

The ELI Weekly

Skate Station Funworks



Folks, we've had a last-minute change to our weekend activity! It's forecast to be dangerously hot outside, so we're moving indoors to **Skate Station Funworks**. It's \$9 to roller skate (or more if you want to add other activities like mini-golf or rock climbing!). It's \$1 off if you bring your Gator 1 ID card. Since this is a new trip that wasn't on our original waiver form, if you want to go on this activity, you will need to sign a new activity waiver. If you're under 18, you'll need to go to the CIP Office and get an activity waiver before Saturday and get it signed and returned.

When: Saturday, May 25.

Where: We will meet at the Norman Hall Parking Garage at 12noon.

What to Bring: Make sure to bring our Gator1 ID so that you can receive the \$1 discount!

Join us every weekday from 6 or 6:30 to 9 or 9:30p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs. It's an excellent chance to practice English and make new friends! More details are posted outside MAT 211.

Day	Activity	Location
Monday	Monday Mixer	Reitz Union Game Room
Tuesday	Soccer	Flavet Field
Wednesday	Volleyball	Lexington Crossing
Thursday	Rotating Activities	Check the schedule outside MAT 211
Friday	Café Friday	Starbucks on Archer Road

This week's Thursday activity will be Downtown Gainesville! We will meet at the Downtown Starbucks at 6p.m. You can visit the Hippodrome, grab a popsicle, or have some food in a local restaurant.

Notes from the Office

Deadlines: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and turn in financial guarantees, is Wednesday, May 22nd. **If you miss any of these deadlines, go to the ELI Main Office in MAT 223 immediately** or you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee! Also, students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on Wednesday, May 22nd 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.

Memorial Day: Remember that Monday, May 27 is the Memorial Day holiday. UF and the ELI will be closed, and there will be reduced RTS bus service, so be sure to plan accordingly.

Victoria Out: Our Student Life Coordinator Victoria will be out of the office from May 28th to June 3rd, returning June 4th. If you have questions or issues that you need help with, just see Tiffany or Min in the ELI Main office and they will help you find who to talk to.

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.

Conversation Partner Signup Meetings

We will be holding this semester's Conversation Partner Signup Meetings on Friday, May 24 at 11a.m., 12p.m., and 1p.m. in Matherly Hall. Room TBA—check the CIP bulletin board for updates!

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 211, 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 in Park & Ride lots on campus.

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 and get a Gator 1 ID. 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 MAT 223 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 21: Sergio Romero Duran
May 27: Mirta Bilak

Staff:

May 22: Tiffany Frison

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 \$5.44 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$8.46.



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