

# The ELI Weekly



## Out and About: La Chua Trail

—by Juan Perez Jimenez

If you enjoy being in contact with pristine nature and exercise, La Chua Trail is a beautiful destination to have a good time with your family and friends. The trail is very long like a snake with beautiful wildlife. Thus, you should be in the mood to walk long distances and enjoy different kinds of plants and animals that wetlands and ponds provide. Be prepared because Florida's weather changes

the trail landscape during each season, so each time that you visit the park is going to be different like different sceneries in a video game. Winter, spring, and fall are pleasurable seasons to enjoy the trail every day, but during summer, the trail's weather is as hot and humid as a sauna with tons of mosquitos waiting for you. La Chua trail is very special for adventurous people because it has tons of pathways like a labyrinth that connects to different places. Also, it is a hot spot to observe and photograph animals like alligators, deer, bison, and birds. So if you are studying or visiting UF, explore the wild side of Gainesville, which starts in La Chua Trail. (Photo Credit: Juan Perez Jimenez)

## CIP Activities

### Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> - Game Night (Zoom) - 6:00-8:00pm

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 November 17<sup>th</sup> - Plaza Hangout (In-Person) - 5:15-7:15pm

Come hang out on campus with friends and play games and socialize.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza8>

\*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 November 18<sup>th</sup> - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6-8pm

Join us this week for our Autumn Seasons around the World discussion theme!

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

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927

Passcode: 926123

### Thursday November 19<sup>th</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 *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Moneyball*, and *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*!

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

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031

Passcode: movienight



### Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> - Virtual Thanksgiving Potluck (Zoom) - 5:00-7:00pm

Come celebrate an American tradition (and ELI tradition) of sharing a feast before the holidays! Though we can't share our food, we can still cook and have dinner together on Zoom, talk about what we made, share what we are grateful for and do other fun Thanksgiving activities like making a gratitude craft and playing games! All are welcome!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96965960269?pwd=RkJ2T01ZN0tldlhuV0Z2cUc1QTNjQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 6596 0269

Passcode: 456056

## It is International Education Week! Join us in a week of celebrating cultures with these fun themed days!



- **Monday 11/16:** Make your Zoom background your country flag!
- **Tuesday 11/17:** Make your Zoom background a picture of your home city.
- **Wednesday 11/18:** Dress up as or make your Zoom background a photo of someone who made positive change in your country! (inventor, human rights figure, artist, etc.)
- **Thursday 11/19:** Make your Zoom background a picture of a famous landmark in your country.
- **Friday 11/20:** Make your Zoom background a picture of yourself in a different country than your own.

## Birthdays!



There are no birthdays this week.

## Grammar

*Q: How can I use **due to**? I thought **due to** meant the same as **because**, but somehow I always get it wrong.*

*A: Sometime the meaning can be the same, but the grammar is different. This is the case with **due to** and **because**. In fact, you can use **due to** just like you use **because of**, and then the meaning AND the grammar will be the same. Here are some examples:*

When you use **because** by itself, you need to create a clause (subject + verb):

- Because the weather is stormy, we have cancelled the soccer game.

When you use **due to** (or **because of**), you only need a noun or noun phrase:

- Due to the weather, we have cancelled the soccer game.
- Because of the hurricane, we have cancelled the soccer game.

These sentences confuse the two grammar rules:

- ~~Because of the weather is stormy, we have cancelled the soccer game.~~
- ~~Due to the weather is stormy, we have cancelled the soccer game.~~

## Notes from the Office

### Thanksgiving Holiday:

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Nov. 25-27). Please remember that classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>).

### Student Voices:

See your writing in print! Write a poem, a story, a paragraph, or an essay. All types of submissions are welcome. **The deadline to submit to The ELI Student Voices has been extended to November 24<sup>th</sup>.** Email your writing to [clarklhr@ufl.edu](mailto:clarklhr@ufl.edu). Please remember to include your class, name, and title for the piece.

### Your I-20:

Make sure your I-20 does not expire on December 16<sup>th</sup> if you will study at the ELI after this Fall semester. Contact Daryl ([StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu)) if you need to extend your I-20. Also, if you are traveling with your ELI I-20, make sure your I-20 is not expired and that Daryl signed the travel authorization on page 2. Please contact Daryl if you want to make sure your I-20 is good for travel.

### Financial guarantee for scholarship students:

Most financial guarantees expire by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which means that you will need to submit a new letter by the tuition deadline of January 20<sup>th</sup> for the Spring C semester to avoid owing a late fee or missing classes. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Vann at [jvann@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:jvann@eli.ufl.edu).



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