

# The ELI Weekly

## Summer Break!

*A week to relax and enjoy*

This coming weekend, Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Summer Break is next week **so there are no classes from June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>!**

If you are staying in Gainesville, there are lots of cool things to do!

Try the local restaurants:

- Burrito Bros. (Mexican inspired food)
- Reggae Shack Café (Jamaican food)
- Midnight Cookies (late night deliveries!)
- Leonardo's in Millhopper (deep-dish pizza)
- 43rd Street Deli (breakfast)

Visit the local museums

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

Brave the heat and

- Go tubing at Ginnie Springs
- Visit Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
- Watch the bats come out at dusk
- Ride bikes on the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail

Find more info at: [www.visitgainesville.com](http://www.visitgainesville.com)



*Photo by Brian Jung-woo Kim*

If you have a car, make sure to check out the little towns and larger cities nearby:

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| • Ocala     | High Springs   |
| • Miami     | Atlanta        |
| • Savannah  | Jacksonville   |
| • Cedar Key | Orlando        |
| • Tampa     | St. Petersburg |

## The Next Activity

The next activity is the Midterm Welcome Picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup>. C-term students should sign up on the Activities Board or on Eventbrite if they plan to attend. Friends & family are welcome!

## Farewell Emily ☹️

We are sad to announce that Emily Kirby will be leaving the ELI. She is moving with her family to the Northwest. Her last day at the ELI will be June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Emily began at the ELI as a TA in 2008, after which she moved on to be a teacher, and then the Student Life Coordinator in

Summer 2011. Emily has been a vital part of the ELI family and has touched the lives of so many of our students. Make sure to stop by and say thank you for all the help she has given you and wish her well in the future. We will miss you Emily!!!



Victoria Shelly will be taking over for Emily as Student Life Coordinator – after Summer Break, she will be able to help you with any of the issues you would talk to Emily about.

## Dear ELI Family,

The ELI is heartbroken at the senseless attack at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando last weekend. We know that this is a sad and scary time for many in the ELI family. To our LGBTQ and LatinX students and employees, know that we stand in solidarity with you as you begin to process this terrible loss of both life and sense of security. To our Muslim students and employees, know that we understand that one person does not represent an entire religion. You are welcome here at the ELI, at UF, in Gainesville, in Florida, and in the US. To all of our students, faculty, LAs, and staff, we thank you for making the ELI the inclusive, warm, supportive, family that it is.

Students, if you are feeling sad or afraid, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for help. You can talk to Emily or Victoria in their office in 223 Matherly, email them at [ebbourn@ufl.edu](mailto:ebbourn@ufl.edu) or [vcshelly@ufl.edu](mailto:vcshelly@ufl.edu), or call them at 352-273-4394. You can also email UF's U Matter, We Care office at [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), for help finding a counselor or other mental health resources. Faculty and staff can access similar resources through UF's Employee Assistance Program (352-392-5787, [eaphelp@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:eaphelp@shcc.ufl.edu)).

If you feel unsafe or threatened at any time, it's okay to call the UF police or Gainesville police for help. They will not ask you for anything in exchange for their help, nor will you be in trouble for calling them. Their job is to make sure you and all members of our community are safe. You can call 911 for emergency help, or 352-392-1111 (UPD) or 352-955-1818 (GPD) for non-emergencies.

We stand with our neighbors in Orlando as they begin to recover from this horrible event, and we stand with our ELI family.



## Lake Wauburg – Summer 2016

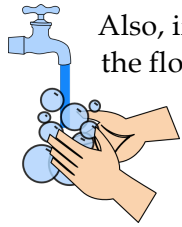


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## Notes From the Office

**Sinks:** Students, remember that the sinks in the bathrooms are for hand washing **ONLY!** No other body parts should be



washed in the those sinks. Also, if you spill water on the floor, please clean up – this is unsafe for others who come in after you.

**RTS:** From June 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, RTS will have reduced service for Summer Break. If you're staying in Gainesville, make sure to check the RTS website so you'll know when the bus is coming.

[www.go-rts.com](http://www.go-rts.com)

**B-Term Students:** During Summer Break, new students will arrive to begin the Spring B Semester. They will not be taking classes with you, but you should say hello and welcome them to the ELI!

**Attendance:** Remember that we continue to track your attendance through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Per ELI and SEVP rules, all non-probationary students are permitted 35 hours of absences regardless of the reason. This includes absences for leaving early, hospital visits, or religious holidays.

Students who plan to leave early at the end of the semester must

consider the consequences and how it will affect their grades and promotion for the following term. We cannot make special arrangements or give final exams 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, make sure that you see Daryl right away.

Use the break to recharge your batteries! Then study hard and go to all your classes. The end of the term will be much easier for you!

## Manners & 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 is so tightly regulated, many studies have shown that it's cleaner than bottled water.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between 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.

## Word of the Week

Here's a word that has multiple meanings. Look in this *Weekly* to guess the part of speech and the definition.

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## Birthdays!

The following are ELI birthdays from June 13 to June 26

Students:

June 13: Jinsun Cha  
June 15: Moaz Aldweelah  
June 15: Dhahi Althobaiti  
June 16: Youssef Alenezy  
June 16: Abdulkarim Alfaez  
June 17: Ana Paula Lopes Ferreira  
June 18: Norah Aljahaimi  
June 18: Pacharapong Khrongsee  
June 20: Ahoud Alzaqadi  
June 24: Fabio Morales Giron  
June 25: Sindy Cañas Idrogo

Staff:

June 19: Emily Kirby

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