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# The ELI Weekly

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## End-of-Semester Barbecue

*Come join the fun!*

On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at Ginnie Springs while enjoying a barbecue lunch, which will be served around 12:30pm. After eating, have fun tubing or canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. We're going, rain or shine and it's the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

**When:** Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:00am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

**Who:** All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

**Cost:** Entrance into the park is \$10.00 plus tax. Make sure to say "I'm with the ELI" when you pay! The barbecue is FREE and delicious! Tube rental is \$6 plus tax and please return your own tube. Canoes can also be rented.

**Transportation:** This is a carpool trip. Ginnie Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. You **MUST SIGN UP** on the Activities Board by 4pm Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. *If you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you!*

**What to Bring:** Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel! Also bring sunscreen. If you

want to rent a tube or canoe you will also need an ID and credit card. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

**What Not to Bring:** No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

## The Next "Trip"

On Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our **ELI Spring 2013 Commencement Ceremony.** Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## St. Francis Food Drive

If you are leaving the country at the end of the semester, you may have a lot of personal belongings that you will want to get rid of. Donate it to St. Francis House and help the homeless and hungry in Gainesville. Here is what you can donate:

**Unopened Food:** Rice, mayonnaise, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, juice  
**Clean Clothes:** T-shirts, jeans, shorts, towels and washcloths (new or used), laundry detergent (powder or liquid), bleach  
**Home Items:** Garbage bags, dish soap, floor cleaner, Windex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, disposable plastic cups and plates

If you have a donation, please bring it to Norman 318. We will be accepting donations until August 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Reminders from the Office

**Want to hang out with your friends one last time?** Join us for afternoon activities this week since it's the last week.

**Want to move to the next level in your classes?** Take the CELT, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class.

**Certificates:** If you can't pick up your certificate at the Commencement, please stop by the office *before* August 9<sup>th</sup> to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We can't give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or Fed-Exed, please see the office for the cost.

**Owe the infirmary or library any money?** Please pay it or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet.

**Have immunizations issues?** If you haven't resolved the immunization issues, we won't be able to give you your grades, packet, nor your schedule next semester.

**Returning for Fall C?** Check in online between August 30 and September 3. If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll.

**Going home and want to return to the US?** You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

**Taking a vacation semester?** Talk to Daryl.

**Transferring to another school?** Talk to Daryl.

**Returning for Fall B?** Talk to Daryl.

**Expiring I20?** Talk to Daryl before it expires.

**Fall schedules:** Schedules will be available for pick up on September 6<sup>th</sup> after 2pm. Only **you** may pick up your schedule, not friends and family.

**Student Mailbox:** Please come and check the mailbox for any mail. There is a big stack of letters waiting for you.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period July 29 to August 4:

Students:

July 30: Waleed Bin Masoud

July 31: Bo Kyung Cha

Staff:

July 29: Todd Allen

July 30: Sharon Davis-VanNess

July 31: Patricia Moon

August 2: Jane Eur

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the difference between major and career?*

A: A major is what you study in university and a career is what you do for a job. For example, my major was linguistics but my career is English teacher.

*Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminating?*

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be used by such people in a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between passive and adjectives made with past participle?*

A: The best way to test whether something is passive or an adjective is to add *by someone*. If it makes sense, then it's probably a passive. If it doesn't make sense, it's probably an adjective. Sometimes it can be both. Another test you can try is to rearrange the words so the adjective/verb in question is before the noun. Try it with the following examples:

- The dog was tired (by someone?). The tired dog... ?
- The money was taken (by someone?). The taken money... ?
- The vase was broken (by someone?). The broken vase... ?

## Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



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The dog was tired. [Adjective]  
The money was taken. [Passive]  
The vase was broken. [Both]