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The ELI Weekly

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Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo

Come out and see the animals!

May 29th –10:00am to 12:00pm

See the amazing animals at Santa Fe's teaching zoo like birds and monkeys and learn more about them while you explore with friends! Take bus 10 to Santa Fe College then walk to the Zoo. Bus runs every two hours, so be prepared and look at the schedule ahead of time, or drive yourself/take a rideshare. Tickets are 5 dollars if you have a Gator1 ID.

You must sign up on the weekly activity sign up to attend this activity.

You must be campus cleared to attend.

Notes from the Office

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

Memorial Day Holiday: On Monday, May 31st, we commemorate Memorial Day in the US; this is a federal holiday, and there are no ELI Classes. UF and the ELI office will be closed, and RTS Bus service will be limited, with no Campus Routes.

COVID-19 Requirements: Non-vaccinated students, this week you must do the weekly COVID-19 screening

AND a saliva test. If you got a test last week, that does not count for this week. Everyone who has not received the vaccine is required to do a test this week.

Please complete the screening, schedule a test, and forward Victoria your test appointment confirmation by 3pm on Monday, May 24. You must make your test appointment on or before Thursday, May 27.

1. Complete the screening and schedule a test: <https://uf.tfaforms.net/440>
2. Log in to your UF email account with your GatorLink Username and Password: <https://outlook.com/ufl.edu>
3. Forward the test appointment confirmation email to Victoria: vcshelly@ufl.edu

If you do not forward the test appointment confirmation email by 3pm on Monday, you cannot attend classes. If you want to get the vaccine on campus, please make an appointment through ONE.uf at one.ufl.edu and notify Victoria at vcshelly@ufl.edu. The vaccine is free. Once you get the vaccine and notify Victoria, you are not required to do the screening every week and testing every two weeks. Please email Victoria with any questions!

Hallways: Many UF faculty and staff have offices with doors in hallways on campus. So, please do not use the hallways as a gathering point. Spend your time between classes outside the building. If you are in the hallway entering or leaving class, please remember to speak softly so we do not disturb other classes or people trying to work. Please do not block the hallways or staircases by sitting in them.

Updated UF mask policy: UF no longer requires people to wear masks on campus, but says people who have not been vaccinated should still wear masks. At the ELI, we value a community that supports the well-being of all students, faculty, and staff. For this reason, it is important that we:

- Wear a mask if we are not vaccinated.
- Respect the decision to wear a mask or not wear a mask of other students, teachers, and staff.
- Ask someone who is wearing a mask if they want us to wear a mask around them, and wear one if they ask us to.

We think if we do these things it will help everyone at the ELI feel safe and comfortable.

If you need help arranging for a vaccine for yourself or your children (12 or older) please talk to Victoria!

CIP Weekday Activities

Monday May 24th – Reitz Hangout – 6:00 – 8:00pm Come hang out at the Reitz Food Court and play board games with friends!

You must sign up on the weekly activity sign up to attend this activity.

You must be campus cleared to attend and remain 6 feet apart from others.

Tuesday May 25th– Soccer – 6:30 – 8:30pm Come play Soccer on campus at Flavet field. No experience necessary!

You must sign up on the weekly activity sign up to attend this activity.

You must be campus cleared to attend and remain 6 feet apart from others.

Wednesday May 26th - Movie Night (Zoom) – 6:30 – 9:00 pm
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 Avengers, Onward, and Eat Pray Love. Come out and vote for the one you want!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92246818257?pwd=Qk1EUjNjOEZmczZxUE51RTZETk5UUT09>

Meeting ID: 922 4681 8257
Passcode: movienight

Thursday May 27th – Rotating Thursdays: GNV Famers Market – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Shop for local goods and produce, listen to live music, and hang out with friends outside! Take buses 46, 1 or 5 to downtown then walk to Heartwood Stage.

You must sign up on the weekly activity sign up to attend this activity.

You must be campus cleared to attend and remain 6 feet apart from others.

Sign up for all activities this week here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student>

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 26-June 1:

Students:
May 30: Maria Del Castillo Trujillo
June 1: Zuhur Aloufi

Staff:
None this week!

Happy birthday!

Manners and Culture

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery man despite the fact that I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip at least \$2 per pizza to your driver. For those of you using some of the other delivery services from restaurants these days, it's customary to give your driver 15%.

Grammar

Q: I ask, "Are you at the lab?" and my student replies, "Sure." He means yes, or of course, but it doesn't really make sense. I've had other students make this same mistake.

How do I explain the difference between 'yes' and 'sure'?

A: "Sure" only means "yes" when you're accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn't mean "yes" when it's simple factual information.

Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

George Burns



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