

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the summer term on Saturday, June 1st.

This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

The activity is free! Wear comfortable clothes for being outside and closed-toed shoes. You should bring a water bottle as well!

Arrive or be ready **ON TIME** for your activity!

Sign-up on the Activities Board outside of Matherly 211 by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if the spaces are full. If you have any questions ask Nate or Tate in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

Places of Origin

This semester, our students hail from 30 different places of origin!

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| Argentina | Kuwait |
| Bolivia | Libya |
| Brazil | Mexico |
| Chile | Saudi Arabia |
| China | Spain |
| Colombia | South Korea |
| Ecuador | Taiwan |
| Guinea | Thailand |
| Haiti | Turkey |
| Honduras | UAE |
| India | United States |
| Iran | Uruguay |
| Iraq | Venezuela |
| Italy | Vietnam |
| Japan | Yemen |

Volunteer Activities on Saturday, May 27th

Oak Hammock 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LAs will drive students to the event

Meet and talk with elderly people. This is a great chance to practice your English!

Project Downtown Gainesville 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Meet at Norman Garage and take bus or walk

Serve food to the homeless downtown at City Hall

Ronald McDonald House 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Meet at Norman Garage and take bus or walk

Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better!

Alachua County Humane Society 2:30 – 5 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the event

Clean up for the pets and play with dogs and cats that need a home!

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, May 30, we will be meeting at MOD Pizza in The Standard building on 13th street. Come eat dinner with your classmates, LAs, and new conversation partners! We will meet from 6-8p.m.



Notes from the Office

Tuition: The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not yet paid tuition for your classes or submitted your financial guarantee, come to the ELI office in MAT 223 **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: If you receive a note from Victoria, please carefully read the note. If you don't understand or have any questions, come to MAT 223 for help.

If you miss class because of an issue with tuition, immunizations, or insurance, it counts as an absence!

Birthdays!

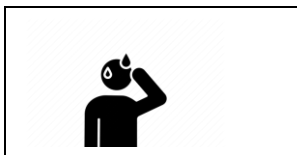
Students:

None this week!

Staff

May 30: Christine Voigt

Special Culture Note



Folks, this is always something of a problem for us, given the multicultural nature of the ELI and the fact that deodorant use isn't common in some countries, while it's very common or even basically socially required in others. Here in the US, we do have people who actively protest and get quite angry when people indicate that they might benefit from the use of deodorant, but the vast majority of us do use it, too. If you come from a culture that doesn't use it, please be aware that you probably smell pretty strong to your classmates and maybe even some of your teachers. If you are aware of the smell and you don't want to do anything about it, that's your right, of course, but people are probably talking about it. It's going to be a long, hot summer!

The Next Activity

Next weekend, we will be going to Jacksonville Beach. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

This is a bus trip, so you can buy a bus pass by bringing \$20 in cash, exact change and your Gator1 ID to Nate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211). You can buy the pass starting Wednesday from 9am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve.

Grammar

Q: I hear people say "sure" when they mean "yes" but my friend said that sometimes it doesn't make sense. When can I use "sure" to say "yes"?

A: "Sure" only means "yes" when you're accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn't mean "yes" when it's simple factual information.

Look at the questions below. When can you reply 'sure' and when must you use 'yes'?

- Would you like to go to the movies with me?
- Do you like pizza?
- Is Florida hot in the summer?
- Does your grammar class start at 12:30?

Manners & Culture

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery person because I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip about \$2 per pizza to your driver. If you order other food delivery, not pizza, you should usually tip about 15% of the bill.



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