

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the fall term this Saturday, September 23rd.

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 bottle of water as well.

Arrive or be ready **ON TIME** for your activity!

Check the chart for details and times. Sign-up on the Activities Board by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is full and if you have any questions ask Nate or Liz in the CIP office, MAT 211.

Volunteer Activities

Mill Creek Horse Farm	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
<i>LAs will drive students to event</i>	
Groom and care for retired horses at a Gainesville area farm! We will help clean up after Hurricane Irma.	
Wilmot Gardens	8 a.m.-12 p.m.
<i>Meet at Reitz Union to take bus (on campus)</i>	
Pull weeds and help at a healing garden for people with cancer.	
Ronald McDonald House	1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
<i>Meet at Norman Garage to take bus or walk</i>	
Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better!	
Food4Kids Backpack Program	2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
<i>LAs will drive students to event</i>	
Help pack backpacks with food for underprivileged children in Gainesville.	
More events TBA, check the CIP Activities Board next to MAT 211 for details!	

Places of Origin

This semester, our students hail from 30 different places of origin!

Bolivia	Iraq	Russia
Brazil	Israel	Saudi Arabia
China	Italy	South Korea
Colombia	Japan	Spain
Costa Rica	Jordan	Taiwan
Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Turkey
France	Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Germany	Paraguay	Venezuela
Haiti	Peru	Vietnam
Iran	Qatar	West Bank



Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, 9/21, join us at the Oaks Mall to shop, have some food, and hang out! Meet in the Food Court from 6-9 p.m. You can take bus 20, 62, or 5 to get there.

The ELI has rescheduled the trip to Clearwater Beach for next week, Saturday, September 30th. You can buy a bus pass from Nate in MAT 211 for \$20 cash. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes From the Office

Class Change Requests: If you requested a class time or level change, please be patient. Changes were delayed by the hurricane closings and we are working on responding to requests.

Tuition: The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not yet paid tuition for your classes or turned in your tuition waiver, come to the main office in Matherly 223 immediately to see Jennifer Vann. Students who pay tuition late will be charged a late fee and will be getting notes barring them from class this week.

Deadlines: If you receive a note about immunizations or insurance from Victoria, please carefully read the note. If you don't understand or have any questions, come to Matherly 223 for help. If you miss class because of an issue with tuition, immunizations, or insurance, it counts as an absence!

Smoking: There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus. If you need to smoke, speak to your LAs about places where it might be acceptable. Please put your cigarette butts in a trashcan not on the ground or you can be given an expensive ticket for littering!

Trash: The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. Please use them to keep our campus and classrooms beautiful.

Birthdays!

Students:

September 16: Hyejin Choi
September 17: Mohammed Alqahtani
September 20: Amirah Alajmi
September 21: Nayef Alshammari

Staff

September 11: Raquel Rojas
September 19: Jennifer Schroeder
September 21: Minsang Kim

Manners & Culture

Q: Why is there so little public transportation on the weekends in Gainesville?

A: The fact of the matter is, not many people actually use the buses on the weekends, and when they do, they aren't moving in a common direction as they are during the week. As a result, RTS can't justify having many routes and buses on weekends.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between speak and talk? Can I say "I talk English"?

A: There are two main differences. The first is the formality. Speak is more academic than talk. Look at the two examples below. Which one would you use with your friend and which one would you use with your professor?

- Could I speak with you?
- Let's talk.

The other difference is that talk can't have a direct object but speak can. This means your sentence is incorrect. They can both take indirect objects using with.

- Correct: I speak English.
- Incorrect: I talk English.
- Correct: I spoke with my professor.
- Correct: I talked with my professor.



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