# The ELI Weekly

May 28<sup>th</sup>—June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

## **Summer Weather Warnings**

Gainesville has strong weather, especially during the summer. Here's some advice for the summer!

- Check the weather every day. It may look nice in the morning, but thunderstorms usually happen in the afternoon.
- Stay hydrated! It can get very hot during the day. Drink a lot of water to make sure you're prepared.
- Watch out for lightning! Florida has more lightning than any other state. If you see or hear a storm coming, go inside immediately. Stay away from tall buildings and bodies of water like pools or lakes. Don't

- use a metal umbrella since lightning is attracted to metal.
- Occasionally, there are tornado watches or warnings. If there is a warning, stay inside.
- Hurricanes are also a problem in Florida. Hurricanes are dangerous, but they are slow, and you will have a lot of time to prepare. If there is a hurricane, the ELI will keep you informed and tell you what to do to stay safe.
- Get the GATORSAFE app for important notifications for the University of Florida.

Follow these tips, and you will be a true Floridian!

# The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on with the Cultural Immersion Program!

#### **Thursday Activity-Downtown Gainesville** Explore Gainesville's beautiful downtown area! Come <u>check out</u> what downtown has to offer.

Time: 6:30–9:30

**Place:** Meet in front of the downtown Starbucks **Transportation:** RTS Bus 1 will take you downtown!



Notes from the Office

**Tuition:** The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not paid tuition yet for your classes or submitted your financial guarantee, come to the ELI office **immediately** to see **Jennifer Vann.** Students who pay tuition late will be charged a late fee each week and will not be allowed to attend class.

**Immunizations & Insurance:** Have you turned in your immunization and insurance information to **Victoria Shelly**? If you haven't, you soon will be stopped from attending class. Check your email for messages from Victoria in case there is a problem with your immunizations or insurance. If you miss class because of an issue with tuition, immunizations, or insurance, it counts as an absence!

**Daryl Out:** This week, Daryl Bish will be out of the office. If you have questions related to immigration, your I-20, or transferring to another school, you can see **Christine Voigt** between 9:00 and 12:00.

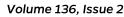
**GatorLink:** Setting up your GatorLink can be confusing. After you get your UF ID, you are sent an invitation to set up your GatorLink, but many people miss this email. If you have problems setting up your GatorLink, visit this website: https://account.it.ufl.edu/. If you still have questions, see **Jennifer Vann** in the ELI office.

**myELI:** Later this semester, ELI students will have access to the myELI database for their student information. You will be receiving more information in the next few weeks. Until then, you can ignore any emails about the database that you may have received.

### Saturday Activity- Volunteer Day

Get involved in your local community and help others! If you are interested, please sign up on the CIP activities board. Act fast! These activities <u>fill up</u> quickly!

Project Downtown Gainesville 12:30–2:00	Serve food to the homeless in downtown Gainesville with a student group, Islam on Campus.
Siembra Farm 3:30–7:00	Help with gardening fruits and vegetables at a community farm.
Ronald McDonald House 1:30–4:00	Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better.
Alachua County Humane Society 2:30–5:00	Clean and play with dogs and cats who need a home!



## **ELI Success Stories**

Students come to the ELI for many different reasons, but everyone comes to the ELI because they have goals. Have you recently achieved one of your goals? Let the ELI know!

If you or someone you know has an ELI success story, let the *ELI Weekly* know and we will publish your story. Did you get accepted to graduate school? Did you finally get a 6.5 on the IELTS? Did you get married, or did you have a child? Let us know.

If you have an ELI success story, contact Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu or visit his office in Matherly 220B.

## **Conversation Partner Meetings**

Do you still want a conversation partner? If yes, you are in luck! The ELI will have two more conversation partner meetings. If you are interested in having a conversation partner, you must attend one of the following meetings.

- 1. On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 in Matherly 108
- 2. On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 in Matherly 108

Talk to **Ryann** in Matherly 211 if you have any questions!

## **Useful Expressions of the Week**

**Expression of the Week:** In the CIP Insider, you saw two underlined phrases.

#### Phrase One: check out

Come check out what downtown has to offer.

**Check out** is a phrasal verb. In this sentence, it means to investigate or learn about something. Be careful! **Check out** has other meanings, too. What does **check out** mean in these sentences?

- We have to **check out** of the hotel by 11:00.
- I checked out a couple books at the library.
- You can **check out** with the cashier at the front of the store.

#### Phrase Two: fill up

#### These activities <u>fill up quickly</u>.

**Fill up** is a phrasal verb. It means to make full. You can use **fill up** with containers or space. For example, you can **fill up** your gas tank in your car, or you can **fill up** your water bottle before class.

Do you have questions about English expressions or American manners and culture? Send them to me, Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu or come to my office, Matherly 220B.

## Next Weekend—Jacksonville Beach!



On **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, the ELI will be **Tacksonville** visiting Because Beach! this location is farther away than our normal trips, we will be taking a bus. If you want to attend, be sure to buy a bus pass from the CIP office. Bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID card to Matherly 211 in the morning to buy your ticket. More information about the trip will be in next week's Weekly.

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