

# The ELI Weekly

## Hoggetowne Medieval Faire



Come experience the Middle Ages and join the ELI at the 32nd annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on Saturday, January 27th! There will be interesting shows, medieval-themed games, food, shopping, and other fun activities! Come see performers re-enact the Medieval Ages, eat themed food, shop, shoot a bow and arrow, and watch knights in armor compete in a joust!

**When:** Saturday, January 27th

**Where:** Meet at 10 a.m. at Norman Garage. We will be returning around 1:00-2:00 p.m. You must sign-up on the Activities Board by 4 p.m. on Thursday to attend.

**Cost:** \$18 for adults (18+) or \$8 for ages 5-17. (Bring an ID that shows your birthday to get the discount.)

**What to Bring:** Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Bring cash for food and shopping.



## Notes from the Office

**Wednesday, January 24th:** The deadlines to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations are Wednesday, January 24th. If you miss this deadline, go to the ELI Main Office in Matherly 223 immediately. If you don't do this, you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee!

**Dropping a Class or Withdrawing:** Students who drop a class (including pronunciation) or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on Wednesday, January 24th, will not receive a refund or credit for their courses and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

**Keep in Touch:** Make sure to check your email and phone for messages from the ELI everyday! Set up the voicemail on your phone so you can get any important messages. It's also a good idea to download an app like **Gatorsafe** to receive notifications about possible danger on UF campus or any other important information.

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office for two weeks, from January 23rd until February 2nd. If you have questions about I-20s and immigration or need help, Christine will be available to help you in the ELI Main Office, MAT 223, from 10:30-12:30.

**Feeling Sick?** If you get sick, you should send your teachers an email from home or talk to them when you get back. If you are going to be out for 5 or more days, please call the office and let us know.

**Turns:** When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, you can be helped in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone will be served eventually.

**Student Mailbox:** Please come to the office to check the student mailbox for any mail that you may have. You can ask Tiffany if you need help finding it.

## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, January 25th, come out to Downtown Gainesville! We will meet at Bo Diddley Plaza from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to drink coffee, eat dinner, see the Hippodrome, or walk around downtown. Take Bus 1 to get there.

Saturday, February 3rd, will be the First Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## UF Services

**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 Victoria in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. Even if you do have a car, we recommend that you ride the bus to class because the parking lot is very far from your classes.

**Libraries:** UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the front desk in the library. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

The ELI also has a small library of books you can borrow for as long as you want! Talk to Tiffany in the Main Office, Matherly 223, if you want to borrow a book. And if you have any old books you would like to donate, please bring them in!

**Recreational Facilities:** UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are not able to use them without purchasing a membership. It costs \$100 for Spring semester, and you can go to the Southwest Recreation Center office to buy yours. Their hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. You can talk to Victoria if you have questions!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "schools" and "school's"? What does the apostrophe mean?*

A: Apostrophes are used for two things: to show possession and to replace missing letters or numbers. You should not use the apostrophe for plurals. "Schools" means more than one school. "School's" means something belongs to the school. Look at the sentences below:

- The schools I attended were all good.
- The school's mascot is the gator.
- The school opened in the '90s.
- I was an ELI student in the 1990s.
- *Incorrect:* The school's in Alachua County got more funding this year.

## Birthdays!

Students:

January 22: Fernando Alvarado Lopez  
January 23: Abdallah Wazzan  
January 28: Eloisa Lanni Avellaneda

Staff:

January 24: Lynne  
Clark



## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why are the teachers really strict with punctuality?*

A: The official ELI policy requires that the teachers be strict. In the classroom, it's hard to start class if all the students aren't there and we want to make sure we're using the time effectively. Also, being late and making people wait can be considered very rude in American culture.

*Q: Every UF classroom has a sign that says, "Please no eating or drinking in classrooms." Does that include water?*

A: You are allowed to have water bottles with a cap in the classroom. Any other food or drinks should be finished before you come into the classroom.

*Q: Why are some teachers so strict with the use of cellphones in class, even if they are used as a dictionary?*

A: Some teachers are strict because we want you to focus on learning English. Studies show that students don't learn if they're not focused. Plus, let's be honest; we know you're not always checking the dictionary but rather Facebook or a text message.



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