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# The ELI Weekly

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## Summer Break

*Relax! Enjoy!*

This coming weekend, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Next week, June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>, there are no ELI classes since it is Summer Break. If you do not have any plans for Summer Break yet, we have some suggestions for you. It's probably going to be very, very hot, so we recommend that you stay indoors.

### Try the local restaurants:

- Boca Fiesta (Mexican inspired food)
- Reggae Shack Café (Jamaican food)
- Vellos Brickstreet Grill (fancy food)
- Satchel's Pizza (local pizza!)

### Visit the local museums:

- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Harn Museum of Art
- Cade Museum

### Watch a play at:

- The Hippodrome Theatre
- Acrosstown Repertory Theatre,
- Gainesville Community Playhouse

### Do something unique to Gainesville:

- Paint the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Wall
- Ride bike on the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail

### If you want to brave the heat, you can:

- Go tubing at Ginnie Springs
- Visit Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
- Visit Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
- Visit other places on the UF campus

You can also visit Miami, Atlanta, Savannah, and many other cities within no more than a 5-hour drive. If you're planning on renting a car, be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

### Reminders:

- Missing any classes on the Friday before Summer Break or the Monday after does count toward total absences.
- Get your I-20s signed if you plan on leaving the country--Canada, Mexico, anything involving cruises to the Caribbean, and your home countries all require a signed I-20 and your passport.

## Insurance Going Up

United Healthcare Student Resources insurance rate will go up to \$209/month between August 15, 2019 and August 14, 2020. Please note that you cannot buy insurance for \$187/month past August 15, 2018. If you want to continue coverage with no gaps, you must pay \$187 for August 1-14, then \$209 for August 15-31. If you are going home and returning for the Fall C semester, you can purchase insurance that starts on September 1 for \$209/month (classes begin September 3).

## GRE Verbal Course

If you are planning to take the GRE anytime soon, then you may want to sign up for our new GRE Verbal Course. The course will be offered for our B-Term, and it will start the week of Monday, July 1. If you're interested in signing up, please see the folks in the ELI Main Office, MAT 223.

## The Next Trip

Our next weekend activity will be our **Midterm Picnic**, which is also our **B-Term Welcome Picnic**, on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Join us in welcoming the new Summer B students to the ELI family! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. It will be a fun day in the sun to have a picnic at the Plaza of the Americas. There will be sports, games and great conversation!

**When:** Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm

**Where:** On the Plaza of the Americas, in front of Library West

**What to Bring:** This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sunblock. We will provide the food, so come hungry!

**IMPORTANT:** Summer C students need to sign up on the sign-up sheet so that we make sure to order enough food.

## The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, June 20, we will be having **S'mores Night!** If you don't know what s'mores are, you're in for a sweet treat. We will roast marshmallows and combine them with graham crackers and chocolate for a wonderfully gooey treat. We will meet at the Standard Apartments at 6:30pm and go until around 9:30pm.

## No Excused Absences!

Please remember that we continue to track your attendance through August 8, 2019. Per ELI and SEVP rules, all ELI students are permitted a maximum of 35 hours of absences regardless of the reason. This includes absences for leaving early, hospital visits, or religious holidays. We cannot make special arrangements for students who leave early and it may mean that you will have to repeat a class. In some cases, your sponsor may require you to repay the tuition for the term. If there is an emergency and you must leave early, please make sure that you see Daryl right away.

## Santa Fe College Workshop

On July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in MAT 210, we will be holding this semester's Santa Fe College Workshop. Representatives from

Santa Fe will be available to answer your questions about admissions and enrollment.

## Reminders from the Office

**Practice English:** You're here to learn English and the best way to learn is by using it all the time. This includes in the hallways, in the classroom before class starts, and while eating lunch.

## Student Voices

The deadline for ELI Student Voices submissions is coming up! If you are interested in seeing your work in print, please get your submissions to me by Friday, July 12. You can give it to your teacher to give to me, or you can email me directly at [toddy33@ufl.edu](mailto:toddy33@ufl.edu).

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 19 to July 3:

Students:  
June 26: Jiun Hsien Chiu  
June 28: Michelle Lyon Leon  
June 30: Wesam Rajab  
July 2: Mustafa Ba Wazir

Staff:  
None for the upcoming 2 weeks!

Enjoy your birthday!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Is it safe to drink water from the water fountain?*

A: Yes. The federal government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974. This act makes sure that the water that comes out of the tap, including the faucets in your apartments, is safe to drink. In fact, tap water in the US is so tightly regulated that many studies have shown that it's cleaner than bottled water.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between be used to and get used to?*

A: *Be used to* means that you are already comfortable with that thing. *Get used to* means that you're in the process of getting comfortable with it. Here are some examples:

- I'm used to hot weather since I've lived in Florida my whole life.
- The students are getting used to the daily rain showers.

## Quote of the Week

Good friends, good books, and sleepy conscience; this is the ideal life.

--Mark Twain



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