

The ELI Weekly

St. Augustine Trip



On Saturday, March 31st, we will be going to St. Augustine, which is the oldest European city in the US! St. Augustine was founded in September 1565. It was named St. Augustine after the Saint with the same name.

First, we will enjoy the beach (depending on the weather). After that, we will visit the Old City, where you can choose to enjoy the Fort and walk through the streets to see many shops, historical sites, and restaurants. Families are welcome!

When: Saturday, April 1st. We will meet at Norman Garage at 9am. We will leave St. Augustine around 7pm and arrive back in Gainesville around 9pm.

Cost: You'll need to purchase a bus pass from Nate in Matherly 211 between 9:00am and 12:30pm before Friday, March 31st. Please bring \$20 cash, exact change, and a picture ID (like a Gator 1 ID card or a passport). Bus passes are non-refundable and first come, first serve. If passes sell out, you can be added to a waiting list.

What to bring: Your bus pass and Gator 1 ID to get on the bus. You should bring about \$40 for museums, food, and water. Bring a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen for the beach! Don't forget to bring a camera!

Notes from the Office

People Out: Daryl will be out of the office all of this week. If you need urgent help with immigration or admissions issues, Christine will be available to help you in MAT 223 on Monday and Friday morning and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Patricia will also be out this week. If you need to speak with either of them, ask Tiffany to help you make an appointment to meet when they return next week.

Student Voices: We still need MANY more submissions for *Student Voices*!! E-mail your writing to 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. If you have any questions, you can ask your teachers or talk to Christine.

Legal Advice: If you get into trouble or are concerned about a legal issue, you should contact Victoria or Daryl immediately! Don't be afraid to ask us for help.

Infirmary Fees: Remember to pay any fees from the UF infirmary online ASAP. Even when you use insurance, you might have to pay a small amount. Check your UF email for notices about this! Ask Victoria if you need help.

Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, March 29th, come out to Norman Field from 6-9 pm for the **ELI Olympics**! You can compete in fun games to win medals for your team or watch and cheer for your friends. Don't miss it!

Next weekend, on Saturday, April 7th, we will have the annual **ELI Talent Show**!

Remember, if you signed up to perform, the first rehearsal will be on Tuesday evening, March 27th, from 5-6:30. You should come to the Reitz Union, room 2325. It is important to be on time so you can practice! You do not need to bring costumes or other heavy equipment. If you have any questions, talk to Nate in MAT 211.

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

Prayer/Meditation Rooms

If you are looking for a place to pray or meditate on campus, here are some suggestions:

- The Broward Serenity Room is a multi-faith, nondenominational prayer room located in Broward Hall. It has chairs, lots of floor space, and privacy screens. The restroom next to the Serenity Room also includes a footbath.
- The multipurpose room in Library West is another option. Just ask for a key at the second floor Information Desk. If the key is unavailable, go to the first floor and the multipurpose room there should be open.

If you would like more information or have questions, talk to Victoria in Matherly 223.

Birthdays!

Students:

March 27: Saud Alholiby
March 28: Abdullah M A A Alazemi
March 31: Abdulrahman Almayouni

Staff:

None this week

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between: at the top of the paper and on top of the paper

A: The first one means something is written on the paper towards the top. The second one means something is covering the paper. Can you tell the difference in these examples?

Ex. 1: Write your name at the top of the paper.

Ex 2: I can't find my homework!

Here it is – your book was on top of the paper.

Q: What is the difference between do not have and have no?

A: There is no big difference between the two but we generally use do not have any more.

Conversational: I don't have any food.

Formal: I have no food.

Research Corner

Would you like to help Professor Antes in a study on the acquisition of academic vocabulary? She is looking for participants in level 50 or 60. The study will take 60-90 minutes and involves some simple vocabulary testing. You will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card for participating.

If you are interested, email Dr. Antes at antes@ufl.edu and write "Academic vocabulary study" in the Subject line or send a text message to 352-213-8504. You can also send a simple message with your name.

Manners & Culture

Q: Why do people talk on their cell phone while they are in public, like on the bus or in the bathroom?

A: When so many people have phones, it can be difficult not to use them, even if they are in a very public area. The Pew Research Center reported in 2015 that 75% of adults in the US believed it was OK to talk on the phone on public transportation, so it is just something most people accept and don't find rude. The bathroom is a little more difficult to explain; I have no idea why people do that. Either way, it's a good idea NOT to use your speakerphone in public – you have to draw the line somewhere!

Quote of the Week

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

-Nelson Mandela



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