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The ELI Weekly

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End-of-Semester Barbecue

Come join the fun!

On Saturday, August 3rd, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at **Gilchrist Blue Springs** while enjoying a barbecue lunch. Eat barbecue chicken, corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw. It's the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

When: Saturday, August 3rd. We will meet at Norman Garage at 10am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

Who: All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

Cost: Entrance is \$6 per car. Let them know at the entrance that you are with the ELI to get in. We will also have free barbecue food!

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board next to Matherly 211 by 4pm on Thursday, August 1st.

What to Bring: Bring a bathing suit and extra comfortable clothes and shoes. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

The Next "Trip"

On Friday, August 9th, we will be holding our **ELI Summer 2019 Commencement Ceremony** in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

Farewell Nate/Welcome Tate

For those of you who don't know, we will be saying farewell to our amazing longtime CIP Coordinator, Nate Bloemke, at the end of this semester.

The good news is that we will be welcoming our new CIP Coordinator, Tate Quiñones. Tate brings with her not only her experience at the ELI as an LA, the CIP assistant, and an instructor, but also her experience in Jordan as a Fulbright Scholar, a lecturer, and an Intercultural Exchange Program Coordinator.

Farewell, Nate and Welcome, Tate!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from August 1-August 9:

Students:

August 4: Mosaab Kdash
August 5: Francisco Fajardo Torres
August 8: Fahad Alsubaie
August 9: Khalid Alqurashi
August 9: Nimah Jastaniyyah

Staff:

None this week.

Happy Birthday, y'all!

Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the ELI Scholarships for the Fall Semester, 2019!

Please congratulate the following students for their accomplishments:

Saud Bin Rimal, JC Casagrande Peace Scholarship

Abdulrahman Alshabib, Jayne C.
Harder Memorial Scholarship

Kuri Andagana, Valentina Komaniecka
Memorial Scholarship

Well done, everyone!

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, August 1st, we will having **Paint the Wall Night** in the Norman Tunnel. Come paint a mural in the Norman Tunnel. If you have any ideas for a mural to paint, please share them with your LAs or the CIP Office Staff! We will be meeting from 5:30 to 8:30pm.

Reminders from the Office

Afternoon Activities: Join us for afternoon activities this week since it's the last week.

Promotion/Exit: Take the CELT, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, practice English, and of course, go to class.

Other People Picking up Your

Certificate: If you can't pick up your certificate at the Commencement, please stop by Matherly 223 *before* August 9th to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We can't give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or Fed-Exed, please see the office for the cost.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmity fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Victoria has a handout (Matherly 225F) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Expiring I-20s: If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the fall, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

Part-timers and CELT: If you are not taking Listening/Speaking or Grammar this semester, please stop by the ELI Main Office to schedule your CELT exam before Friday, August 2nd.

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the difference between major and career?

A: A major is what you study in university and a career is what you do for a job. For example, my major was linguistics but my career is English teacher.

Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminatory?

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be used by such people in a gentle, fun

way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between passive and adjectives made with past participle?

A: The best way to test whether something is passive or an adjective is to add *by someone*. If it makes sense, then it's probably a passive. If it doesn't make sense, it's probably an adjective. Sometimes it can be both. Another test you can try is to rearrange the words so the adjective/verb in question is before the noun. Try it with the following examples:

- The dog was tired (by someone?). The tired dog...?
- The money was taken (by someone?). The taken money...?
- The vase was broken (by someone?). The broken vase...?

Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



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