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# The ELI Weekly

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## Kennedy Space Center

*An amazing day of discovery*

This Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, you can see real spaceships, ride simulation rides, and even touch moon rocks! We are headed to Kennedy Space Center.

**When:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 9:15pm.

**Where:** We will meet at Norman Garage at 8:30am to take the bus. **Note that this is a football game Saturday—there will be NO parking available on campus.** Please be on time.

**Cost:** The cost for entry into Kennedy Space Center is \$57. You must also purchase a bus pass in the CIP Office (MAT 211) from Tate for \$20, exact cash, between 9am and 1:30pm. You should also bring money for lunch and shopping, but you may also pack your own lunch if you wish.

This is always a popular trip; don't miss it!

## The Next Trip

On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be playing **Laser Tag**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the last issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

## The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be going downtown to **Depot Park**. Ride bus 1 or 17 and meet at the Pop-A-Top at Depot park at 6pm. You can hang with students and LAs outside, grab some food, and walk around the park. We will be there until about 8:30pm.

## Notes from the Office

**Trash:** Please put your trash in the trashcans in the hallway, not on the floor nor in the desks.

### Attendance and End of Term

**Feedback:** Please remember how important it is to attend all your classes even as the term winds down. We will also soon be asking for your feedback on our classes, so please be sure to be there every day.

**Thanksgiving Holiday:** Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please remember that **classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday.**

### I-20s and Financial Guarantees:

Speaking of the holiday and end of term, please remember that if you plan to leave the country during these times, you must have your I-20 signed in order to return to the US. Don't forget that Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, and most of the Caribbean are actually other countries. Also, please be sure you know when your I-20 and your Financial Guarantee expire, especially if you are planning to come back to the ELI for the Spring Semester.

**Veteran's Day:** Just a reminder that Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Federal Veteran's Day Holiday. There will be no classes and the ELI office will be closed all day.

**Holidays and RTS Bus Service:** There is reduced or no campus service on these days:

November 11, (Veteran's Day)  
November 27, 28, and 29 (Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday thru Friday) and  
December 14 -January 1 (End-of-year Break).

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website [www.go-rtts.com](http://www.go-rtts.com)

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>:

Students:

November 7: Giorgio Frigo de Nobrega

November 8: Landivar Piotti

November 8: Juan Suarez Pita

November 9: Jaouhari Nouredine

November 10: Qiyuan Ren

November 12: Yumaira Celis Meza

November 12: Angélica Alvarez Rojas

Staff:

November 9: Lia Brenneman

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why aren't there trashcans in the bathroom stalls? Where do I put my used toilet paper?*

A: In the US, you flush it. Toilet paper is designed to break apart after it is flushed and most American cities have treatment plans that use bacteria to process the organic matter and toilet paper. After it goes through this process, it is safe to be reused for reclaimed water to water lawns, for example. However, there are many things that you should never flush: paper towels, including the brown ones in UF restrooms, sanitary napkins, diapers, toys, towels or rags, cleaning wipes, condoms, cotton. You should also avoid

flushing medicine down the toilet, since this can harm wildlife. If it isn't coming out of your body and isn't toilet paper, put it in the garbage can.

*Q: What's the most important holiday in the US?*

A: Well, that's a tough question, mainly because there are so many holidays that hold special meanings to so many people. Our biggest family holiday is probably Thanksgiving. This is the one holiday that is specifically about visiting family and friends. It's a big feast day that isn't specially linked to any one religion or set of beliefs. Many people fly or drive to visit their family in other states.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "must" and "should"?*

A: There are actually lots of uses for both words, but the most common use for both of them is to talk about obligation. "Must" means that there is no choice—it's an absolute obligation. "Should" means that the action is advisable, but there is a choice.

- You **must** come to class to keep your visa.
- You **should** make American friends to improve your English.

*Q: What's the difference between "under" and "underneath"?*

A: There's not a large difference; in most cases, they're probably interchangeable. The biggest difference is that "underneath" connotes an idea that something is under something else and is hidden or not readily visible.

- The cat is under the table. [It's visible.]
- The cat is underneath the couch. [It isn't visible.]

*Q: What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?*

A: The first one's a verb and the second one's a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

- I **advise** you to go to class every day.
- My **advice** is that you go to class every day.

## Quote of the Week

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

Virginia Woolf



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