

# The ELI Weekly

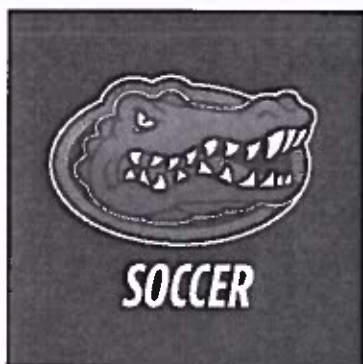
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## The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on  
with the Cultural Immersion Program!

### Thursday—Gator Soccer



On Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will be attending a University of Florida soccer game. The Gators will play against one of their rivals, the University of Tennessee. Tickets to the event are FREE! Just bring your Gator1 ID to enter the stadium. Come watch

soccer, hang out with your ELI friends, and see how soccer is celebrated in the United States!

**When:** Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The game kicks off at 6:30, but you should get there a little bit earlier so that you don't miss any of the action.

**Where:** Donald R. Dizney Stadium. The stadium is located on Hull Road near Southwest Recreation Center and the Harn Museum. Meet the ELI outside the stadium before the game, or come find us inside the stadium if you arrive a little bit later.

### Saturday—Laser Tag

On Saturday, the ELI will go to M2 Battlesports to play laser tag! Laser tag is a game similar to paintball. During Laser tag, you shoot the other team with lasers. If you get hit, you are eliminated. The last team remaining wins!



Unlike paintball, you don't have to worry about painful paintball shots. Laser tag is fun for all ages and skill levels. So, put your game face on and enjoy a fun day outdoors!

**When:** Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 1:30.

**Place:** M2 Battlesports in Newberry. The battle ground is a forest, so you should dress for the conditions. Wear pants and closed-toe shoes. If you are wearing sandals or flip-flops, you will not be allowed to participate.

**Cost:** It is about \$19 dollars to play. You will pay at M2 Battlesports.

**Waiver:** To play, you must sign a liability waiver. You can find this form on the M2 Battlesports website, or you can sign it when you arrive at the field.

## Notes from the Office

**English-Only Policy:** The ELI has an English-only policy. This means that everyone at the ELI (students, teachers, and LAs) is expected to speak English at all times. This includes during class, in the hallways of Matherly Hall, and at ELI activities.

The reason for the English-only policy is not to punish you. The ELI has this rule to help you improve your English. We want you to practice your English in every part of your life, not just in the classroom.

If someone hears you speaking a different language, they may ask you to speak English. Please know that it is because we want to help you!

**myELI and GatorLink:** When you become an ELI student, you become a part of many different computer systems. The two most important ones for ELI students are your myELI ID and your GatorLink ID. Please know that these are not the same! Here is a quick review of what each of these are for:

- **myELI:** Use this to access [my.eli.ufl.edu](http://my.eli.ufl.edu). On myELI, you can register for ELI classes, check your attendance, your midterm and final grades, upload your documents, and many other important things related to the ELI.
- **GatorLink:** Use this to access most other UF computer services, including UF Wi-Fi, computers, libraries, and [my.ufl.edu](http://my.ufl.edu).

## IELTS Elective in B-Term

The ELI is offering an IELTS elective course in the B-term semester. The class will be offered beginning the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The class will meet in the evening after afternoon Reading and Writing classes. Students must be in level 40 Reading and Writing to take the class.

If you want to sign up for this course courses, please register online at <http://www.eli.ufl.edu/register.htm>.

For more information, please contact **Patricia Moon** at [pmoon@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:pmoon@eli.ufl.edu).

## Culture Questions

### Question:

I am applying to an American university and I need two letters of recommendation. How do I ask my teacher for a letter?

### Answer:

You can ask your ELI teachers for recommendation letters, but there are some important points to remember.

- Don't ask a teacher for a recommendation if you have a low grade in the class.
- When you ask your teacher, be very polite!
- Try to only ask teachers who know you well. If you ask someone for a letter at the beginning of your first semester here, they won't be able to write you a strong recommendation because they don't know much about you.
- Give your teachers a lot of time to write the letter! A good recommendation takes some time and you need to submit a request in the main office.
- If it has been some time, don't assume your teacher remembers you. Send some information about what memorable things you did in class and details about what program you are applying to.
- Only ask teachers for recommendations if it is important to have one about your English ability. Your ELI teachers probably can't say much about how good you are at engineering, business, or teaching, for example.

## Useful Expressions of the Week

**Expressions of the Week:** In the CIP Insider, you saw the underlined phrases.

### Phrase One: kick off

The game kicks off at 6:30.

**Kick off** is a phrasal verb. It means to start or commence an event. For example, you can kick off a sports match or a party. We can also use kick off when we talk about what we do at the beginning of a period of time. For example, you can say, "Let's kick off the weekend by going dancing."

### Phrase Two: put your game face on

Put your game face on and enjoy a fun day outdoors!

**Put your game face on** is an idiom that means to prepare yourself for a challenge. When you have your game face on, you are focused. In this example, you should prepare yourself for laser tag. You can use this expression for other situations like before you take a difficult exam.

Did you hear an English expression that you don't know? Ask the *ELI Weekly*! You may ask me, Thomas Dolce, in person in my office (MAT 220B), email me at [tomdolce@ufl.edu](mailto:tomdolce@ufl.edu), or put them in my mailbox (ELI Office, MAT 223, box marked Dolce) anytime the office is open.

## Happy birthday!

*Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this week!*

### Students:

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Manuel Vera Miranda

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Heungsoo Kim

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Juan Postiglione Domingo

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Sulaiman Alenezi

**October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Daniel Perozo Quintero