

The ELI Weekly

Pool Party at the Retreat



This weekend, the ELI will meet up for some fun in the sun at one of Gainesville's newest apartment complexes, the Retreat. Come out to swim, play volleyball, and hang out with all of your ELI friends at the pool!

Where: The Retreat on SW 16th Avenue. You can take bus 16 or 17 from campus or meet at Norman Garage at 12:45 p.m. if you need a ride

When: Saturday, May 20th from 1-4 p.m.

What to Bring: a swimsuit, towel, & sunscreen. No alcohol, glass bottles, or animals are allowed!

Sign up outside Matherly 10 if you plan to attend!

Weekday Activities Schedule

Join us every weekday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs. It's an excellent chance to practice English conversation and make new friends! More details are posted outside MAT 10.

Day	Activity	Location
Monday	Monday Mixer	Reitz Union Game Room
Tuesday	Soccer	Norman Field
Wednesday	Volleyball	Oakbrook Walk
Thursday	Rotating Activities	Check the schedule outside MAT 10
Friday	Café Friday	Starbucks on Archer Road

Notes From the Office

Deadlines: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, and turn in financial guarantees, is Wednesday, May 17th. The last day to submit proof of insurance is Monday, May 22nd and proof of immunizations is due Tuesday, May 30th. **If you miss any of these deadlines, go to the ELI Main Office in Yon 314 immediately** or you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee!

Dropping a Class or Withdrawing from the ELI: Students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on Wednesday, May 17th, will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

Turns: When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone will be served eventually.

Attendance: Remember that you should go to your classes EVERYDAY and be ON TIME! There are no excused absences, so your teachers have to count every day you miss for any reason.

Feeling Sick? If you get sick, you should send your teachers an email from home or talk to them when you get back so we can help you keep up with the classwork. If you are going to be out for 5 or more days, please call the office and let us know.

Keep in Touch: Make sure to check your email/junk mail/phone for messages from the ELI every day! Also, set up the voicemail on your phone so you can get any important messages.

Remember that Florida can sometimes get dangerous weather in the summer, such as heavy rains or hurricanes, so download an app like **Gatorsafe** to receive notifications about possible danger on UF campus or any other important information.

The Next Activity

Saturday, May 27th, will be the First Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be posted outside of the CIP office, Matherly 10, and in next week's *Weekly*.

UF Services

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from the ELI Main Office to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. Once you get a Park & Ride decal, you may park in the Red and Red One sections of Norman Garage but not in the Orange section. *This is only for the summer!*

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are have access to them, but must purchase a membership. It costs \$60 for Summer semester, and you can go to the Southwest Recreation Center office to buy it. Their hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, 12-4 p.m. You can talk to Victoria if you have questions!

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access

to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the front desk in the library. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

The ELI also has a small library of books you can borrow for as long as you want! Talk to Tiffany in Yon 314 if you want to borrow a book. And if you have any old books you would like to donate, please bring them in!

Gator1 ID: To ride the bus for free, prove you are a student and go to some events on campus you need a Gator1 ID card. You can get this card from Gator1 Central in the Reitz Union if you know your UFID number. If you do not have a UFID, contact the ELI Office.

Gatorlink Account: This is your computer identity on campus and needed to use the UF wifi and campus computers. You might also need it for your classes! You can go to the Computing Help Desk in the Hub with your UFID to get help setting it up.

Grammar

Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?

A: *On* is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use *on* for bicycle, horse, and motorcycle. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use *in*.

- I got on the bus.
- I got on my horse.
- I got in my car.

Birthdays!

Students:

May 15: Moawya Almarbie
May 16: Montserrat Carrera Seoane
May 19: Abdulaziz Alshammari
May 20: Natalia Robalino Chang

Staff:

None this week

Manners & Culture

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don't understand when I should tip. Which restaurants should I tip at?

At restaurants where you have full service from a waiter like The Top or Gator Suyaki, you should leave between 15% to 20% of the total bill. If your bill was \$25 and you leave \$2, this is not enough!

Some full-service restaurants nowadays automatically include an 18% gratuity in the bill for large groups. If you're splitting the bill and the restaurant didn't add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

At restaurants that have partial service like Tijuana Flats or Bento, where you order at a register and they bring the food to your table, it's nice to leave a small amount. Here \$2 is ok, usually on your credit card receipt.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Chipotle or Leonardo's where you order at the counter and then pick it up at the cashier, it's not necessary to leave a tip. However, if they were extra friendly or helpful, it's always nice to leave a couple of dollars for the tip.

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$5.08 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$8.10.



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