this Friday at 2pm at the Communicore at Shands. We will walk over together. Meet at the NRN Garage at 1pm on Friday.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: When should we say "hi" and when should we say "hello"?*

A: In most any situation when you're talking in person, "hi" is more appropriate. "Hello" is usually relegated to answering the telephone.

*Q: Why don't Americans try to discover more about other cultures instead of developing such ridiculous stereotypes?*

A: That's a very good question. The only answer I have is that, as with so many habits that many of us consider negative, it's easier to be complacent and ignorant.

*Q: What is the action called "double dipping" and why is it rude?*

A: It refers to taking a chip, putting it in the dip or the salsa, taking a bite, and then

putting the chip back in the dip for more. One can hope that you now understand why that's rude without further explanation.

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between "thing" and "stuff"?*

A: "Thing" is a count noun (it can be made plural) and "stuff" is a noncount noun.

*Q: What is the difference between "people" and "person"?*

A: "People" is the plural of "person". Many of you may ask, "What about 'persons'?" Well, that word exists, but it's only used in official instructions and legal documents. The usual plural is "people".

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period July 31-August 31:

Students:  
July 31: Mako Fukano

August 1: Mi Jang  
August 3: Kyungjoo Choi  
August 6: Mariana Vera  
August 9: Anton Yudin  
August 12: Min Su Kim  
August 14: Musaied Al Mansouri  
August 14: Hyeonkyeong Baek  
August 15: Li Jiang  
August 15: Mohammed Aldarmaki  
August 16: Ahmad Al Ghamdei  
August 18: Mansour Alketbi  
August 20: Deborah Regina  
August 22: Abdulrahman Alajlan  
August 28: Yeseul Kim  
August 29: Minki Kim  
August 30: Ilke Icyuz  
August 31: SuJeong Ji

Staff:

July 31: Patti Moon  
August 13: Steve Flocks  
August 13: Megan Forbes  
August 21: Rajani Manchukonda

## Quote of the Week

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

*Lily Tomlin*



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