

# The ELI Weekly

## Depot Park

Come to one of Gainesville's newest parks this weekend. Join the ELI to ride your bike, take a nature walk, have a picnic, or relax and play games with your friends!

**When:** Saturday, March 24th, at 1pm

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage to take the bus downtown or ride your bike to the park

**Cost:** Free! Bring money for food and a bottle of water. You can also bring your own picnic food.



## Notes from the Office

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office all of next week, March 26-30; he will return on April 2nd. If you need to talk to him about your I-20 or admissions, try to make an appointment this week or wait until he gets back.

If you have an urgent question or need help while Daryl is out, Christine will be available to help you on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30-12:30, or Tuesday and Thursday after 3:00.

**Travel Reminder:** If you travel anywhere outside of Gainesville, even within the U.S., remember to take all of your important documents, such as your passport, I-20, and visa. You probably won't need them, but it's better to be safe and have them if you do!

**Student Voices:** E-mail your writing to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) by the end of the day on Friday, April 6th. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece. Talk to your teachers if you have questions about what to submit or need help.

**Talent Show Meeting:** REMEMBER! The Talent Show Information Meeting is this Tuesday at 5:00 pm in MAT16. Anyone interested in performing or being an MC should come, but we will not be rehearsing our acts this week.

Even if you are not sure that you will sign up, you can still come for information. If you want to be in the talent show, you must come to this meeting! If you miss it for some reason, talk to Nate in MAT 211 ASAP!

## Upcoming Activities

Next weekend, on Saturday, March 31st, we will be traveling to **St. Augustine!**

This is a bus trip so you'll need to purchase a pass from Nate in the CIP office (MAT 211) between 9am and 12:30pm. Bring \$20, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID to get your bus pass! This is a popular trip, so don't wait – reserve your spot early!

More details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

On Thursday, come to Stage 7 Karaoke on 34th Street for **ELI karaoke night!** We will be there from 7-10 p.m. and the cost is \$4 per hour (\$12 total for the entire time).

This Friday, Café Friday will be cancelled and the ELI is going to the **VISA (Volunteers for International Student Affairs) Talent Show** at the Philips Center, near the Southwest Rec Center. This is a free activity!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between to people and for people?*

A: It depends on the context. *To* can mean that it's going towards someone. *For* can mean that it's being done as a favor. Here are some examples. Can you tell what the difference is?

- David threw the ball to Scott.
- David threw the ball for Scott.
- I'm donating this money to the organization.
- I'm donating this money for the organization.

*Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?*

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with people. However, *sort* and *kind* are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

## Birthdays!

Students:

March 20: Ali Alenezi

March 20: Ricardo Postiglione Rios

March 20: Shuo Yu

March 24: Ibrahim Alkhaibari

March 24: Andrea Ferrari Mejias

March 25: Tianqi Yao

Staff:

None this week

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do Americans say "excuse me" when they pass by you in the store?*

A: It is a way to be polite and maybe to give notice that they are going to pass by you. Also, saying "excuse me" is a much nicer way to say get out of the way. Typically, the usual response is "I'm sorry."

*Q: Why do Americans care a lot about punctuality?*

A: Many Americans place a lot of significance on time. When they make an appointment, they find it important to be on time. It is a show of respect. If you are late, you are saying that your time is more important than their time.

*Q: Why do the bathroom doors in America have a gap? No privacy!*

A: I have no idea. Most Americans don't realize that this is unusual compared to other places.

*Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?*

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that some Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, and how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.

## Quote of the Week

When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak.

-Audre Lorde  
American writer and activist



PO Box 117051  
223 Matherly Hall  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7051, USA  
Phone: (352) 392-2070  
Fax: (352) 392-3744

StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu  
www.eli.ufl.edu  
www.facebook.com/UFLELI  
www.instagram.com/UFLELI  
www.twitter.com/UFLELI