

# The ELI Weekly

## Fall Festival & Cornfield Maze

On Saturday, October 28th, the ELI will have two events that you can attend (you can go to both!): the

Micanopy Fall Festival during the day and the Newberry Cornfield Maze in the evening. Sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, October 26th.

### Micanopy Fall Festival



Celebrate fall with a local festival in the nearby town of Newberry. There will be food, shopping, and music! This event is great for families.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 12 p.m. We will be at the festival from about 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the latest.

**What to Bring:** This trip is FREE, but you should bring some cash for lunch and shopping.

### Newberry Cornfield Maze

Celebrate Halloween with a scary local event in Newberry. There is a children's area as well that is not scary. You can ride the hayride, run through the maze, visit the haunted house, or play zombie paintball!



**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 6:30 p.m. We will be at the maze from about 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15 cash for adults for cornfield maze and haunted house. \$10 cash for children. \$5 cash for hayrides, zombie paintball, and other rides.

**Rules:** No costumes, face paint, or bags allowed

## Notes from the Office

**Fall B Students:** The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations is Wednesday, October 25th. If you miss this deadline, go to the Main Office immediately to complete these requirements! If you miss this deadline you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee.

**Dropping a Class or Withdrawing from the ELI:** Students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline (October 25th for Fall B students) will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

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

**Gatorlink IDs:** If you have not yet created a Gatorlink ID, you should! With a Gatorlink ID, you will be able to use the UF campus wifi, log-on to computers around campus, and use your UF student email. Some of your teachers might require you to have a Gatorlink for online course materials, also. If you are not sure how to set-up an account, you can ask for help in the ELI office, MAT 223.

**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 Jennifer Vann in MAT 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. We recommend that you ride the bus because the parking lot is very far from your classes.

**Student Voices:** Submissions for Student Voices are due November 18th. Don't wait! Talk to your teachers or send your entries to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) today! Remember to include your name, class, and a title.

## Upcoming Activities

On Thursday, 10/26, we will go to Gator Soccer from 7-10 p.m. at Dizney Stadium (on Hull Road near South West Rec Center). Come watch UF's women's soccer team as it plays against South Carolina and cheer for the Florida Gators! Bring your Gator1 ID!

Next weekend is the second Volunteer Weekend of the fall semester! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Manners & Culture

*Q: What is Halloween and why is it such a popular holiday in the US?*

A: Halloween happens on October 31st, but many places around town will have events for Halloween the weekend before. On Halloween, children wear costumes and visit houses in the neighborhood to ask for candy. If you have your porch light on that night, some might stop by, so don't be surprised!



Halloween is actually a combination of ancient Celtic and early Christian traditions. In Europe, All Hallows Eve (the night before All Saints' Day – November 1 on the calendar) was said to be a night when ghosts and spirits would roam the earth; people carved scary faces in vegetables and left them out to scare the spirits away. We see this tradition today with the carved pumpkins. In the 20th century, it became a popular holiday for children. And, so many of us remember fun at Halloween as kids that it has gradually become a holiday that adults enjoy as well!

*Q: Where can I get a cheap Halloween costume?*

A: The absolute best place to look is in your own house. Be creative! Use things you already own to make clever costume or something from your own imagination. You can also visit thrift shops or consignment stores for inexpensive clothes that you can make into a costume.

### Grammar

*Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/an, the, or nothing?*

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular count nouns **MUST** have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific guidelines but these rules are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I want to eat \_\_\_ avocado.
- The girl is wearing \_\_\_ scary costume.
- Let's go see \_\_\_ movie you suggested.

### Birthdays!

Students:

October 24: Bang An  
October 24: Yeonhwa Lee  
October 28: Salman Almutairi

Staff

None this week

### Quote of the Week

A mind is like a parachute; it doesn't work if it isn't open.

– Frank Zappa



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