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The ELI Weekly

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Summer Weather Safety

Be safe!

We thought we'd let you know about a few things as the summer weather season kicks in. Be careful since North Central Florida has very interesting weather! It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. Therefore, you should always have sunscreen *and* an umbrella in your backpack. You should also get into the habit of checking the weather each day. One hazard that you should watch out for is **lightning**. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime in Florida in a year than anywhere else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. If it looks like it's going to storm, you should go inside as soon as possible. A car is also a safe place. **DO NOT** stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area and don't use a metal-tipped umbrella.

Occasionally, there are **tornado watches** or **tornado warnings**. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. **DO NOT** ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car.

Another thing that you should prepare for is **hurricanes**. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to keep informed of hurricane activity, and they

also have some excellent preparation and planning tips. Also, of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go. The main thing about the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about early preparation!

The Weekend Trip



Speaking of summer weather, this Saturday, June 15, we will be going to West 20 for a **Pool Party**!

Cool down in the summer heat with your ELI friends.

Where: West 20 Apartments.

When: We will meet at the NRN Garage at 1:30pm, or you can take Bus 20 to West 20.

What to bring: Your swimsuit and a towel, and lots of sunscreen. This event is free! There will be soft drinks and snacks available.

The Thursday Activity

This coming Thursday, June 13, we will be doing **Gator Salsa**! Learn how to dance Bachata and Salsa with the Gator Salsa Club.

We will meet at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium between gates 3 and 4 at 6:30pm and go until around 9:30pm.

Notes from the Office

Turns: When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone **will** be served eventually.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Matherly31423 Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 12 to June 18:

Students:

June 12: Hend Alfeiti

June 15: Abdulrahman Alshabib

June 16: Najjlal Alaidaroos

Staff:

None this week!

Happy birthday everyone!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is public transportation poor in most American cities?

A: The United States is very wide and has a lot of open space. Many of the major cities outside of the Northeast and Upper Midwest became large cities after the invention of the automobile. These two factors created a need for a strong highway system, rather than a strong public transportation system as is

common in older countries. Rising gas prices and damages to our environment are forcing us to reconsider these choices. In recent years, most cities with metropolitan populations in the US over about 3 million have put in at least light rail systems and dedicated bus lanes, if not new metro systems.

Q: Why don't the buses run at night on the weekends?



A: The bus routes are based on ridership and profits. During the week, all of the bus routes are busy and there are more bus routes. The more people that need a route, the more busses that run on that route. Not as many people ride the bus late at night on the weekends, so RTS doesn't offer services because it would be a waste of resources.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "borrow" and "lend"?

A: It's the same as the difference between "take" and "give". You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. The verb "lend" is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun "loan".

- Can I borrow pencil?
- Can you lend me a pencil?
- Can you loan me a pencil?
- Can I take a pencil?
- Can you give me a pencil?

Quote of the Week

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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