

# The ELI Weekly

## Volunteer Day

*Help others while practicing your English with friends!*



The second **Volunteer Day** of the fall term will be this Saturday, November 5th.

This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

The activity is free! Wear comfortable clothes for being outside and closed-toed shoes. You should bring a water bottle as well!

LAs will pick you up at your house and drive you to the activity, so be ready **ON TIME**!

Sign-up on the Activities Board by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is full. Also, if you change your mind, please remove your name from the list so other students can take your place.

If you have any questions, ask Nate or Tate in Matherly 211.

## Volunteer Activities on Saturday, November 6th

**Gainesville Greenway Challenge** 8:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Help remove invasive plants from a Gainesville city park and work with other teams from the community.

**Mill Creek Horse Farm** 8:30-11:30a.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Clean up and work on projects around the farm. Afterwards, interact with the retired horses that live there!

**Grace Marketplace** 9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Prepare and serve a meal for people in need at a local Gainesville homeless shelter.

**Food4Kids Backpack Program** 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Help pack backpacks with food for underprivileged children in Gainesville

## Notes from the Office

**I-20s Expiring:** If your I-20 is expiring soon and you want to renew it, you should make an appointment with Daryl as soon as possible.

**Student Voices:** Send your submissions to Christine V at [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) for *Student Voices* by November 18th. Include your name, RW class, and a title.

**B-term Students:** If you did not attend the Medical Issues Seminar, please see Victoria to complete your missing paperwork. You will not be able to see a doctor at UF without this.

**Time Change:** This Sunday morning, November 6th at 2a.m., Daylight Savings Time ends, so remember to set your clocks back one hour. Most of your cell phones will probably do this automatically.

If you forget to adjust your alarm clock, then you will be here a whole hour earlier than you have to on Monday! You can check <http://time.gov/> to make sure you have the right time. Please be aware that the sun will be setting at around 5:30; starting Monday, it will be dark in the early evening.

## The Next Activity

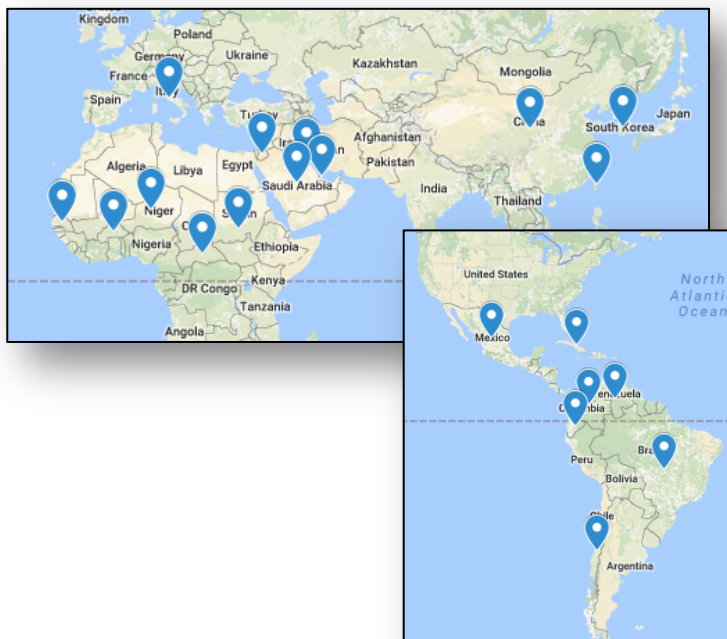
Next weekend, we will be going to **Disney's Epcot Center**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

This trip is a bus trip, so you will need to bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID to Matherly 211 from 9:00-12:30. There are limited seats, so buy your pass early!

## B-Term Places of Origin

Last week, our new B-term students started their classes. Here is a list of their many places of origin:

Brazil	Kuwait
Burkina Faso	Mexico
Central African Republic	Niger
Chile	Qatar
China	Saudi Arabia
Colombia	Senegal
Cuba	South Korea
Ecuador	Sudan
Italy	Taiwan
Jordan	Venezuela



Make sure to say 'Hi' and welcome the new students you meet this week!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "must" and "should"?*

*A:* There are actually lots of uses for both words, but the most common use for both of them is to talk about obligation. "Must" means that there is no choice—it's an absolute obligation. "Should" means that the action is advisable, but there is a choice.

- You must come to class to keep your visa.
- You should make American friends to improve your English.

## Student Advice

Here's some more helpful advice for you written by ELI student, Jose M. Iglesias C.

### GO TO CLASS

We all came here with different goals, but ELI students have one in common: to improve our English. That means we must go to class everyday and on time.

Families, governments, or yourself are giving this opportunity to us and they will be proud when we achieve our common goal. We can find time to do other things we want, such as working out, hanging out with friends, going to the ELI's activities, doing homework, resting or sleeping. The only reason you should skip class is if you are sick and the ELI have rules about attendance. If you forget them, you can ask teachers, LAs or ask in the office.

## Birthdays This Week!

Students:

November 1: Fatemah Alawadhi  
 November 2: Mui Niu  
 November 3: Ahmad Alkhalidi  
 November 4: Abdulrahman Alsuhibani  
 November 4: Aldair Morales Fonseca  
 November 6: Maram Alhazmi  
 November 6: Nicolle Kuffaty Akkou

Staff:

November 1: Nicole Moore

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What's the most important holiday in the US?*

*A:* Well, that's a tough question, mainly because there are so many holidays that hold special meanings to so many people. Our biggest family holiday is probably Thanksgiving. This is the one holiday that is specifically about visiting family and friends. It's a big feast day that isn't specially linked to any one religion or set of beliefs. Many people fly or drive to visit their family in other states.



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