

# The ELI Weekly

## Downtown Arts Festival & Laser Tag

On Saturday, November 11th, the ELI will have two events that you can attend (you can go to both): the Downtown Arts Festival in the morning and Laser Tag in the afternoon. Sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, November 9th.

### Gainesville Downtown Arts Festival



Come see local Florida artwork and spend time in charming downtown Gainesville. This event is great for families.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 10:30 a.m. We will be at the festival from about 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

### M2 Battlesports Laser Tag

Come play outdoor laser tag with your friends! It's similar to paintball, but you won't get hurt. The games are quick and action-packed!



In order to play, you must fill out a waiver online at [www.m2waiver.com](http://www.m2waiver.com) before arriving. *Students under 18 must also sign a special waiver.*

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 1:30 p.m. We will return around 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20 cash or credit

**What to Bring:** Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for running around outside and water.

## Notes from the Office

**Veteran's Day:** This Friday, November 10th, UF will be closed for Veteran's Day. There will be no ELI classes, the Main Office will be closed, and there is reduced bus service. Check [go-rts.com](http://go-rts.com) for the schedule.

**Smoking:** Please remember that UF is a tobacco-free campus. This means that smoking is prohibited everywhere including courtyards, sidewalks, and also the tunnel under 13th Street. And on that note...

**Great American Smoke Out:** November 16th is a date to make a plan to quit, or plan in advance and then quit smoking that day. By quitting – even for 1 day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk. You can talk to Victoria in MAT 223 for more information about how to help yourself and others quit smoking.

**Voicemail:** Sometimes the ELI or other important places call your cell phone while you're in class. In case this happens, you need to have your voicemail set-up

so you can get the message later. It only takes a minute or two to do, and it could save you a lot of trouble! If you are not sure how to set-up your voicemail, you can ask Victoria or your LAs for help.

**Student Voices:** Submissions for Student Voices are due November 17th. 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.

**Bathrooms:** Remember that you should follow some cleanliness rules when you use UF bathrooms. Do not flush brown paper towels in the toilet (or anything else that isn't toilet paper). Paper towels should go in the trashcans labeled "Paper Towels Only" because they can block the plumbing.

**Recycle Bins:** Read the labels on all trash and recycle bins before you throw away food, paper, or cans. Do not put liquid or trash in the bins marked for paper and cans/bottles only!

## Upcoming Activities

On Thursday, 11/9, we will go to Harn Museum Nights from 6-9 p.m. Come see interactive exhibits focused on Wonder Women. Admission and food are free! Meet at the Harn – take bus 20 to get there.

Next week we will have the Thanksgiving Potluck on Thursday, 11/16, and go to the UF football game vs. UAB on Saturday, 11/18. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do some Americans say "sorry" when they are close to someone in the market?*

A: It all depends how close you are standing. Sometimes when people say "sorry" it's just a way of being polite. When you are near someone in a store, the other person might think that they are blocking your way to an item. It could also be a way of saying that they feel like they are too close to you. Generally, Americans prefer more physical personal space than many other cultures. If you are within 12-18 inches of a person, they might feel like you are in their personal space and say "sorry" as a way to tell you to move back a little. It is also common to say "sorry" if you accidentally bump into someone.

*Q: Why aren't there trashcans in the bathroom stalls? Where do I put my toilet paper?*

A: In the US, you flush it. Toilet paper is designed to break apart after in water and most American cities have special facilities to process organic matter and toilet paper. After it goes through this process, the water is safe to use for some things, like watering lawns. However, there are many things that you should never flush: paper towels, sanitary napkins, diapers, towels or rags, cleaning wipes, and cotton. You should also avoid flushing medicine down the toilet because it can harm wildlife. Put all of those things in the trash!

### Quote of the Week

All generalizations are false, including this one.

– Mark Twain

### Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?*

A: The first one's a verb and the second one's a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

- I **advise** you to go to class every day.
- My **advice** is that you go to class every day.

*Q: What's the difference between "under" and "underneath"?*

A: There's only a small difference. Most of the time, they mean the same. The biggest difference is that "underneath" gives the idea that something is under something and hidden or not visible.

- The cat is **under** the table. I can see it.
- The cat is **underneath** the couch. It's hiding there and is difficult to see.

### Birthdays!

Students:

November 6: Maram Alhazmi  
 November 6: Nayef Aladwani  
 November 7: Ahmad Alfadhli  
 November 7: Abbas Alsahhaf  
 November 9: Almohand Alkandari  
 November 10: Juana Leticia Mora Avalos  
 November 10: Dolores Monserrat Rivas Anguiano  
 November 11: Afaf Albahli  
 November 12: Ahmad Ba Tayib  
 November 12: J.P. Iriarte Sandoval  
 November 12: Yahia Khubrani

Staff

November 9: Lia Brenneman



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