

# The ELI Weekly

## Out and About: Depot Park

--by Lutfu Akther



In one word, our group activity at Depot Park was **SUPERB** on Saturday. I would like to share with you some interesting things that we did there.



Depot Park is amazing. The lake is beautiful, and there is a nice path that we walked around. Luckily, the weather was good and not rainy. We also had the opportunity to meet each other and had a chance to talk more with different issues without study. I really felt very comfortable discussing diverse issues with everyone. Furthermore, I have learned, not only how to speak in different ways and different accents from my group discussion, but also I have learned how to become friendly within a short time. We enjoyed a fun group prank and a lot of group pictures. I would like to thank the organizers for such a nice meeting.

## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> - Game Night (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Play fun virtual games with LAs and classmates! This week we will play Code Names!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdldmgvWkFlekhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095

Passcode: gamenight

### Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> - Plaza Hangout (In-Person) - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Come hang out at Plaza of the Americas on UF campus! Please note the location change. Socialize with LAs and play games! (Teachers can sign up too!). Bring a blanket to sit on outside if you want!

Sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza1>

\*You MUST sign up, have attended the CIP overview or met with Tate, and be campus cleared to attend this activity

\*At this activity, you must wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart

\*Please see signup link for more details

### Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Join us this week to talk about sports in celebration of UF Homecoming!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=UIFOQ1pjaiswa3huUk41cnBuMEFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927

Passcode: 926123

### Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> - Movie Night (Zoom) - 6 - 9pm

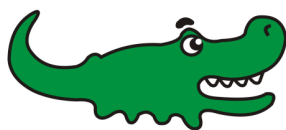
Come vote on a movie and watch it with LAs and ELI friends as we chat in the chatbox! Stick around for a fun discussion afterward! Movie choices this week are *Moana*, *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92962712031?pwd=dnZhVnh5WTJxWE5FNGZaRndyOFN0UT09>

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031

Passcode: movienight

# Weekend Activity



## Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gator Craft Night and Watch Party – 12 – 2:30pm

Come make an origami gator! All you need is a square piece of paper! We will also watch some of the UF football game against the University of South Carolina and halftime show online!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99314466422?pwd=M1ErZWlvNDlQSmJkZzBBZ0t3a3ZMZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 1446 6422

Passcode: gogators

**Social Media:** Be featured on our Instagram for International Education Week in November, either as a student spotlight, all about you and your country, or as a student takeover on our story to show us a day in the life of an ELI student! Email [tquinones@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:tquinones@eli.ufl.edu).

**Conversation Partners:** We have over 35 English speaking volunteers from UF and Gainesville waiting to be paired with you, become your friend, and speak English! Get paired today by emailing [conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu).

**The CIP needs your opinion about our in-person event on 10/10 to Lake Wauburg!** The bus is not running to Lake Wauburg this semester and LAs cannot drive students to events due to COVID safety. Should we continue with the Lake Wauburg activity and students can find a ride there via rideshare/other self-transport OR should we move to a new location on a bus route, like campus or Depot Park? Let us know what you think at this survey!

<https://forms.gle/6tPTc7dognFdCbEp7>



## Birthdays!

None this week

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Sometimes I feel lonely or bored. What can I do?*

*A: It can be difficult to be away from family and friends. The best thing to do is to fill your time—attend class and try a new activity. Here are some ideas:*

- Call a friend and talk, sing, read, or tell stories
- Meet a friend outside at a park for a walk—stay 6 feet apart and wear a mask
- Learn to beatbox
- Watch a TED Talk
- Learn words from another student's language and surprise them
- Take a picnic outside and eat
- Create a scavenger hunt for your friends and let them create one for you
- Join an ELI activity
- Keep a list of the different animals in your neighborhood—birds, squirrels, raccoons, lizards, etc.
- Make a musical instrument from a straw

If you fill your time, but you still feel sad, talk to Victoria ([vcshelly@ufl.edu](mailto:vcshelly@ufl.edu)). She can listen to you or refer you to a counselor who can help more.

## Notes from the Office

**MyELI Updates:** If any of your personal information (such as phone number, email, or address) changes, please update your information in MyELI. We need this information to communicate with you and send you important information.

**ELI Scholarships:** Right now, the ELI has two tuition-free scholarships for returning students. A scholarship recipient can attend the next term without paying tuition. However, the third scholarship, the Tina Komaniecka Memorial Scholarship, is not available until 100% in-person classes resume. Read more about scholarships at <https://eli.ufl.edu/application-information/scholarship/>.



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