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The ELI Weekly

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2 Saturday Activities

We will start with a great volunteering opportunity and end with fireworks!

Saturday July 3rd - Volunteering at Saint Francis House - 9:15am -12pm

This weekend, give back to your community by volunteering at our local homeless shelter and community center that serves the unsheltered population of Gainesville. They need lots of help cleaning and helping in the kitchens. This is a great opportunity to volunteer, help others, meet new people, and speak English! Take bus 1 or 5 and then walk to Saint Francis House in downtown.

Saturday July 3rd - Fanfares and Fireworks - 6:00pm -10:00pm

Celebrate the 4th of July Independence Day with this fun festival and see amazing fireworks after some live music! Meet the ELI at the bus stop in front of the Flavet, Trusler Hall, and Simpson Hall parking lot, then walk to Flavet together to find a spot to sit, socialize, play games, and hang out until the show! Bring extra money for food from the food trucks if you want!

The CIP Weekday Activities

Monday June 28th – Reitz Hangout – 6:00-8:00pm

Come play board games, speak English, and socialize with ELI friends! You can also get dinner at the Reitz restaurants.

Starting this week, we will be meeting at the Reitz food court.

Tuesday June 29th– Soccer – 6:30 – 8:30pm

Come play Soccer on campus at Flavet Field! No experience necessary!

Wednesday June 30th - 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 Remember the Luca, Captain Marvel, and Miracle. Come out and vote for the one you want!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92246818257?pwd=Qk1EUjNjOEZmczZxUE5lRTZETk5UUT09>

Meeting ID: 922 4681 8257
Passcode: movienight

Thursday July 1st - Rotating Thursdays: Sweetberries – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Enjoy this cool outdoor space and get some delicious ice cream or dinner while socializing with your friends and playing games! Take bus 8 or 10, or just walk 10 minutes from Matherly Hall!

Sign up for all activities this week here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student4>

Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Sunday, July 4th, is Independence Day. We have the day off on Monday, July 5th. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be reduced RTS bus service this day.

Santa Fe College Workshop

Representatives from Santa Fe College will present to ELI students on Wednesday, July 7th at 5:15pm in Matherly Hall, room 214. If you are interested in attending the University of Florida or another undergraduate program in the US, Santa Fe College is an excellent place to start! Santa Fe College transfers more undergraduates to the University of Florida than any other school. Many ELI students have transferred to Santa Fe College and returned to UF two years later to complete their bachelor's degree. The friendly staff of Santa Fe College look forward to answering your questions and sharing more about their school on July 7th.

B-Term Countries Represented

Welcome to our new B-Term students!
The following are the countries represented:

Bolivia	Niger
China	Peru
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	United States
Korea	Venezuela

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 29-July 6:

Students:

June 29: Wu Di

July 3: Christ Mane Belizaire

July 5: Luciane Mejia Rivero

Staff:

None this week

Manners and Culture

Q: Why isn't tobacco banned everywhere in the US?

A: Tobacco itself isn't banned in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like

restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings. Currently, there are only 28 states that have smoking bans in enclosed public spaces. One of the reasons that smoking hasn't been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans.

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don't Americans ban alcohol?

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: You can't drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

A: *One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas.*

Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it's unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs.

Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield



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