

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day



We are holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester on Saturday, March 18th.

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!

The different places you can volunteer, times, and meeting locations are listed to the right. Arrive or be ready **ON TIME** for your activity!

Sign-up on the Activities Board by Thursday at 4 p.m. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is full.

If you have any questions, ask Nate or Tate in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

Volunteer Activities on Saturday, March 18th

Mill Creek Horse Farm 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the location
Groom and care for retired horses.

Project Downtown 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Gainesville

Meet at Norman Garage

Serve food to the homeless in downtown Gainesville.

Alachua County 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Humane Society

LAs will drive students to the location

Help take care of the dogs and cats who need a home.

Grace Marketplace 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the location

Cook and serve a meal at a local Gainesville homeless shelter.

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

Meet at Norman Garage

Make artwork for sick children and their families

Weekday Activities

Come out each afternoon from 7-10 p.m. to meet your LAs and classmates and practice speaking English in a fun, relaxed environment! Here are all of the afternoon activities you can take part in.

Monday	Monday Mixer with Catherine Davis	Reitz Union Game Room Bring your Gator1 ID
Tuesday	Soccer with Nate Lee	Norman Field Free!
Wednesday	Volleyball with Camille Armada	Lexington Crossing Phase 2 Free!
Thursday	Smoothie Talk with C'Andre Codner	Tropical Smoothie on 13th Street Bring money for snacks and drinks
Friday	Café Friday with Erini Logini	Starbucks on Archer Road Bring money for food and drinks

The Next Activity

On Friday, March 24th we will be having the **5th Annual ELI Talent Show!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Remember: If you are performing in the Talent Show, you have rehearsals on March 14th and 21st from 5-7 p.m. in Reitz G320, and a full dress run-thru on the 24th in the University Auditorium.

Notes From the Office

People Out: Patricia will be out of the office from March 20th-24th. Daryl will be out from March 21st-24th. If you need to meet with either of them, you can make an appointment in the Main Office, MAT 223.

Tuition, Immunizations, & Insurance: B-TERM STUDENTS, remember to take care of this as soon as possible!

Student Voices: It's time to start sending your Student Voices submissions to Christine V. at christinevoigt@ufl.edu. Remember to include your name, class number, and a title for your piece. All of the submissions are entered to win a gift card to the University of Florida bookstore, so your name is very important! You can submit anything that you'd like to see in writing, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, etc. The final due date is April 2nd, but the earlier, the better! If you have any questions, you can ask Christine or your teachers.

Driver's Licenses: If you plan to drive while in the US, it is always best to get a Florida license. However, if you DO have a license in your country, you can drive in the US for up to 6 months but ALWAYS bring your original passport and visa with you when driving. If you would like more information about licenses and driving education programs, talk to Victoria in MAT 223.

B-Term Students!

This week, we are welcoming our new B-term students to the ELI! Here are all of their places of origin:

Argentina	Jamaica
Brazil	Kuwait
Burkina Faso	Lebanon
China	Mexico
Colombia	Peru
Cuba	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	South Korea
Egypt	United States
India	

Say hello if you meet any of them!

Birthdays!

Students:

March 13: Hyunjung Baek
March 13: Karla Rodrigues Silva
March 14: Salman Aldhafiri
March 15: Esteban Cabrera Da Corte
March 16: Yasmin Algadani
March 18: Mohammed Alshaalani
March 18: Karen Hwang

Staff:

March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy birthday, everyone!

Student Corner

This week, ELI student guest writer Jose Iglesias has some advice about helping your classmates become successful while you are here at the ELI:

After the first weeks of classes, you have met new students, some of your classmates from previous semesters have returned to their countries, and your friends might be in a different class or college. Students who have been at the ELI, you should not forget how hard or easy was when you first came here. For this reason, we should be open to help our new ELI students and remember to always help our classmates feel like part of this great family. It's like when you have a big brother who teaches you how to tie your shoes. New students: do not be shy to ask somebody at the ELI about anything if you need help!

Manners & Culture

Q: What is the history of St. Patrick's Day? What do people do this day?

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day, you will see people wearing a lot of green and possibly drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green).



Grammar

Q: What's the difference between like and such as?

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use *like* to mean *such as* (to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway.

- Conversational: I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers.
- Academic: I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers.



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