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Islands of Adventure

Theme Park Fun!

Islands of Adventure is a theme park in Orlando. It has roller coasters, 3D rides, water rides, and of course, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! You can walk through Hogwarts Castle, drink butterbeer (nonalcoholic), and even buy a wand. This is one of the most popular trips of the semester, so don't miss it!

When: Saturday, June 16th. Meet at the Norman Garage at 9:00am. Please don't be late! We will return to Gainesville around 10:00pm.

Transportation: This is a bus trip so you must have already purchased a pass from the CIP. We have some passes left!

Cost: The cost of transportation is \$20 for a seat in the bus. Islands of Adventure admission tickets for Florida residents are \$76.50. **Bring your Gator 1 ID or Florida driver's license to prove that you are a Florida resident.**

What to Bring: Your bus pass, Gator 1 ID card, extra money for an Islands of Adventure ticket (at least \$80), money for meals and shopping (at least \$20), comfortable shoes and clothes, sunscreen, and of course, a passion for roller coasters!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will not have a weekend activity since it will be the start of Summer Break.

The following Saturday, June 23rd, we will be hosting the **Midterm Picnic**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *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 come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!

Immunizations & Insurance:

Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

Ramadan

Here's a note from our Assistant Director, Patti Moon, regarding Ramadan and absences:

To our practicing Muslim students:

Welcome to the Summer 2012 term! Summer is a great time to be in Gainesville and North Florida because there are so many wonderful activities that can be done outdoors. This summer, Ramadan falls at the end of our term during the last three weeks of classes and while finals are given. Because Ramadan is such a lengthy period and special accommodations cannot be made for exams and absences, please keep in mind the importance of working extra hard this term: studying hard and saving all your absences. By doing so, you will have strong grades, and will have learned everything well, so that the end of the term will be less arduous for you. Saving your absences will help you in case you feel tired at the beginning of the fasting period.

Please remember that we continue to track your attendance through August 8, 2012. All non-probationary students are permitted a maximum of 35 hours of absences regardless of the reason (this includes leaving early, hospital visits, or religious holidays).

Students cannot leave early for Ramadan only. If there is an emergency and you must leave early, the last day to see me is July 13, 2012.

If you are sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Higher Education (the King Abdullah Scholarships), SACM has informed us that you cannot be given permission to leave early for Ramadan unless you show us written approval from your advisor. Please bring the letter from your advisor when you meet with Patti.

Study hard and be diligent. The end of the term will then be a piece of cake for you!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 11 to June 17:

Students:

June 11: Ghadah Alharbi
June 11: Hamoud Almatroudi
June 11: Jaehoi Koo
June 12: Nahlah Alkhunain
June 12: Sangjin Park
June 13: Hisham Alzahrani
June 13: Robert Delgado
June 14: Fahad Almasoud

Staff:

June 13: Helen Lin
June 15: Ramandeep Brar

Manners and Culture

Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant and the classroom smells strong sometimes. Is it okay if I tell them?

A: No, but it's okay if I do here. This is always an issue because of the wide variety of cultures that we have at the ELI. The fact is that around the world some people use it and others don't. If you come from a culture that doesn't use it, please be aware that you probably smell pretty strong to your classmates and maybe even to some of your teachers. If you are aware and you don't want to do anything about it, that's completely fine, but also please know that people are probably talking about you. If you have a very good friend that comes from a non-deodorant culture and has a very strong aroma and you know people are talking about them, then it's probably ok for you to talk to them *in extreme private and being extremely tactful*.

Strong smells are not just because of deodorant. They can also be a result of not doing laundry and wearing dirty clothes. Because it is summer and we are all sweating a lot more, it's important to wash your clothes every time you wear them. If you're not sure how to work your washer and dryer, please ask your LAs or Nate, who would be happy to help.

Likewise, if you use a lot of perfume or cologne, please be aware that some people might be allergic and might

choose not to sit near you for this reason.

Q: Is the rumor true that American girls don't like foreign guys?

A: American girls like all different kinds of guys so this is probably an incorrect generalization. While I think American girls do tend to date American guys, I've seen American girls with male ELI students, American guys with female ELI students, and of course, ELI students dating each other. Please remember that the ELI policy prohibits LAs and teachers from dating ELI students!

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between the word "lose" and "loose"? When do I use "lose"/"loose"?

A: "Lose" is a verb and "loose" is an adjective. You'll need to memorize the spelling and the pronunciation. Look at the sentences below to see the difference.

- I don't want to lose my cellphone so I leave it at home.
- My pants are loose so I need to use a belt.

Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

George Burns

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