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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 8th. We'll meet at Norman Garage at 11:00am. We will leave the park around 4:00pm.

Cost: This is a carpool trip so please sign up on the activities board by 4:00pm, Thursday, June 6th. 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, on Saturday, June 15th, we will be traveling to **Islands of Adventure** for the day. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*. Please reserve your spot on the van by signing up and paying \$20 in cash,

exact change, to Nate in the CIP Office (Norman 318). You can buy the pass starting on Monday, June 3rd, from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include the price of Islands of Adventure tickets (\$92.00). Please come early; these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

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.**

Daryl out: Daryl will be out of the office June 10 to June 14. If you have immigration issues please go to the ELI Main Office in Norman 315.

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.

Summer Weather Safety

North Central Florida has very interesting weather. It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. Therefore, you should always have sunscreen *and* an umbrella in your backpack. You should also get into the habit of checking the weather each day. 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. If it looks like it's going to storm, 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 and don't use a metal-tipped umbrella.

Occasionally, there are **tornado watches** or **tornado warnings**. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. **DO NOT** ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car.

Another thing that you should prepare for is **hurricanes**. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to keep informed of hurricane activity, and they also have some excellent preparation and planning tips. 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!

ELI Places of Origin

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

Bolivia	Korea
Brazil	Kuwait
Burkina Faso	Libya
China	Panama
Colombia	Qatar
Dominican Republic	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Senegal
Indonesia	Syria
Iraq	Taiwan
Korea	Turkey
Kuwait	United States
	Venezuela

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 3 to June 9, plus one that I missed:

Students:
June 3: Ahmad Al-Mal

June 3: Silvia Stein Ruiz
June 6: Fuhaid Alajmi
June 6: Mohab Haraka
June 7: Gyuwon Cho
June 9: Mohammed Al-Muaden

Staff:
May 31: Jessica Hudgins
June 8: Tiffany Marshall

Happy Birthday to one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Is it disgusting for Americans to eat by hand?

A: It depends on the food. Basically, we have a good number of foods that are considered “finger foods”. Anything that resembles a sandwich (stuff between pieces of bread), breads, cheeses, raw vegetables and fruits, crackers, cookies, fries, or chips are certainly finger foods. Also, fried chicken is usually eaten with the fingers, particularly in the South. Most people here, though, eat most foods that are wet or excessively oily with some kind of utensil.

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. When can you reply *sure* and when must you use *yes*?

- 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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