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The ELI Weekly

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Tubing on the Ichetucknee *Outdoor Fun*

Take part in a unique Gainesville summertime tradition!! Float down the beautiful, crystal clear water of the Ichetucknee River while you relax in an inner tube. Enjoy the Florida sunshine, the cool water and the company of your ELI family!!

When: Saturday, June 2nd, 2012. Meet at Norman Garage at 10:00am. We will probably return to Gainesville around 4:00pm. Sign up on the activities board by 4:00pm, Thursday, May 31st.

Cost: This is a carpool trip. The entrance fee is \$6.00 for each car and \$5 per person. Also bring about \$10 cash to rent an inner tube. You can buy food at the park or bring a lunch.

What to Bring: Bring lunch, your bathing suit, and sunscreen. Also, if you have a camera or electronics such as a phone you don't want to get wet, it's a good idea to have them in a Ziploc bag.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going on our first **Volunteer Day** of the semester. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Daily Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 6:30pm	Pool and Bowling (Keely)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room. Bring \$5-\$10 for games.
Tuesday 6:30pm	Soccer & Frisbee (Ross)	Flavet Field Free
Wednesday 6:00pm	Coffee Talk (Clark)	Starbuck's downtown on S.E. 1st St Bring money for coffee and food if you like.
Thursday 6:00pm	Mochi (Abigail)	Mochi on Archer Rd. Free Bring money for a drink if you like.
Friday 6:00pm	Volleyball (Robert)	Volleyball courts at Lexington Crossing Free
Rotating Days	Grocery Shopping	You must sign up on Activities Board. Meet at Norman Garage at 6:30 p.m.

Notes from the Office

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a green note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily in Norman 316 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

People out: This week, Emily, Daryl, and Megan will be attending the NAFSA conference. If you need to see them, please make an appointment with Patti or if possible, wait until they return the following week.

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

Student Mailbox: Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

Note from Daryl

If you want to make an appointment to speak with Daryl, he will only be available Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays this

term. Tuesday and Thursday he will be busy helping new students before they arrive.

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 in Florida in a year than anywhere 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!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from May 28 to June 4:

- Students:
May 28: Jaber Alshehri
May 28: Naji Alharthi
May 30: Abdullah Alkhudhayri
May 30: Edwin Mas Y Rubi Rosales
June 1: Daniel Claros Vasquez
June 1: Mohamad Feras Ayroud
June 1: Waleed Alesmaeel
June 2: Cristi Salaya Chan
June 2: Mohammed Al Marri
June 3: Silvia Stein

- Staff:
May 30 Stephen Carr

Happy Birthday to one and all!

ELI Places of Origin

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

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| Angola | Korea |
| Bolivia | Kuwait |
| Brazil | Libya |
| Burkina Faso | Mauritania |
| Chile | Mexico |
| Colombia | Qatar |
| Dominican Republic | Saudi Arabia |
| Ecuador | Syria |
| Gaza Strip | Taiwan |
| Germany | Thailand |
| Honduras | Turkey |
| Iran | United States |
| Iraq | Venezuela |
| Japan | Vietnam |

Manners and Culture

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 goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. Remember, you should tip \$2 per pizza to your driver.

Grammar

Q: I ask, "Are you at the lab?" and my student replies, "Sure." He means yes, or of course, but it doesn't really make sense. I've had other students make this same mistake.

How do I explain the difference between 'yes' and 'sure'?

A: "Sure" only means "yes" when you're accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn't mean "yes" when it's simple factual information. Look at the questions below and try using 'sure' with each one.

- Would you like to go to the movies with me?
- Do you like pizza?
- Is Francois Hollande the new French president?
- Does your grammar class start at 12:30?

Quote of the Week

One has to get on with life and I haven't done badly. People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining.

Stephen Hawking

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