

# The ELI Weekly

## Volunteer Day



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the spring term on Saturday, January 28th.

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!

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

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 Tate in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

## Places of Origin

This semester, our students hail from 33 different places of origin!

Bolivia	Qatar
Brazil	Saudi Arabia
Burkina Faso	Senegal
China	South Korea
Colombia	Spain
Ecuador	Sudan
French Guiana	Syria
Honduras	Taiwan
Italy	Thailand
Jordan	Turkey
Kuwait	Ukraine
Libya	United States
Mali	Uzbekistan
Mauritania	Venezuela
Niger	Vietnam
Panama	West Bank
Peru	



## Volunteer Activities on Saturday, January 28th

**Great Invader Raider Rally** 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Remove invasive plants from UF campus with other Gainesville community teams! Afterwards, there will be a party for all the volunteers.

**Guardian Angels** 9:15 a.m - 12 p.m.

**Medical Service Dogs**

*LAs will pick students up*

Clean the doghouses and play with the medical service dogs that help disabled people!

**Alachua County Humane Society** 1:30 - 4 p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Clean up for the pets and play with dogs and cats that need a home!

**Ronald McDonald House** 1:30 - 4 p.m.

*Meet at Norman Garage*

Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better!

**Hoggetowne Medieval Faire** 12:30 - 5 p.m.

*LAs will pick students up*

Help take tickets and give surveys to people attending the Medieval Faire while dressing in costume!

## Notes From the Office

**People Out:** Daryl will be out of the office this week January 26th and 27th. Victoria will be out from February 1st-3rd.

If you need help from Daryl or Victoria or have any questions, plan ahead and make an appointment to see them before or after these dates.

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

**Immunizations & Insurance:** If you receive a note about immunizations or insurance from Tiffany, 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!

**Hallway Etiquette:** Students, please remember to keep the volume of your voice down while you are in the halls between classes. When you make a lot of noise, it can disturb classes and offices in the building. Also, do not sit in or block the stairs and hallways because it is unsafe for you and others.

## The Next Activity

Next Saturday, February 4th, the ELI will visit the **Hoggetowne Medieval Faire**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Birthdays!

Students:

January 24: Jose Ramirez  
January 25: Miguel Gonzalez  
January 27: Ameerah Alajmi  
January 27: María Casal Velasco  
January 27: Miguel Garcia Moya  
January 28: Eloisa Lanni Avellaneda  
January 29: Abdullah Aldraiweesh

Staff

January 24: Lynne Clarke  
January 29: Tate Quiñones

## Grammar

*Q: Why do some people say, "Which sentence is more clear?" instead of "Which sentence is clearer?"*

*A:* According to the grammar rules we teach you, one-syllable words should use -er. We say more clear because it's easier to say. Easier is easy to say but clearer is harder because of those two "r" sounds. Here are more examples:

- rare – more rare
- sure – more sure

## Student Writing

Do you just have questions about Grammar or Manners & Culture in the U.S.? Do you have some good advice or a story about life at the ELI? If so, you can send your ideas and questions to Christine V. and they may be printed in an upcoming copy of the *Weekly*! Email [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) for more information.

Here is some advice written by ELI student Jose M. Iglesias:



Living abroad is an amazing experience because we meet people from all around the world. People with different cultures and different religions, and they can share their knowledge with us. If you are curious about something you just have to ask but be polite because we have to respect each other. Also, you will be practicing English, because it is the only language we have in common here to communicate.

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Where can I go if I get sick?*

*A:* During the week, you should make an appointment at Team Red at the UF Student Health Care Center. You can call 352-294-7465, or Victoria can make the appointment for you. They are open 8:00am to 5:00pm on Monday through Friday and 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Sundays.

If you get sick when the Student Health Center is closed, you can go to an urgent care clinic, but call first if you are not sure they accept your insurance. There is a list in the ELI office, or you can just Google "Gainesville urgent care clinics". If it's late at night, you'll have to go to the ER, but if you can wait until morning you should. Remember, the ER really is only for emergencies, so if you don't have an emergency, you'll have a long wait.



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