

# The ELI Weekly

## Outdoor Laser Tag at M2 BattleSports



This weekend, the ELI will be going to M2 Battlesports in Newberry to play games of outdoor laser tag! Come play your friends in an exciting game of laser tag! It's similar to paintball, but you won't get hurt! The games are quick and action-packed.

In order to play, you must fill out a waiver online at [www.m2waiver.com](http://www.m2waiver.com) before arriving. *Students under 18*

*must also sign a special waiver.*

**Where:** Meet at Norman Hall parking garage

**When:** Saturday, February 10th at 1:30 p.m. (We will return around 5:30 p.m.)

**What to Bring:** wear long pants that can get dirty and tennis shoes, and bring water and a snack.

**Cost:** \$19 cash or credit +tax

## Notes from the Office

**Class:** First and foremost, go to class. This is the absolute best way to improve your English. Be on time! Second, speak English. Third, do the work. The teachers choose it purposely to help you.

**Immunizations & Insurance:** If you received a note from the office about this, take care of it as soon as possible! You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. If you have a question, you should ask in the ELI Main Office, Matherly 223. Remember, if you're absent because you're taking care of this, your teacher **MUST** count it.

**Tuition and Financial Guarantees:** If you have not paid tuition, late fees, or provided your financial guarantee you need to see Jennifer Vann in the main office immediately! You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. If you miss class because of this, your teacher **MUST** count you absent.

**Trash:** The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. All of our classrooms and hallways also have trashcans and recycling bins. Please use them to dispose of your garbage properly and keep our campus and classrooms beautiful.

## Weekday Activities

Join us every weekday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs:

Day	Activity	Location
Monday	Monday Mixer	Reitz Union Game Room
Tuesday	Soccer	Flavet Field
Wednesday	Volleyball	Oakbrook Walk
Thursday	Rotating Activities	Check the Activities Board for details
Friday	Café Friday	Starbucks on Archer Road

## Upcoming Activities

Join the ELI at a **Gator basketball game** vs. LSU on Wednesday, February 7th. Meet at 6 p.m. at the O'Connell Center gate 1. Tickets are on sale in MAT 211 for \$9 cash. Bring your Gator1 ID.

This Thursday, February 8th, come to **Museum Night at the Harn Museum** from 6-9 p.m. The theme is "Global Art" and they will have free food. The museum is near Southwest Rec Center - take bus 20 to get there.

Saturday, February 17th, the ELI will visit exciting **Busch Gardens!** This is a bus trip, so you can buy your ticket in MAT 211 for \$20 cash. More details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Grammar

*Q: How do you know which preposition to use?*

A: To start, you have to memorize the rules. Learning all of the different ways English uses prepositions takes a long time. As you become a more proficient speaker of English, you'll start to develop a "feel" for it. To help, read and listen to English as much as possible!

*Q: When speaking English, do we usually say **on** Feb 2, 2016, or **in** Feb 2, 2016? Is it right to say **in** February or **on** February?*

A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use **in** + month, year, century, or season.

I was born **in** March, **in** the twentieth century, **in** spring.

Use **on** + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.

I was born **on** October 30.

I was born **on** Wednesday morning.

Use **at** + noon, night, clock time, present.

I was born **at** 10 p.m.

I was not born **at** night.

*Q: What is the difference between **at** and **in** for locations?*

A: Generally, **in** is used when you are inside of a place whereas **at** is used when you're somewhere near or around the place. **In** also emphasizes that you're inside the building and **at** is more of the idea of the location.

I am **in** Matherly Hall. [Inside the building]

I am **at** Matherly Hall [Usually outside]

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.*

A: Most of us don't. It really depends on the teacher's preference. In a regular university class, it is common to use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a Ph.D. degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms." At the ELI we are a little less formal – on purpose. We try to create a less formal and more conversational environment in order to help students feel comfortable and get them talking more.

## Birthdays!

Students:

February 5: Eunji Kim

February 11: Anai Valverde Ruiz

Staff

February 3: Maya Shastri (last week – sorry!)

## Quote of the Week

We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort

– Jesse Owens,  
American track and field  
Olympian



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