

# The ELI Weekly

## Lake Wauburg

*Chill out and beat the heat!*

This weekend the ELI will be going to one of Gainesville's most enjoyable summer spots – Lake Wauburg, UF's private lake!

You can enjoy swimming, paddle boating, and playing volleyball or just hang out with friends. It's a great way to spend some time outdoors! Sign up on the Activities Board or [Eventbrite](#).



Photo by Melina Jimenez

**When:** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage and carpool to Lake Wauburg's North Pavilion

**Cost:** Free with a Gator1 ID

**What to Bring:** Sunscreen, towel, bathing suit, and lunch (no food is available there to buy)

## The Next Activity

On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will not have a CIP Activity because it will be the start of Summer Break.

The next activity is the Midterm Welcome Picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Notes From the Office

**Attendance:** Because of US immigration law, we can't excuse absences for any reason, but we do allow non-probationary students to miss up to 15% of their classes with no penalty (this semester, that's 35 total class hours).

We also encourage you to bring a note from the infirmary to show your teacher whenever you are sick.

We can't erase your absence, but your teachers will usually allow you to make up any work you missed as long as you talk to them.

**Fire Drills/Alarms:** Whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Matherly Hall, Norman Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Also, 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.

**Summer Break and I-20s:** Remember to check your I-20 if you plan to leave the country.

## Student Corner

If you don't already know, the ELI social media pages are a great place to find information about events, see pictures of classmates, and post about all of the exciting experiences you are having at the ELI.

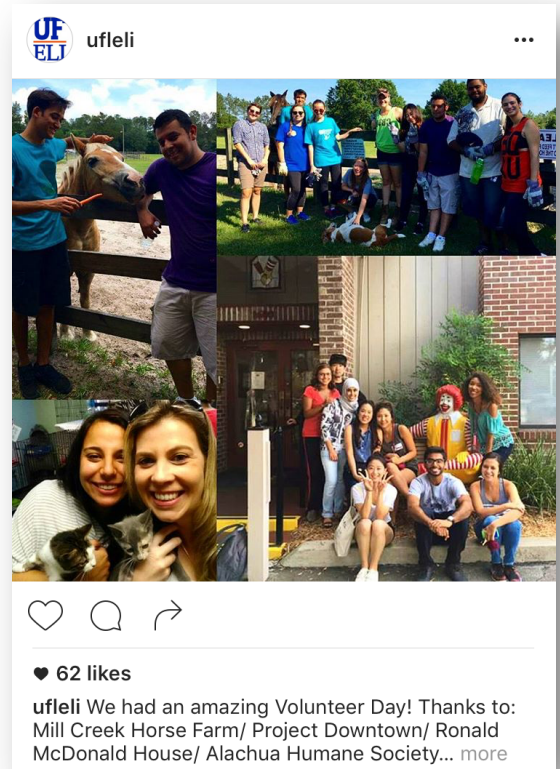
Here are some of the features you may have missed last week - follow @ufleli on Instagram for more!

### Friend Friday



Pascal from Haiti and Yves from Switzerland were this week's #friendfriday duo! Friend Friday is a way to showcase cross-cultural friendship and international unity, so if you have a close friend from a different culture and you want your friendship to be featured on the ELI instagram, go to the CIP office and let them know!

### Volunteer Day 2016



### Humans of the ELI

Roni Entin from Israel was interviewed for this #humansoftheELI:

"In Israel, you are required to join the army at 18 for two years. Before I served in the army, I didn't know what to expect. I felt unsure but did my best to prepare myself. When I began my service, I was placed in a job that I really didn't like. Thankfully, I was able to transfer and I became a medic. This experience really changed the way I see the world. I got to see so many areas of Israel and most importantly I met people from all over my country. I was very sheltered growing up and didn't see much, but when I met such diverse people from different backgrounds than me, I came out of my little bubble. It was beautiful that we could be so different but still come together in unity and work together as a team. This really changed the way I think. Now, because of my experience in the army, at the ELI, I never judge anyone and I want to know every student and learn about their country and culture. My experience made me a more accepting, open person, excited to welcome diversity."





## Summer Weather Safety

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. Remember to drink lots of water and eat right. If you can't eat or drink during the day, make sure to do it before you leave your house and when you get home after school.

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 stay 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!



## Manners & 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.

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

## Birthdays!

The following are ELI birthdays from June 6 to June 12

Students:

June 6: Ahmad Alhafez  
June 7: Waleed Alkhalaiwi  
June 8: Firas Hermassi  
June 10: Ibrahim Alfalahi  
June 10: Malak Alghannam  
June 11: Jubran Kaabi

Staff:

None this week

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