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The ELI Weekly

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Universal Studios

Theme Park Fun!

Universal Studios is a theme park in Orlando. It has roller coasters, 3D rides, and of course, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! You can walk through Diagon Alley, 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, May 28th. 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 purchase a pass from the CIP office for \$20 cash (exact change). We still have a lot of passes left!

Cost: The cost of transportation is \$20 for a seat on the bus. Universal Studios tickets cost \$105.

What to Bring: Your bus pass, Gator 1 ID card, money for a Universal Studios ticket (at least \$105), extra money for meals and shopping (at least \$20), comfortable shoes and clothes, sunscreen, and be ready to have fun!

The Next Trip

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

ELI Places of Origin

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

Bolivia	Qatar
Brazil	Saudi Arabia
Chile	South Korea
China	Spain
Colombia	Syria
Dominican Republic	Taiwan
Ecuador	Thailand
Haiti	Tunisia
Israel	Turkey
Italy	Ukraine
Japan	United States
Jordan	Uruguay
Kuwait	Venezuela
Libya	Vietnam
Mali	Yemen

Notes from the Office

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.

Toilets: Please flush the toilet when you are finished. Remember, **ONLY** toilet paper should be flushed down the toilets – not paper towels. Also, please do not take anything from the custodian carts in the hallways. If you need paper towels, ask for them.

Cigarette Butts: Please put your cigarette butts in the trash not on the ground.

Tuition & Insurance: If you received a note, you need to take care of it immediately. Please go to the main office in Matherly 223 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with tuition, insurance, or immunizations, it counts as an absence.**

No class: Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day. The ELI Office will be closed, there will be no classes, and the buses be running on reduced service. Enjoy your long weekend!

CIP Photos

If you want to share your photos from the CIP activities, you can post them in the UF English Language Institute Facebook group. You can also email them to EliSlideShow@gmail.com. Please include your name in your email!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 23 to May 29:

Students:

May 26: Ismail Lamash

May 27: Ara Cho

May 28: Bader Ayed

May 29: Darling Alberti Isturis

May 29: Hamad Alhurbi

May 29: Meshari Aljohani

Staff:

None this week!

Happy birthday!

Call for Submissions!

Do you have dreams of being a journalist for your school newsletter? Do you just have questions about Grammar or Manners & Culture in the U.S.? If so, you can send your ideas and questions to Christine and they may be printed in an upcoming copy of the *Weekly!* Free high-fives will be awarded to all students upon successful submission!

Email Christine Voigt at christinevoigt@ufl.edu or come by her office in Matherly 220A for more information.

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.

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, chips, and of course, pizza, are 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 French president?
- Does your grammar class start at 12:30?

Word of the Week

Look for this word in this *Weekly!*

whereas (conj) – in contrast or comparison with the fact that

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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