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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Weekend

Help others while helping yourself!

Volunteer Weekend

We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the summer term on Saturday, May 25th. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

When: Saturday, May 25th. See below for meeting times.

Cost: Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

St. Francis House: We will prepare food for people in need. We will serve food to the guests at St. Francis. LAs will pick up students at home at 8:00am.

Mill Creek Horse Farm: Volunteer and help retired horses! You can help groom and feed them. There are plenty of animals for you to interact with here. LAs will pick up students at home at 8:00am.

Little Orange Creek: Learn about Hawthorne's history while cleaning up an old cemetery. Experience Florida's nature and take pictures of the animals and plants. Meet at Norman Hall at 8:45.

Guardian Angels: Interact with service dogs that help many people who are mentally or physically handicapped. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am.

St. Francis House: We will prepare food for people in need. We will serve food to the guests at St. Francis. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:30am.

Project Downtown Gainesville: Help feed the homeless in the downtown Bo' Diddle Community plaza. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30am.

Emeritus: Come out to Emeritus and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation and/or games. Great fun for the whole family! Meet at the Norman Garage at 1:30pm.

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, May 23rd but don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. Arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Chris in the CIP Office, Room 318.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Lake Wauberg**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week:

Monday: *Game Night* in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor, 6:30-9:30pm. Bring money for games.

Tuesday: *Basketball (and Volleyball)* at Lexington Crossing, 6:30-9:30. Free!

Wednesday: *Coffee Talk* at the Starbucks on Archer Road, 6:30-9:30pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.

Thursday: *Volleyball* at Lexington Crossing, 6:30-9:30pm. Free!

Friday: *Dinner Night* at Cici's Pizza in Butler Plaza, 6:30-9:30pm. Bring money for dinner.

Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course: Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Feeling Sick? If you get sick, you should send your teachers an email from home or talk to them when you get back. If you are going to be out for 3 or more days, please call the office and let us know.

Student Mailbox: Please come to the office from time to time and check the mailbox for any mail that you may have. If you are waiting for something and do not see it, however, you may assume that it has not come yet, and you will not need to ask in the office.

No class: Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The ELI Office will be closed, there will be no classes, and the buses will not be running. Enjoy your day off!

UF Services

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the Education Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts for free by showing your Gator 1 card. However, the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, the Southwest Recreation Center, and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees so they are not free. If you want to use these facilities, you'll need to pay a membership fee. You can talk to Emily if you have questions.

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from the office staff in 315 Norman to purchase a Green/Commuter Lot decal. You may park in the Red and Red One sections of Norman Garage but not in the Orange section. This is only for the summer!

Bicycling: Bicycle safety is very, very important and it is taken very seriously here in Gainesville and on the UF campus. If you

bike, be sure that you familiarize yourself with the rules of the road. If you're caught breaking them, in addition to possible injuries you might suffer, it can result in tickets and fines. Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles, \$154 for a moving violation, \$104 for a non-moving violation, and \$52.50 for a violation specific to bicycle operation.

You should park your bike in well-lighted areas and lock it up when you park it. The best lock is a U-lock. This kind of lock looks like a U and is very difficult to cut or break. Be sure to put the lock through the bike's frame and wheel as well as the bike rack.

Also, register your bike with the University Police Department. If your bike is stolen, this will help the police find it. Registering is a very quick and simple process. Just go to the UPD building on Museum Road and ask the officer at the front desk to help you register. If your bike is stolen, call the UPD immediately. The faster you call them, the better the chance of them finding your bike.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 18 to May 26:

Students:

May 18: Marcus Bides Silvestre de Lima

May 19: Miran Hama Salh

May 21: Hend Ashri

May 21: Andrea Sulbaran Gonzalez

May 22: George Bougias Mendez

May 23: Dohyeon Kim

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

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. You should tip \$2 per pizza to your driver.

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

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain



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