

# The ELI Weekly

## Summer Break!

This coming weekend, Saturday, June 17th and 18th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Summer Break is next week **so there are no classes from June 19th-23rd!**

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

Try some of the local restaurants:

- Reggae Shack Café (Jamaican food)
- Midnight Cookies (late night deliveries!)
- Leonardo's in Millhopper (deep-dish pizza)
- 43rd Street Deli (breakfast)

Visit the local museums

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

Brave the heat and

- Go tubing at Ginnie Springs
- Visit Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
- Watch the bats come out at dusk
- Ride bikes on the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail

Find more info at: [www.visitgainesville.com](http://www.visitgainesville.com)



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

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

If you plan to travel anywhere, even if it is inside of Florida, remember to take your I-20, passport, and student ID. If you are going to travel outside of the country, check all of the travel requirements BEFORE you go. Being well-prepared now can help prevent problems later!

## Notes from the Office

**RTS:** From June 17th-25th, RTS will have reduced service for Summer Break. Make sure to check the RTS website so you'll know when the bus is coming. [www.go-rts.com](http://www.go-rts.com)

**B-Term Students:** During Summer Break, new students will arrive to begin the Spring B Semester. They will not be taking classes with you, but you should say hello and welcome them to the ELI!

**Attendance:** Remember that teachers will continue to track

your attendance through August 2nd.

All students are allowed 35 hours of absences regardless of the reason. We cannot make special arrangements or give final exams early and it may mean that you will have to repeat a class. In some cases, your sponsor may require you to repay the tuition for the term. If there is an emergency and you must leave early, make sure that you see Daryl right away.

Use the break to rest and recharge, then come back and study hard!

## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, come to Gator Salsa Club to learn salsa and bachata dancing! It will be at the Stadium between gates 3 & 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes.

The next weekend activity is the Midterm Welcome Picnic on June 24th. It will be on Norman lawn at noon and its FREE!

C-term students should sign up on the Activities Board outside MAT 10 if they plan to attend. Friends & family are welcome!

## My Life as an Undergrad: Part 4

*Below is the fourth installment of our series by guest writer Melina Jimenez. This week, her article is titled "Assignment 3".*

The third unit of ENC1102 is natural sciences so we had to think of a small experiment or observation to do for 5 days and write a research proposal *before* we did the study. Research proposals are very important if you are going to write a dissertation for your PhD or if you want to get funding for a project. I was very excited because I have known since the 2nd day of class what I wanted to do. I was going to watch ants! Ants are very cool creatures.

For my proposal I had to have a research question, so I asked "Why do ants take fingernail clippings into the nests and what do they do with them?" The hardest part about writing the proposal was being very clear about the methods. How exactly was I going to test my research question? I wrote, "I will collect ants from my backyard and put them in an ant farm. Then I am going to put slivers of fingernails and watch what the ants do with the clippings. I think that the ants in my little farm will take them into their tunnels and feel them with their antennae." If you are

interested, look up "Fire ants and fingernail clippings" on YouTube to watch my video of ants doing this in the wild (start the video around 1:27). I just finished collecting the ants so I will update you next week!

Did you know that all of the ants that you see are female? Unless you're looking really hard, you probably won't see a male ant.



### Manners & Culture

*Q: Is it safe to drink water from the water fountain?*

A: Yes. The federal government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974. This act makes sure that the water that comes out of the tap, including the faucets in your apartments, is safe to drink. In fact, tap water is so tightly regulated, many studies have shown that it's cleaner than bottled water.

### Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between used to and get used to?*

A: *Be used to* means that you are already comfortable with that thing. *Get used to* means that you're in the process of getting comfortable with it. Here are some examples:

- I'm used to hot weather since I've lived in Florida my whole life.
- The students are getting used to the daily rain showers.

### Birthdays!

Students:

June 13: Faisal Alanazi  
June 13: Ziyad Alzahim  
June 16: Abdulkarim Alfaez  
June 17: Khawlah Alshuaibi  
June 19: Waleed Alkhaldi  
June 24: Fabio Morales Giron

Staff:

None this week



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