

# The ELI Weekly

## Volunteer Day



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the spring term this Saturday, February 3rd.

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 bottle of water as well.

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

Check the chart for details and times. 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 Liz in the CIP office, MAT 211.

## Volunteer Activities

Oak Hammock Retirement Community	9 a.m.-11 a.m.
<i>LAs will drive students to event</i>	
Meet elderly people and talk with them. This opportunity is great for English practice!	
Grace Marketplace	8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
<i>LAs will drive students to event</i>	
Feed the homeless people of Gainesville breakfast and clean up afterwards.	
Ronald McDonald House	1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
<i>Meet at Norman Garage to take bus or walk</i>	
Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better!	
Gainesville Pet Rescue	1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
<i>LAs will drive students to event</i>	
Play with rescued animals waiting to be adopted. Help clean up and take care of them!	
Check the CIP Activities Board next to MAT 211 to sign-up or find more details!	

## Places of Origin

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| Argentina      | Kazakhstan    |
| Bolivia        | Kuwait        |
| Brazil         | Mexico        |
| Chile          | Peru          |
| China          | Poland        |
| Colombia       | Saudi Arabia  |
| Ecuador        | South Korea   |
| Egypt          | Spain         |
| France         | Taiwan        |
| Guinea-Conakry | Togo          |
| Haiti          | United States |
| Israel         | Venezuela     |
| Italy          | Vietnam       |
| Jordan         |               |

This semester, our students hail from 27 different places of origin!



## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, 2/1, come to Felipe's restaurant, located at 1209 W University Ave, from 6:30-9:30. You can eat delicious Mexican food, hang out and chat with your ELI friends and LAs!

Our next weekend trip is Lasertag at M2 Battlesports on Saturday, February 10th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Notes From the Office

**Tuition:** The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not yet paid tuition for your classes or turned in your tuition waiver, come to the main office in Matherly 223 immediately to see Jennifer Vann.

Students who pay tuition late will be charged a late fee and will be getting notes barring them from class this week.

**Deadlines:** If you receive a note about immunizations or insurance from Victoria, 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!

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office this week. If you have a question or need help, you can make an appointment to see him next week. If you need urgent help, Christine will be available to help you this week in the Main Office from 10:30-12:30.

**Bathroom Etiquette:** When using public restrooms, like at UF, remember: do not put anything in the toilet except toilet paper. This includes brown paper towels! Those should only go in the bin marked "Compost".

### Birthdays!

Students:

January 30: Hyunwoo Kim  
February 1: Hyeri Shin  
February 2: Sarah Alfidhli  
February 2: Faris Alshahrani  
February 4: Phuong Tran

Staff

February 4: Scott Challgren

### Quote of the Week

Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Is life a multiple choice test or is it a true or false test?" ...Then a voice comes to me out of the dark and says, "We hate to tell you this but life is a thousand word essay."

- Charles M. Schulz

### 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 you might hear:*

- rare - more rare
- sure - more sure

### 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 usually have to go to the ER, but if you can wait until morning you should. Remember, the ER really is only for emergencies. Wherever you go, make sure you have your INSURANCE CARD!



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