

# The ELI Weekly

## Welcome Picnic at Ginnie Springs



This weekend the ELI will be going to one of Florida's beautiful natural springs.

You can enjoy swimming and tubing in the clear, cool water, play volleyball and other games, or just relax and make some new friends. Sign up on the Activities Board.

**When:** Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage to carpool

**Cost:** The entrance fee is \$10+tax – remember to say you say you are with the ELI! There will be free food.

**What to Bring:** Sunscreen, a towel, a swimming suit, and sandals

## The Next Activity

Saturday, September 17th, the ELI will be attending the Florida Gator football game against North Texas. You can buy tickets from the CIP Office in Matherly 211. Bring \$15 cash and your Gator 1 ID starting on Wednesday, September 7th, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. everyday. Buy your ticket early and Go Gators!

## Notes From the Office

**Thursday, Sept. 8th:** The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations is Thursday, September 8th. If you miss this deadline, go to the Main Office immediately to complete these requirements!

**Dropping a Class or Withdrawing from the ELI:** Students who drop a class or withdraw 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) starting on September 9th. This includes TOEFL and IELTS!

**Fire Drills/Alarms:** Whenever you hear a fire alarm, in any building on campus, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Also, fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

**Turns:** When the office is crowded, please wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swift and orderly manner. Everyone will be served eventually.

**Student Guide:** Lots of useful information about your classes and ELI policies can be found in the online student guide. You can find it on the ELI website or at this link:  
<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/firsttime/StudentGuideFallC2016.pdf>

**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. Details about the attendance policy will be discussed in your Reading/Writing classes on September 9th.

## Weekday Activities

Join us every weekday from 7-10 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs:

Monday	Monday Mixer w/ Anna	Reitz Union Game Room
Tuesday	Soccer w/ Nate	Flavet Field
Wednesday	Smoothie Talk w/ Lua	Tropical Smoothie on 34th Street
Thursday	Volleyball w/ Kaitlyn	Lexington Crossing Phase 2
Friday	Café Friday w/ Danielle	Starbucks on Archer Road

## This Week's Birthdays!

Students:

September 8: Maria Segura Navarro  
September 9: Marie Line Francois  
September 11: Abdulelah Almuqbil

Staff:

September 11: Raquel Rojas

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do people from the USA answer "American" when somebody asks 'Where are you from'? I'm from Argentina and I'm American too.*

*A: Because "Unitedstatesians" doesn't sound pretty. It's true that Argentinians and Venezuelans are also Americans, and more specifically, South Americans. Canadians and Mexicans are also called North Americans. But since people from the US don't have their own nice sounding nationality, in the US we call them "Americans."*

## Quote of the Week

Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.

**Albus Dumbledore**

(J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*)

## UF Services

**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 ELI Main Office to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket.

**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 need to pay a membership fee. You can talk to Victoria if you have questions.

## Grammar

*Q: If "plan" doubles the "n" in the past tense, why doesn't "open"?*

*A: Actually, you've found one crazy spelling point in English that does have a pattern. In verbs of more than one syllable, we only double that last consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable. In "open" the stress falls on the "o".*



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