

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day

Help others while practicing your English with friends!



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the summer term on Saturday, June 4th.

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 by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is full and if you have any questions ask Nate or Greg in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

Volunteer Activities on Saturday, June 4th

Ronald McDonald House 2-4 p.m.

Meet at Norman Garage
Help create door decorations for the families the families living at Ronald McDonald House. If you like doing arts and crafts, this activity is for you!

Mill Creek Horse Farm 9a.m. -12:30p.m.

LAs will pick up students
Clean up and work on projects around the farm. Afterwards, interact with the retired horses that live there!

The Humane Society 12-2:30 p.m.

LAs will pick students up
Help walk dogs, play with cats, and keep their living spaces clean and safe. In addition, we will be helping with any other cleaning and organizing.

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

Meet at Norman Garage
Help serve lunch to the homeless community in Gainesville and interact with English speakers from different cultures!

Notes From the Office

Daryl Out: Daryl will be out of the office this week. If you have a question, ask in the Main Office or make an appointment to see him when he returns.

Tuition, Immunizations, & Insurance: Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

Summer Break and I-20s: Summer break is only a few weeks away! 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 – make sure your I-20 is signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!

The Next Activity

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

A Message About ELI Religious Holiday Policy



Dear Students,

The ELI recognizes the importance of you having the opportunity to observe the holy days of your faith. If you have a religious observance that will conflict with class attendance, with tests or examinations, or with other class activities prior to the class or occurrence of that test or activity, you must tell your teacher prior to the holiday.

Unfortunately, the ELI is not able to schedule activities that do not conflict with the holy days of all religious groups because our students represent a great variety of cultures and faiths. For this reason, individual students should make their need for absence known in advance of the scheduled activities.

If you have a religious holy day, and you miss class:

- You must tell your teacher **beforehand** when you have a religious holy day. If you do not, you might not be able to make up the work in your class.
- You will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in your absence. Your teacher may give you a deadline that you must meet.
- Your grade will not be harmed due to your absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.
- Your absences still count towards the permitted 15%. As noted, your absence for

religious observance will not affect your course grade, but it needs to be tracked for immigration reasons.

If a lot of students will be absent from class because of a religious observance, the faculty member will reschedule a major exam or other academic event at that time.

Students are not required to provide documentation for the absence. Students who feel that they have been unreasonably denied an education benefit due to religious beliefs or practices may seek action through the student grievance procedure.

Manners & 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 on the teacher's preference. In a regular university class, it is common to use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a Ph.D. degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms.". At the ELI we are a little less formal – on purpose. We try to create a less formal and more conversational environment in order to help students feel comfortable and get them talking more.

Birthdays!

The following are ELI birthdays from May 30 to June 5

Students:

May 31: Mohammed Alshammari
June 1: Eman Almusaylim
June 1: Ali Khormi
June 2: Mohammed Almohsen
June 2: Feras Alluqmani

Staff:

None this week

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between the word 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 at school.
- The players *lose* the game every time they play in the rain.
- My pants are *loose* so I need to use a belt.



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