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The ELI Weekly

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Lake Wauburg!

Fun in the Sun!

WHAT: Join us for an enjoyable day at the North Entrance of the University's Lake Wauburg! Have fun canoeing, kayaking, hiking, and playing sports with the ELI!! Bring your friends and a picnic lunch, and experience Florida's natural beauty.

WHEN: Saturday, June 11th. Meet at Norman Garage at 10:00 AM. We will return to Norman probably around 2 PM.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a carpool trip. Lake Wauburg is about a 15 minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board by 5 PM Thursday, June 9th.

COST: Free! Entrance to the lake, canoe rental and kayak rental are all free with your UF ID.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring your UF ID. If you want to swim, wear or bring your bathing suit. Also bring a picnic lunch and sunscreen!

Notes from the Office

- **Summer Break and I-20s** — Don't forget! 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!

- **Student Mailbox**—Check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. The mail is starting to pile up in there!

Note from Emily

If you received a note from Emily about your immunizations, you need to read it and follow its directions TODAY. If you have any questions, please ask Emily. Her office is Norman 316.

Summer Weather Safety

We've come to realize in the past that not all of our students are aware of our unique weather problems in Central Florida. One hazard that you should watch out for is **lightning**. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime here in Florida than there are in a year in any place else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. Whenever there is a thunderstorm threatening, you should go inside as soon as possible. A car is

also a safe place. **DO NOT** stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area or use a metal-tipped umbrella, as that is exactly where lightning is most likely to hit.

Another thing that you should prepare for (though it's certainly much less likely than thunderstorms!) is **hurricanes**. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to keep apprised of hurricane activity, and they also have some excellent preparation and planning tips in their left-hand navigation menu. Also, of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go. The main thing about the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about early preparation!

The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled this week, as we are coming up on our Midterm Week and then it is the start of our Summer Break.. On Saturday, July 3rd, we will be having the **Midterm Picnic**. Details will be on

the Activities Board and in the *Weekly* after the break.

Daily Activities

The following is our new afternoon activity schedule. Remember to check the Activities Board for any other changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7:00 PM	Pool and Bowling (C.J.)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room. Bring money for games.
Tuesday 7:00 PM	Soccer (Noah)	Normal Field Free
Wednesday 7:00 PM	Coffee Talk (Sandra)	Starbuck's on Archer Rd. Free Bring money for coffee and food if you like.
Thursday 7:00 PM	Mochi (Becky)	Mochi on Archer Rd. Free Bring money for a drink if you like.
Friday 7:00 PM	Volleyball (Joanna)	Volleyball courts at Lexington Crossing Free

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 10-16:

Students:

- June 10: Thamer Ahmed Almugrin
- June 11: Hamoud Almatroudi
- June 15: Abdulgader Bayazid
- June 16: Farhan Alshammari

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: When somebody invites me for the first time to a party and I cannot attend this one, what is the suitable way to apologize to this person? Or I should accept the invitation even if I cannot attend?

A: It depends on your relationship with the person. If you're close to the person, you can tell them the reason why you can't come. If you're not close, you can say, "I'm sorry, but I can't come this time." This isn't really an apology, however. It's just a nice way to decline.

Note: It is considered terribly impolite to say, "Yes" and then not to show up.

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 delivery fee is something new that companies have started charging. The tip goes to the driver and is still customary.

Grammar

Q: When can I use 'on' when talking about transportation?

A: "On" is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. For personal modes of transportation, use "in". There are some exceptions like bicycle, horse, and motorcycle.

- I am on the bus.
- I am in my car.
- I am on my motorcycle.

Quote of the Week

Put your heart, mind, intellect and soul even to your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.

--Swami Sivananda



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