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Summer Break

Staying in Florida? There's lots to do!

Next weekend, Saturday, June 19th, marks the beginning of our **Summer Break**.

If you do not yet have any plans for Summer Break, we have some suggestions for you! Within an easy day's drive from Gainesville, you will find Atlanta at one end and Miami at the other, with Savannah, Jacksonville, Cedar Key, Orlando, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and many other interesting places in between. There are a number of good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations, notably Travelocity, Expedia, and Orbitz, found at <http://www.travelocity.com/>, <http://www.expedia.com/>, and <http://www.orbitz.com/>. And, if you really want good bargains and are feeling adventurous, then you can try out Priceline bidding at <http://www.priceline.com/>. If you're planning on renting a car, then be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

If you would like advice on travel, especially if you're going to Orlando or staying here in the Southeast, then please feel free to ask me about it anytime. You may stop by my office

(Room 310) or e-mail me at toddy33@ufl.edu and I'll get back to you as quickly as possible!

If you are among those staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do, too! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on the southwest side of campus. Each of these provides a nice afternoon of cultural enjoyment. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail -- 15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo Road trail system.

Wherever you go and whatever you choose to do, be careful and have a great time!

NO SMOKING ON CAMPUS!

Effective July 1, the use of cigarettes or other tobacco products on the UF campus, including in parking lots and

vehicles, will not permitted. UF is leading the state in promoting tobacco-free university campuses with the goal of providing a healthy and comfortable campus environment for everyone.

The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled this week, as we are coming up on our Midterm Week. On Saturday, July 3rd, we will be going to **Crescent Beach**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

- **Summer Break and I-20s**
Summer break is only a week and a half away! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada or Mexico—please remember to come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!
- **July 4th Holiday**—Since July 4th falls on a Sunday, Monday, July 5th, there will be no classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday.

Afternoon Change

Monday's Pool Party activity time has been changed to 6-9. Keep watch on the Activities Board for any further changes!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the weeks of June 11-17:

Students:

June 11: Ayano Saito

June 15: Abdulgader Bayazid

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: When somebody invites me for the first time to his/ her party or birthday and I cannot attend

this one, what is the suitable way to apologize to this person? Or I had better accept invitation even if I cannot attend?

A: No, no, no. Just so you remember that word. Unlike some cultures, it is not considered impolite to refuse or to say "No." It is considered terribly impolite to say, "Yes" and then not to show up.

There is no need to apologize. Just smile and say, "Thank you, but I won't be able to come at that time."

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery man despite the fact that I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The newly attached delivery fee (these started popping up a couple of years ago when gas prices soared) goes to the company. The tip goes to the driver and is still customary.

Grammar

Q: Grammar Questions : What is the difference in using "Among" and "Between"?

A: "Between" is for only two things and "among" is for more than two things.

Q: Can I use the conjunction, "yet"?

A: You can, but to properly answer your question, I will say that most of us don't anymore. "But" is really our total catchall for contrast, even unexpected ones, in spoken English.

Quote of the Week

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

--Plato



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