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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Weekend

Help others while helping yourself!

We are
holding
our

second **Volunteer Weekend** of the fall term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

Cost: Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

When: Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th.

Saturday:

Food 4 Kids: Help pack lunches for kids in need. LAs will pick students up at their apartments at 10:30am.

Alachua County Humane Society: Clean and play with dogs and cats who need a home! LAs will pick students up at their apartments. The activity lasts until 5pm.

Sunday:

Oak Hammock: Have a volunteer exchange! Residents of the retirement community will help you practice English while you keep them company and teach them about your

culture. LAs will pick students up from their apartments. The activity lasts until 11:30am.

Noah's Endeavor: Play soccer with kids from all abilities! LAs will pick you up at your apartment at 3pm.

Please check the board as there may be more opportunities later in the week.

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, October 24th at 4pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Tate in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

B-Term Countries Represented

The following are the countries represented by our B-Term Students:

Brazil	Kuwait
China	Mali
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Iran	Thailand
Korea	Venezuela

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **The Micanopy Fall Festival**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Santa Fe Workshop

So, here's your weekly reminder that on Wednesday, October 30th, we will be holding a workshop for students interested in going to Santa Fe College. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 6:30pm in MAT 210. Mark your calendars

UF Libraries Fall Festival

On Wednesday, October 30th from 10am to 2pm on the Reitz Lawn, the UF Libraries are holding their Fall Festival. They're bringing the best of what the library has to offer. There will be free t-shirts, games, demos of library resources, crafts, therapy dogs, music, food, and the opportunity to learn more about how the libraries can help you succeed at UF.

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, October 24th from 6-9 pm, we will be going to the **Food Festival at Celebration Pointe**.

Enjoy some of Gainesville's best restaurants and music/entertainment from DJ Elio Piedra. Take the bus to the Butler Plaza Transfer Station, and then walk over to Celebration Pointe.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 23rd to 29th:

Students:

October 23: Sangho Lee

October 24: Hanyef Albeqami

October 29: Ana Casella Azocar

Staff:

None this week!

Notes from the Office

New students: If you're a new Fall B student, Welcome! If you're a veteran Fall C student, please welcome the new Fall B students.

Manners and Culture

Q: What's Halloween and why is it such a popular holiday in the US?

A: It's actually a combination of ancient Celtic and early Christian traditions. In Europe, All Hallows Eve (the night before All Saints' Day—November 1 on the calendar) was said to be a night when ghosts and spirits would roam the earth; people carved scary faces in vegetables and left them out to scare the spirits away. We see this tradition today with the carved pumpkins. In the 20th century, it became a popular holiday for children. And, so many of us remember fun at Halloween as kids that it has gradually become a holiday that adults enjoy as well!

Q: Where can I get a cheap Halloween costume?

A: The absolute best place to shop is in your own house. Be creative! Use things you already own to make clever costumes. For example, the Harry Potter characters would be very easy to do.

Grammar

Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/ an, the, or nothing?

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular count nouns **MUST** have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific guidelines but these rules are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I want to eat ___ apple.
- The girl is wearing ___ scary costume.
- Let's go see ___ movie you suggested.

Quote of the Week

Kindness is the one commodity of which you should spend more than you earn.

T.N. Tiemeyer



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