

The ELI Weekly

Spring Break!

This coming weekend, Saturday, March 4th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Spring Break is next week! If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you.

If you are staying in Gainesville, there are lots of cool things to do!

If you like being outdoors, check out:

- Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site
- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
- Walking in Paynes Prairie
- Biking on the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail
- Tubing or canoeing on the Ichetuknee River

If you like museums, check out:

- Harn Museum of Art
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Matheson Museum

If you want to eat some local food, try:

- Mac's Drive-Thru (burgers)
- Gator Suyaki (Chinese)
- Leonardo's at Millhopper (pizza)
- Adam's Rib Co. (BBQ or breakfast)
- Midnight Cookies (cookies)

<http://www.keneatsgainesville.com/> is a good blog to read for some local restaurant reviews and ideas.

If you have a car, make sure to check out the little towns and larger cities nearby:

Ocala	Atlanta
Miami	Orlando
Savannah	Tampa
High Springs	Cedar Key
Jacksonville	St. Petersburg



Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Florida.

www.visitgainesville.com
www.visitflorida.com

Here is a good Internet resource to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations.

www.kayak.com

If you're planning on renting a car, be sure to call all of the companies in town to check for the best rates.

Reminders:

- Missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences.
- If you plan on leaving the country, check that the second page of your I-20 is signed.
- Canada, Mexico, anything involving cruises, and your home countries all require a valid I-20 and your passport.

Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, March 1st, the ELI will go to **Gator Salsa Club** where you can learn to dance salsa and bachata for free! Meet at the O'Connell Practice Court, by Gate 3. We will be there from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

After Spring Break, on April 7th, the ELI will have our **Annual Talent Show**! This is one of the most entertaining and popular events of the year, so if you can dance, sing, act, play an instrument, or perform any other family friendly talent, then start practicing during Spring Break! More details will be posted soon!

Our next weekend activity will be our **Midterm Picnic**, which is also our B-Term Welcome Picnic, on Saturday, March 11th. Join us in welcoming the new Spring B students to the ELI family! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited.

When & Where: Saturday, March 10th at 12:00pm on Norman Lawn, in front of Norman Hall.

What to Bring: This activity is free. We will provide the food, so come hungry! Spring C students should sign up on the Activities Board next to MAT 211.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Times starts at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11th, so remember to “spring forward” by changing the time on the clocks in your house. Your cellphone should update automatically, but most electric and battery-powered clocks will not. You can check www.time.gov to make sure your time is correct.

Daylight Savings Time (DST) was started during World War I as a way to save energy by making evenings have more sunlight. It is controversial and not all parts of the U.S. observe DST. Some opponents of DST argue that it actually costs more money. Other countries, such as Australia, Great Britain, and Canada also observe DST, although some places within those countries don't.

Grammar

Q: Is it correct to say, “I have been going to class since 3 days ago”?

*A: Most of your teachers will say “100% no” because since and ago can never be paired. However, it does occur. For example, in Shakespeare’s play *As You Like It*, one character states “Tis but an hour ago since it was nine.” To make your sentence sound more academically correct, you can change it to the following:*

I have been going to class since it started 3 days ago.

Goodbye KSPO Students!

This Friday, our students sponsored by the Korean Sports Promotion Foundation will have their final day of classes at UF. Many of us got to know them in classes and at activities and they have become an amazing part of the ELI family. We will miss you!

Yuri Kim, a student, wrote this poem about her time here:

Dear, my Gainesville, UF, ELI,

I remember when I first came to the airport last hot summer.
Once surprised and beautiful cloud, a broad scale of school, I
fell in love with the sky once more.

Thank you very much for my teachers at the ELI and all our
ELI friends and our Awesome LAs.

Be healthy, everyone. We believe we will meet again when
we leave, as if we were concerned about it when we meet.

KSPO from Yuri Kim.

Birthdays!

Students:

February 28: Abdullah Shalash

February 29: Mamdouh Aloush T Alremal

February 29: Mohammed Alsubaie

Staff:

None this week

Notes from the Office

RTS: From March 3rd to March 11th, RTS will have no campus service and reduced city service for Spring Break. If you're staying in Gainesville, make sure to check the RTS website so you'll know when the bus is coming. www.go-rt.com

B-Term Students: During Spring Break, new students will arrive to begin the Spring B Semester. If you see them, say hello and welcome them to the ELI!

B-Term Electives: Attention students! We will be offering extra electives in our Spring B 2018 term (classes are March 12 to April 26). These classes will meet from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. twice a week. If you are interested in taking a course, please register at www.eli.ufl.edu/register.htm, and select the “ELI Registration - Spring B (201803) Mar. 7 - Apr. 27, 2018” option. All classes are \$575 each.

- **TOEFL Test Preparation** - For students with High-Intermediate Reading and Writing Skills (Level 40 or Higher)
- **IELTS Test Preparation** - For students with High-Intermediate Reading and Writing Skills (Level 40 or Higher)
- **Pronunciation** - For students with Low-Intermediate Listening and Speaking Skills (Level 30 or Higher)



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