

## The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on with the Cultural Immersion Program!

### Thursday —Salsa Dancing with Gator Salsa

On Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will dance the night away! Do you know how to dance in the style of salsa? Do you want to learn? This is the activity for you.

We will learn how to dance salsa with members of Gator Salsa, a club at the University of Florida. All experience levels are welcome. If you are an expert, come! If you do not know anything, come!

**Time:** 6:00—9:00

**Place:** Meet outside of Gate 3 of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center



### Saturday Activity— Busch Gardens

On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the ELI is going to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida! Busch Gardens is a famous amusement park with many roller coasters to ride, animals to see, and shows to watch. This will be an exciting trip full of fun times and good memories, so buy your tickets soon!

Because Tampa is about two hours from Gainesville, the ELI will take a bus to Busch Gardens. So, if you want to go, you need to buy a bus pass. To buy a bus pass, bring \$20 cash and your

Gator 1 ID to the CIP Office in Matherly 211. You can come between 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Tickets are \$85.00 for one day (if you buy them three days in advance) or \$110.00 for one year. For help getting the cheapest tickets, talk to Tate in the CIP office ASAP!

We will meet at Norman Garage at 8:15 AM and will return to Gainesville around 9:00 PM.

## Get an ELI Canvas Bag



This semester, the ELI gave reusable canvas bags to all new ELI students. Now, returning students can get a free bag, too!

If you are a returning student, bring your UF ID to the main ELI office. We will give you a free bag!

You are allowed to take only one bag and there are a limited number of bags available. Act now so you can have the coolest item of the semester!

## Using myELI

myELI is a useful website for ELI students. Here are some important things you can do on the website.

**Upload your documents—** Every semester, you have to give the ELI many different forms. myELI makes submitting your documents easy and convenient! From the myELI homepage, click on "My Profile" and then "Documents." Here, you can upload your insurance forms, proof of immunizations, I-20, financial statement, and other required documents. If you have not uploaded your required documents for this semester, do it now!

### Check your attendance—

Attending your classes every day is important for success at the ELI. With myELI, you can check your attendance to see how many classes you have missed and how many times you have been late. To check your attendance, click on "My Courses" and then "Attendance" from the myELI homepage. If you see any mistakes, ask your teacher to confirm your attendance.

Finally, ask your teacher for more information if you have questions about the attendance policy for the ELI or your classes.

If you have any problems using myELI, visit the ELI front desk for help.

Address: <http://my.eli.ufl.edu>

## Notes from the Office

**Immunizations & Insurance:** Immunization and insurance information is due! If you have not submitted your documents, you will soon get a message from the ELI office. You may be removed from class until you can turn in your documents. If you have any questions about immunizations or insurance, talk to Victoria in the ELI office.

**Tardies:** We know that some students have a long walk between their classroom buildings, but it is still important that you be responsible and get to class as quickly as you can. If you know you have a long walk, your teachers can give you some extra time, but don't stop to get coffee or have lunch on the way! Remember that being late to class 3 times counts as an absence and it is disruptive to the other students. If you are late, try to come in quickly and quietly to join in to the lesson. Remember that you can check your absences and tardies through myELI.

## Culture Question

### Question:

*What do Americans do for Valentine's Day?*

### Answer:

Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Many people, especially couples, go out to dinner for Valentine's Day. However, the restaurants will be very busy and some have special menus that are more expensive. Some people go to the movies or have a special dinner at home. Groups of friends might get together to go out so everyone feels included. Children exchange cards and candy at school.

Even though Valentine's Day is next week, you should make your plans early. If you plan to go to a nice restaurant, you should call this week to make a reservation. When you make a reservation, you will tell the restaurant the time you want to eat and the number of people going to the restaurant.

## Useful Expressions of the Week

**Expressions of the Week:** In the CIP Insider, you saw two underlined phrases.

### Phrase One : in advance

Tickets are \$85.00 for one day if you buy them three days in advance.

**In advance** is a useful phrase! It means that you will do something before something else. In this example, it means that the tickets will be cheaper if you buy them three days before you go to Busch Gardens.

For another example, you should tell your teachers **in advance** if you are going to miss class. This means that you should tell them before you miss class, not after.

### Phrase Two : ASAP

For help getting the cheapest tickets, talk to Tate in the CIP office ASAP!

**ASAP** is an acronym. It means As Soon As Possible. This means that you should do something right away or as soon as you can.

When we say this word, we pronounce it as "A sap," with "A" pronounced like the name of the letter. If you don't understand, ask your teacher to help you ASAP!

## Happy Birthday!

Wish the following people a happy birthday!

### Students:

February 9<sup>th</sup>: Safar Alghamdi

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Abdullah Alghamdi

February 11<sup>th</sup>: Lee Hoang Mi Nguyen

### Staff:

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Courtney Miles