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The ELI Weekly

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Jacksonville Beach

Fun in the Sun!

Jacksonville Beach is a very nice place to hang out in the sun and surf and have a great beach day.

When: Saturday, June 8th. Meet at the Norman Garage at 10:00am. Please don't be late! We will return to Gainesville around 8:15pm.

Transportation: This is a bus trip so you must purchase a pass from the CIP. We have some passes left! Bring \$20 in exact change and your Gator1 ID to the CIP office during morning hours.

Cost: The cost of transportation is \$20 for a seat on the bus. You should also bring some money for dinner

What to Bring: Your bus pass, Gator 1 ID card, a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, extra clothes, and money for dinner.

The Next Trip

On Saturday, June 15th, we will be having a pool party at West 20. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*

Need Spanish Speakers for Language Study

A graduate student in Linguistics is looking for native Spanish speakers to participate in a linguistic study that will take approximately one hour at the most. The study will include a brief questionnaire to verify your eligibility, a session in which you will identify the real Spanish words among 96 character strings, and a reading comprehension test in which you will fill 20 blanks in a passage of approximately 500 words

Please contact Gregory H. Bontrager, by e-mail (glossaphile@ufl.edu) for more details.

The Thursday Activity

This week on Thursday, June 6, we will be going to Celebration Pointe to enjoy some of Gainesville's newest shopping and dining experiences.

We will meet at the Butler Plaza bus transfer station and walk to Celebration Pointe. We will meet at 6:00pm and go until around 9:00pm.

Notes from the Office

Toilets: Please flush the toilet when you are finished.

Cigarette Butts: Please put your cigarette butts in the trash and not on the ground.

Summer Break and I-20s: Summer break is only a few weeks away, from June 24th to June 28th! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada, Mexico, or the Bahamas (yes, it's a separate country!)—please come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 5th to June 11th:

Students:

June 5: Abubakur Sait
June 8: Ragam Kaushik
June 11: Paula Suarez

Staff:

None this week!

Happy birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.

A: Most of us don't. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a PhD degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms". At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a less formal and more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

Q: Is the rumor true that American girls don't like foreign guys?

A: American girls like all different kinds of guys so this is probably an incorrect generalization. While I think American girls do tend to date American guys, I've seen American girls with male ELI students, American guys with female ELI students, and of course, ELI students dating each other. Please remember that the ELI policy prohibits LAs and teachers from dating ELI students!

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between the words lose and loose? When do I use lose or loose?

A: *Lose* is a verb and it means *to misplace* or *to not win*. *Loose* is an adjective which means *not*

tight. You'll need to memorize the spelling and the pronunciation. Look at the sentences below to see the difference.

- I always lose my cellphone in my house.
- The players lose the game every time they have to play in the snow.
- My pants are loose so I need to use a belt.

Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

George Burns



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