
The ELI Weekly

Out and About: The Most Popular Vacation Spot in Korea—Jeju Island

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If you like nature and you have a plan to visit Korea, there is a place that you should visit at least once. It is Jeju Island. It is located in the southern part of South Korea, so it's the warmest location that you could find in Korea. It is famous for its nature and food, which, I think, are the most important parts in traveling. It's an island, so you can commonly see the beaches and it's made of a volcano's lava. So, you can commonly see special rocks that have lots of holes and are dark black. Since it has a volcano that is inactive, you can go on a hike. When you hike you can see the green in Hanra Mountain. Moving on to the food, there is a special pig called 'heukdoweji' which means black pig. Its skin color is black, and its texture is chewy and soft. There are a lot of fish which is caught right before it's served because it's an island. Jeju Island is also as known for its oranges that have lots of sweet juice. You can have so many diverse foods whenever you want.



Jeju Island (Photo credit: Jeongmin Hong)

CIP Weekday Activities

Sign up for all activities here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student28>

Monday March 14th – Cabana Beach Hangout – 6:00-8:30pm



New Monday Activity!

It's pool season! Come hang out with us at the Cabana Beach pool area and swim in their spacious pool! We will be meeting here to chill out and play games by the pool. Feel free to bring a bathing suit to swim, a towel, and your friends! Take bus 20 or 21 to Cabana Beach Apartments!

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Tuesday March 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.

Tuesday March 15th – Talent Show Rehearsal – 5:00-7:00pm



Meet at the Language Studio in Turlington for the rehearsal! **All talent show performers must attend this rehearsal** and practice their act.

Wednesday March 16th – International Mixer – 6:00pm-8:00pm



Come represent your country and meet with UF students who are interested in your culture and language! Bring something from your country to show, like photos, food, or traditional dress. Anything! Have fun meeting new people and sharing your culture!! Meet at the Language Studio in Turlington Hall!

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Thursday March 17th – Gator Nights – 6:00-9:00pm



Come celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the Reitz Union with fun activities, food and more! You must be a UF or ELI student to attend. Bring your Gator1 ID. Meet at the Reitz Union Subway. Please note that Gator Nights has changed to Thursday ONLY for this week.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Friday March 18th – 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 to attend this activity.

Weekend Activity

Saturday March 19th – Spring Garden Festival – 1:00pm -4:45pm



Meet at Norman parking garage at 1:00pm to drive with LAs to the Spring Garden Festival at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens! Join us as we walk through the colorful flowers and enjoy the beginning of spring! Make sure to bring a camera to take pictures and wear some sunscreen. The tickets are \$10 CASH ONLY to enter but make sure to bring extra money if you would like to buy food. There will be music, plants for sale, food, crafts and more!

Sign up on the weekly signup **ONLY** if you need a ride. Self-drivers can meet us at Norman Garage or at the front of Kanapaha.

ELI Talent Show Update

Upcoming dates:

Deadline: Make sure to submit your music in MP3 format to Tate by the end of the day on March 14th! You must also send the list of all participants in your act and a short bio about the performance.

Rehearsals: There are rehearsals after classes on **March 15th** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Language Studio. There will also be a dress rehearsal right before the Talent Show on **March 24th** in the University Auditorium at 4:00pm.

Talent Show on March 24th at 7:30pm in the University Auditorium!

No other talent acts are being accepted at this time.

Do you want to participate, but don't know how? You can be part of these acts!

Multicultural Fashion Show – Wear traditional dress or fashion from your country and walk on the stage to fun music! If you are interested, mention this on the signup or get in contact with the organizing Language Assistant, Daniela Zambrano Rios!

Group Dance – Learn to dance a simple dance that anyone can do then perform it on stage! If you are interested, mention this on the signup or get in contact with the organizing Language Assistant, Alexis Johnson!

Conversation Partners (CPs)



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

Wait two weeks after signing up to be paired.

Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu (opens in new tab) 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!

US Federal Tax Forms for International Students

Taxes are due on April 18th this year. Taxes are filed for the previous calendar year, which in this case is 2021. If you didn't earn money in the U.S. in 2021, you won't owe taxes; however, **if you were an international student in a U.S. school in 2021, you must file [Form 8843](#) (opens in new tab) for you and your dependents whether you worked at a campus job in 2021 or not.**

As a UF ELI student you can use a free non-immigrant tax filing program called Sprintax to file tax form 8843. Daryl Bish emailed you how to access Sprintax. Contact him at studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu (opens in new tab) or make an appointment to talk with in 223 Matherly Hall if you did not receive information about Sprintax. You must access Sprintax through a secure portal, and you must use your Gatorlink information to enter the program.

