

The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Hidden Treasure in Gainesville

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Sharks Teeth (Photo credit: JinoH Yoo)

In the past, most lands of Florida were underneath sea level. That's why I could find shark teeth at the creek. When I first heard my friend's suggestion of going to a park to find shark teeth, I felt very weird. After I went to a park and found some shark teeth, I felt like I am in a gold rush era. I noticed that day that there are more hidden treasures in Gainesville than I expected. There are many hidden wonderful places in Gainesville. You might want to go to big cities in Florida such as Miami or Orlando, but I want you to know that there are many good places in Gainesville too.

Do you know that there are old hidden treasures in the creek in Gainesville? On New Year's Day, I went to a small creek in the Loblolly Woods Park in Gainesville. Loblolly Woods Park is a small nature park that is located on the northern side of the campus. Inside the park, there is a small creek. If you dig the bottom of the creek with a sifter and wash the sand out, you will find old shark teeth that have been buried at the bottom for a long time.



Searching for shark teeth (Photo credit: JinoH Yoo)

CIP Weekday Activities

Sign up for all activities here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student25>

Monday February 14th – Coffee Talk – 6:30-9:00pm



Come hang out with ELI friends and drink coffee at Starbucks on Archer Road! Socialize, play games, and meet new people! You can also buy sushi or burgers for dinner in the same plaza! Take bus 1.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Tuesday February 15th – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



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

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Wednesday February 16th – Volleyball – 6:30pm-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 to attend this activity.

Thursday February 17th – Tropical Smoothie – 6:30-9:00pm



Come and hangout with us at Tropical Smoothie Cafe on 34th Street this week as we play games, have fun, and drink smoothies of all different flavors! Bring about \$7 or more if you'd like to grab a bite to eat or have a smoothie. Take bus 12 or 34.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Friday February 18th – Gator Nights – 7:15-10:15pm



Check out what the Reitz has planned this week! The theme is Olympics! Celebrate sports and country pride with activities, crafts, snacks and more! Meet at the Reitz Union Subway.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.
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Weekend Activity

Saturday February 19th – Dave & Buster's Arcade – 11:30am – 3:00pm

Come play arcade games with friends, win tickets and prizes, and eat food at this fun new Gainesville arcade! The ELI will not provide rides to this event because it is on a bus route, so meet us there! Take bus 33 to Celebration Pointe or any bus to Butler Transfer station and walk from there. Bring between \$20 to \$30 dollars to play games and have lunch! Please be reminded that alcohol is not allowed at ELI activities.



You must sign up to attend this activity.

Call for Talent for the ELI Talent Show



It is time to prepare for our annual ELI Talent Show that will happen on the evening of Thursday March 24th! We need you to make our talent show a success! Please consider performing your talent or act at our very special event.

Talent can be many things including dancing, singing, reading poetry, sharing art, playing an instrument, performing a skit with your class or friends, an intercultural fashion show, storytelling or comedy, video creation, and much more!

We want as many students, staff, and guests to participate as possible! If you have an amazing talent, please share. If not, remember that you do not need to be perfect at something to participate and come up with a performance. Get together with your friends to make a fun and easy plan for your act!

To be in the Talent Show you must:

1. Sign up – If there are multiple people in your performance, list all their names in the comments. They must also sign up too. Please sign up by the deadline of February 25th!
2. Attend the Info Session – On Friday February 25th there is a short meeting in the Language Studio at 1pm to discuss the details of our event and what is expected of you.
3. Attend rehearsals – There are rehearsals after classes on March 2nd and March 15th from 5pm to 6:30pm in the Language Studio. There will also be a dress rehearsal right before the Talent Show on March 24th in the University Auditorium.
4. Attend and perform in the Talent Show on March 24th at 7pm in the University Auditorium!

Please sign up with your act by February 25th here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-elitalent>

We are also looking for students to be our Master of Ceremonies and host our Talent Show! If you think you would do a great job introducing our acts and hosting our event, please contact Tate with your interest!

Conversation Partners



Want to meet with an English speaker once a week and make a new friend?! Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/k7Z826F2LU9gekrU7>.

Wait two weeks after signing up to be paired.

Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu if your partner does not respond a week after you contact them.

Remember, CPs are not tutors, they will not do your homework or teach you grammar. They are fluent English speakers who will help you speak by having one-on-one practice and being your friend!

Photo of the Week



ELI students at the UF basketball game on February 5, 2022

Manners & Culture



Q: A friend gave me a Valentine's card and candy. We are just friends. Isn't Valentine's Day for romantic partners?

A: Valentine's Day is a great chance to celebrate friendship as well as love. If you read the greeting cards in the store, you will find many options celebrating friendship.

Valentine's day also celebrates other types of love, not just romantic love, like the love between parent and child or siblings' love. With this in mind, here are some ways you might see Americans celebrating friendship on Valentine's Day:

- having a game night with friends
- getting together to cook or bake
- having a movie marathon
- going for a walk together
- going out to dinner together
- organizing a craft night for friends
- giving candy to friends and classmates

Grammar

Q: When speaking English, do we usually say on Feb 2, 2022, or in Feb 2, 2022? Is it right to say in February or on February?

A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use **in** + month, year, century, or season.

- I was born **in** March, **in** the twentieth century, **in** spring

Use **on** + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.

- I was born **on** October 30.
- I was born **on** Wednesday morning.

Use **at** + noon, night, clock time, present.

I was born **at** 10 p.m.

I was not born **at** night.

Q: What is the difference between **at** and **in** for locations?

A: Generally, **in** is used when you are inside of a place whereas **at** is used when you're somewhere near or around the place. **In** also emphasizes that you're inside the building and **at** is more of the idea of the location.

I am **in** Matherly Hall. [Inside the building]

I am **at** Matherly Hall [Usually outside]

Birthdays!



Students:

none

Staff:

none

Notes from the Editor

- Share your special experiences of campus, Gainesville, Florida, and your country by sending me your stories for the *Weekly*.
- Do you have grammar questions? Do you have manners and culture questions? Share them with us!
- Send stories and questions to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu). Use the subject heading, 'ELI Weekly.'



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