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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Day

*Help others while helping yourself!*

This  
Saturday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup>,  
we are

holding our second major **Volunteer Day** of the spring term. This is your chance to give back to the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Remember to take pictures to share on the ELI Facebook page! Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

**Cost:** Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

**Saint Francis House:** Serve food at a local homeless shelter to the food insecure community. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:30am to take the bus downtown.

**Grace Marketplace:** Serve food to residents of this homeless shelter and resource center for the underserved. LAs will pick you up from your apartment at 8:30am.

**Millcreek Horsefarm:** Help maintain a farm that helps old retired horses lead a happy life. LAs will pick you up from your apartment at 8am.

**Noah's Endeavor: Baseball for All:** Play baseball with kids who have special

needs! LAs will pick you up from your apartment at 3:30pm.

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, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see the folks in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be going to the **Spring Garden Festival** at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## UF COVID-19 Guidance

All students should have received an email last week from [StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu) to let you know about UF COVID-19 Guidance. We will send any additional updates to your email account, so let us know if you did not receive the message.

If you have travelled to China, Japan, South Korea, Italy, or Iran within the past

14 days, you are not allowed on the UF campus. If you have travelled to these countries, please email [StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu) or call the ELI cell phone at 352-672-0144 to let us know.

Even though your teachers are taking attendance every day, it is important not to come to class sick. If you have a fever or a cold, so will not go to class, but are not sick enough to go to the doctor, you should email [StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu) to let us know you will be absent due to illness. You should also let your teachers know.

We want everyone to be healthy and happy! Please let us know if you have any questions. Remember, you can always call or text the ELI cell phone at 352-672-0144.

## ELI Talent Show

Got talent? Sign up for the talent show to share any talent with the ELI! Sign up at the CIP board. Also, if you're interesting in hosting, please see Tate as soon as possible. Our informational meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Matherly 209 from 5-7pm. Rehearsals on Tuesdays of the following weeks and the Talent Show will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to the **One Love Café Farmer's Market**. Eat at one of Gainesville's coolest cafés and enjoy the weekly farmer's market. You can shop for crafts, food, and other goods while listening to live music. Enjoy the fire pit after sunset with friends and LAs. We will meet at 6pm and stay until around 9pm. Take bus 43 from Matherly to the café. The bus only runs every 30 minutes, so leave early!

## B-Term Countries

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

Argentina	Ecuador
Bolivia	Panama
Brazil	Saudi Arabia
China	USA

## Experiencing Stress over Coronavirus?

If you are dealing with psychological impacts of coronavirus, a counselor from the Counseling and Wellness Center will be at the International Center on Fridays, 4-5pm to offer a confidential consultation. This limited service is on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested, please send an email to Dr. Shu-Yi Wang ([shuyiwang@ufl.edu](mailto:shuyiwang@ufl.edu)) with (1) your name and student ID number, and (2) the Fridays starting from 2/28 to 4/17 that you are available. You will

receive an email specifying either the date of your appointment or other resources if the service is full.

## Notes from the Office

**Change of address:** If you changed your address, please let the office know.

**Emails:** Remember to check your emails daily. You are receiving messages from your teachers, your LAs, your conversation partners, and the office. Check the junk folder, too!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 11 to March 17:

Students:

March 12: Abubaker Ahmen  
March 14: Fahd Alqhtani  
March 15: Khulud Alyami  
March 15: Abdullah Hawsawi  
March 16: Oscar Barreto Hernandez

Staff:

March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy Birthday, y'all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What are the best words to welcome someone into your home?*

A: "Hellllooooo!" Or you could just say "Welcome." If it's cold out, you can also say "Can I take your coat?"

*Q: Why do Americans talk on their cell phones in the bathroom, even the public bathrooms?*

A: I haven't the foggiest. Really. I can't understand this either. I guess their conversation is more important than their shame.

## Grammar

*Q: Are there specific rules for the prepositions that apply everywhere? What's the difference between: At the top of the paper, on top of the paper*

A: The first one means something is written on the paper towards the top. The second one means something is covering the paper.

*Q: What is the difference between do not have and have no?*

A: There is no big difference between the two but we generally use *do not have any* more.

Conversational: I don't have any food.  
Academic: I have no food.

## Quote of the Week

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life round.

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