If you do not use Sprintax, you can [print Form 8843](#) (opens in new tab), complete and sign it, and mail it to the government. You can access form 8843 here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf> (opens in new tab). Fill out the information under Part I and Part III. In 9 and 10, you need to include the information about the academic institution that you attended in 2021. You can find the address and phone number for the ELI at www.eli.ufl.edu (opens in new tab). The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

Mail your completed form to this address:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Austin, TX 73301

(US Federal Taxes, continued)

If you had on campus employment in 2021, you will receive a form reporting your income and tax withholdings called a W-2. **Because you earned taxable and reportable income and must submit a federal tax return to file your W-2. You also must file form 8843.** Sprintax can help you do both.

The ELI is not permitted to assist any student with any IRS tax form preparation or give tax advice, but if you have questions about the above information, please contact Daryl Bish.

Santa Fe Information Session

Transferring to Santa Fe College?



This event is for you! Join representatives from Santa Fe College to learn more about what the college has to offer and how the international student admissions process works. After the presentation, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions.

UF Matherly Hall, Room 002
Wednesday, Mar. 23 at 5:15 p.m.

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International Student Services

Visit sfcollege.edu/iss for additional resources.

Commitment to Equal Access and Equal Opportunity Santa Fe College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination. For more information, visit sfcollege.edu/eaoo or contact equity.officer@sfcollege.edu. MG 3-2022

ELI Student Leadership Group

Do you want to help make the ELI a better place? Come to an ELI Student Leadership Group meeting!

At the meeting, you can talk about your experiences at the ELI and make recommendations. In addition, you can learn about new policies and give feedback. We care a lot about what students think, so your ideas can help the ELI become a more welcoming and friendly place to study English.

The first meeting is Friday, March 18th at 1:00 in Matherly 208. There is no need to sign-up or prepare anything – just bring yourself (and maybe a friend, too).

If you have any questions, please email Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu.

Notes from the Office

B-term Students: This week, we are welcoming our new B-term students to the ELI. Here are their places of origin:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Greece
- Korea
- Kuwait
- Peru
- Saudi Arabia
- Uruguay
- Venezuela



B-term Deadlines: For B-term students, Thursday, March 17, is the last day to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance and immunizations. If you miss this deadline, go to the ELI Main Office in Matherly 223 immediately. If you don't do this, you may be removed from classes or charged a late fee.

C-term Midterm Grades: C-term students will receive their midterm grade reports this week. You can check your grade reports on my.eli.ufl.edu. This is a good opportunity to see how you are doing this semester and talk to your teachers if you need extra help achieving your goals.

Student Voices: We love to see our students' writing. Every semester, we take your writing and publish it in *Student Voices*. Past submissions have included paragraphs, essays, creative stories, recipes, letters, obituaries, poetry, creative stories, class projects, and other interesting works on a variety of topics. I encourage you to submit anything of your work that you wish to see published. It can be from any class or something you have written on your own but ask your teachers for help editing! You can email it to Olga (omood@ufl.edu) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 8th.

Manners & Culture

Q: My American friend told me to wear green on Thursday. Why?



Thursday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is a patron saint of Ireland. In the history of the US, a lot of Irish people immigrated to America, and they brought many traditions with them. Then these celebrations changed to reflect the American-Irish life. Today, St. Patrick's Day is marked in the US by wearing green clothes and possibly drinking green-colored drinks.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between 'like' and 'such as' for examples?

We use 'like' to mean 'such as' to introduce examples when we are talking. Most textbooks will consider 'like' used in this way to be slang or conversational informal English. This means that you are likely to hear people say 'like' for examples, but you are less likely to see it written in formal or academic texts.

- You will hear people say: "There are great trees here, like pine, bald cypress, and oak."
- You will see written: This county has a variety of trees, such as pine, bald cypress, and oak.

Birthdays!

This includes the birthdays from Spring Break week and this week.



Students:

Abdulrahman Alsalem-3/8
Eugénia Francisco-3/9
Ana Gabriela Moraes Nina-3/9
Jiwoo Kang-3/11
Jieun Ahn-3/14
Asma Alzahrani-3/15
Juan Grados Belandria-3/19

Staff:

Melina Jimenez-3/17

Notes from the Editor

I would love to see some stories about interesting places in your country! Tell us about a place that we must see if we visit your country. This might be a museum, historical place, religious place, park etc. Send stories and a photo of the place to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu) and use the subject line 'ELI Weekly'.



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