

# The ELI Weekly

## Out and About: Sweetwater Wetlands Park

by Eunjeong Park, RW40



Last week, I went to the Sweetwater Wetlands Park in Gainesville. The place was very cool for me. First it was so wide that my heart was wide open. There were many wild animals like alligators, birds, and snakes. I saw them from a close distance and it was incredible. The sunlight was perfect, and taking a walk under the blue sky in the green land healed me so much. So, if anybody asks me about the place, I recommend this one.

## Grammar

*What is the difference between 'me either' and 'me neither'?*

Both phrases are used to agree to a negative statement and have the same meaning as 'neither + (verb) + I' (neither have I, neither do I, neither am I). Both are more informal than 'neither + (verb) + I'. Here is an example:

**If your friend says:** "I haven't started my homework yet."

**You could say:** "Neither have I." (most formal)

"Me neither."

"Me either." (least formal)

## CIP Weekday Activities

Sign up for all activities here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student10>

### Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Talk - 6:30 - 9:00pm

Come drink coffee or get dinner and socialize at the Butler Plaza Starbucks near Burger Fi - 3524 SW Archer Rd! Take bus 1.

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

### Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> - Soccer- 6:30 - 9:00pm

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

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

### Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Volleyball - 6:30 - 9:00pm

Come play volleyball and hang out at Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2! No experience necessary! Take bus 34 or 35.

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

### Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gator Volleyball Match - 6:15 - 9:15pm

Come watch the Gator Volleyball Team play Mississippi at the O'connell Center! Meet outside Gate 1 and get seats together. You must bring your Gator1 ID Card. Wear Orange and Blue!

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

### Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>- Gator Nights - 5:45 - 8:45pm

Come do fun activities open to UF students at the Reitz! The theme is "Get Up and Glow"! Bring your Gator1 ID Card! Meet at the Reitz Union Subway area.

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



# Weekend Activities

## Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Day – various times and locations

It is time to help the Gainesville community! We have 3 different volunteering opportunities this Saturday. **You may only sign up for ONE.** These are limited space opportunities. If the spaces are full and you would still like to volunteer please email Tate at [tquinones@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:tquinones@eli.ufl.edu).

**Saint Francis House: 9:00am to 12:00pm** - Help the homeless shelter in downtown organize donations and clean their space! This directly helps the people in Gainesville who do not have homes and need this space as a resource for help! Take bus 1, 46, or 5 to downtown and meet in front of Saint Francis House.

**Plenty of Pitbulls: 9:45am to 11:15am** - Come learn about foster dogs and Pitbulls who need adopting! Meet dogs and play with them and talk to their foster owners about how to help homeless dogs! Take bus 1, 46, or 5 and meet in Depot Park in front of the Boxcar area.

**Project Downtown Gainesville : 12:30- 1:45pm** - Help serve a meal to the homeless community downtown! Take bus 1, 5, or 46 to Downtown and meet in front of City Hall!

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

## Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Clearwater Beach Bus Trip 9:30am – 9:30pm

**Buy your bus ticket now!!!**

We will be going on a bus trip to beautiful Clearwater Beach! This famous beach is two hours away and rated one of the best in the US! We will be leaving Norman Hall on our charter bus at 9:30am and returning at 9:30pm. There are plenty of restaurants, shops and lots of swimming and sand to enjoy at Clearwater! Tate will be selling bus tickets this week and next week until the seats are sold out. Bus tickets are 20 dollars per person. You can purchase from Tate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211) Monday through Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm and you must pay in cash and bring your Gator1 ID. You can only reserve a seat on this trip by purchasing a ticket, not through a regular signup. Space is limited so act quickly if you are interested!



**Conversation Partners:** Want to meet with an English speaker once a week and make a new friend?! Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/ctQAzW8EjXgvyYgHA>.

Returning students who want a CP should still fill out his form, even if you had a CP last semester!

This is optional, but if you sign up, you agree to meet your partner once a week for one hour to speak English and respond to them when they contact you to make plans to arrange a meeting.

Try meeting them on campus or a coffee shop. Try chatting about your family or home country, and get practicing English! CPs are excited to meet you! Wait two weeks after signing up to be paired.

## Notes from the Editor

Do you have interesting stories about ELI activities, Gainesville events, or interesting places in your countries? Tell us about it in the *Weekly*. Email 1-2 paragraphs to Maya ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)).



## Birthdays!

Students:

2/22 – Hyojin Shin

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