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The ELI Weekly

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Fireworks & Lake Wauburg

Two great activities this week!

This is a very exciting week! We have two activities for you to participate in. As always, feel free to bring your family and conversation partners.

Fanfares & Fireworks

Come celebrate the United States' Independence Day with music and fireworks. We will walk to Flavet Field to hear patriotic music and see the fireworks. This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

When: Wednesday, July 3rd, at 7:30pm

Where: We will meet at the Reitz Union Subway at 7:30 p.m. and the walk over to Flavet Field. Students coming after 7:45 can meet us at Flavet Field.

What to Bring: This activity is FREE! Bring a blanket to sit on. You can bring something to eat and drink if you like, or you can bring some cash to buy food. We will walk over, so wear walking shoes. You should bring bug repellent as well.

Lake Wauburg

Come cool off with us on Saturday! We will be going to UF's private lake, Lake Wauburg. You can enjoy swimming, boating, and playing volleyball, or you can just come and hang out with your friends. Please sign up on the Activities Board outside of MAT 211 if you want to carpool.

When: Saturday, July 6th, from 11:30am to 4:30pm.

Where: Meet at NRN Garage at 11:30am to carpool or meet us at Lake Wauburg's North Pavilion.

Cost: Entrance to Lake Wauburg is free; at least one person in each car must have their Gator 1 ID for entrance.

What to Bring: Sunscreen, a towel, bathing suit, and lunch (no food is available at Lake Wauburg).

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be participating in the second **Volunteer Day** of the

semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Thursday, July 4th, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be reduced holiday RTS bus service this day. Please remember that Friday, July 5th is a regular day of class and absences will be counted.

ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our Summer B term students:

Angola	Jordan
Brazil	Korea
Central African Republic	Mexico
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	Switzerland
France	Taiwan
India	Turkey
Japan	USA

Santa Fe College Workshop

Reminder: on Tuesday, July 9th 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.

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 us by Friday, July 12. We have a change, though! Another one of our faculty, Lynne Clark, is going to take on the *Voices* this semester. You can give submissions to your teacher to give to her, or you can email her directly at clarklhr@ufl.edu.

Victoria Out

Victoria will be out of the office from July 5-9 for her wedding and honeymoon and will be back on the 10th. If you need anything in the meantime, just see the folks at the front desk in MAT 223 and they will direct you to the proper help.

Conversation Partners

For our new B-Term students, we will be holding two conversation partner

meetings on Friday, July 5, in Matherly Hall at 12noon and 1pm. Rooms are to be announced; please check the bulletin board outside of MAT 211 for the details.

Birthdays

It's really unusual, but there are no ELI student or staff birthdays from July 3 to July 9! There will be a few next week, though.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why isn't tobacco banned everywhere in the US?

A: One of the reasons that smoking hasn't been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans. Personal possession of tobacco itself isn't banned anywhere in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings.

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don't Americans ban alcohol?

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition.

However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can't drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: When do we use 's vs. of? For example, Maria's house vs. the day of graduation.

A: You pretty much showed the main difference in use in your examples. If the owner is a person, we almost never use the *of* phrase.

Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield



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