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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Day

Help others while helping yourself!

This Saturday, July 14th, we are holding our second major **Volunteer Day** of the summer term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites.

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, July 12th.

There is no cost to volunteer. Wear old, comfortable clothes and closed shoes. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Project Downtown Gainesville:

Help serve lunch to the homeless and interact with other ELI students and LAs. We will meet Downtown at the Bo'Diddlye Plaza at 12:45PM and end until 2:30PM.

Gainesville Rabbit Rescue: Come work on the farm and take care of rabbits by cleaning their cages and living areas and help groom and social baby rabbits! Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers - bring water! Meet at the Norman Garage at 8:45am.

Emeritus: Come play games, play musical instruments, and talk with the elderly! Great for the whole family! Meet at the Norman Garage at 10:15am.

If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Raquel in the CIP Office, Room 318.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to On Saturday, July 21st, the ELI will be going to Daytona Beach! Bus passes will go on sale starting next Monday. To buy a bus pass, you will need to bring \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to the CIP Office in Norman 318 between the hours of 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We will be meeting for the trip at 10 a.m. at Norman Garage. We will be going to the beach, shopping, at eating at restaurants, so make sure to bring extra money on the trip!

Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Student Voices Deadline

Two more weeks, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by Friday, July 20th. Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print. You

can submit your entries for the *Voices* to Steve's e-mail at sflocks@ufl.edu. Let's see what you can come up with!

Notes from the Office

Be courteous! Please treat everyone, including your teachers, LAs, office staff, and classmates respectfully by not say bad words in English nor in your native language. This also means speaking softly in the hallways and using English.

ELI Video Competition: Remember to submit on your videos soon! The deadline is Friday, April 20th in the CIP Office (Rm 318). Check the ELI Facebook page for more details.

Immunizations & Insurance: Remember that 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.**

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of July 9 to July 15.

Students:
July 10: Adel Mansi Alanazi
July 10: Jiwon Han

July 12: Nwaf Alomar
July 12: Chia-Wei Chen
July 15: Barbara Escobar Perez
July 15: Rafael Flores Fusco
July 15: Sultan Alzahrani

Staff:
July 10: CJ Marrero

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Spring B Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our new Spring B students:

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| Brazil | Mexico |
| Chile | Nicaragua |
| China | Peru |
| Colombia | Saudi Arabia |
| Denmark | Taiwan |
| France | Thailand |
| Indonesia | Turkey |
| Japan | Ukraine |
| Korea | The US |
| Kuwait | Venezuela |
| Libya | |

Manners and Culture

Q: If I am late to an appointment with an American, what should I do?

A: The main thing that you should do when it is unavoidable is to call as soon as you know you're going to be late. Calling after the fact is better than nothing, but it's better to keep the person informed at the time they are waiting. Here in the US, we consider it rude, arrogant, and selfish to be late without a good reason (like, maybe you're in the hospital)--and borderline unforgivable to not show up without calling personally. It implies to us that you think that your own time is more important than ours.

Q: Why don't teachers here dress formally? For example, they wear shorts to school.

A: This is not so much an American thing as it is a Florida thing. Fashion here is just much more casual than in some other parts of the country, largely due to the weather and the resort-like atmosphere that pervades much of the state. It's more comfortable to wear shorts and sandals than to wear dresses and heels or slacks and loafers.

Grammar

Q: What is the correct way to spell the long version of "can't"?

A: Cannot is much more common although can not is also accepted.

Q: What's the difference between "borrow" and "lend"?

A: It's the same as the difference between "take" and "give". You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. Also, the verb "lend" is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun "loan".

- Can I borrow a pen from you?
- Could you loan/lend me a pen?
- ~~Could you borrow me a pen?~~

Quote of the Week

Draw a crazy picture,
Write a nutty poem,
Sing a mumble-gumble song,
Whistle through your comb.
Do a loony-goony dance
'Cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world
That ain't been there before.

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