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The ELI Weekly

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Fanfares and Fireworks

End your weekend with fireworks!

Sunday July 3rd – Fanfares & Fireworks – 5:30pm -10:00pm

Come celebrate Independence Day with the ELI and the Gainesville community and join the American traditions that we do each year! There will be live music, food trucks and more at this celebration on Flavel Field in preparation for the big firework show at 9:30pm. The ELI will meet at 5:30pm at the Bus stop in front of Hume Hall so that we can choose a location together on Flavel field.

You can bring snacks or drinks (no alcohol) out on the Flavel Field if you like. Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs for this event! You can also bring games, sports balls, and whatever else you would like to enjoy with your friends outdoors! Bring money if you want to buy food there.

Directions to meeting location in front of Hume Hall:

<https://goo.gl/maps/WsRREdw3XLmvEnmg7>

Address for Flavel Field: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-fanfares1>

The CIP Weekday Activities

Monday June 27th– Cabana Beach Pool Party – 6:00 – 8:30pm

It's pool season! Come hang out with us at the Cabana Beach pool area and swim in their spacious pool! Feel free to bring a bathing suit to swim, a towel, and your friends! If you don't want to swim, there will be plenty of games and socializing! Take bus 20 or 21 to Cabana Beach Apartments!

Address: 1601 SW 51st Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607

Tuesday June 28th – 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. No experience necessary!

Address: 3900 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Wednesday June 29th– Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Bledsoe Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

Thursday June 30th – Coffee Talk – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the Starbucks on Archer Road next to Burger

Fi! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at one of the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1.

Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608

Friday July 1st - Gator Nights – 6:30 – 9:30pm

Join in on the fun of Gator Nights that UF hosts for students! The theme is "At Sea" where there will activities, crafts, food, entertainment, and more in the Reitz Union! Meet the ELI at the Reitz Union Subway.

Address: Reitz Student Center 114 Recreational Dining, Center Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

Conversation Partners

Want to make a friend and speak English? Sign up for a conversation partner! Wait two weeks to be paired and then meet your new partner for one hour a week!

CP Signup:

<https://forms.gle/D4bEFETqnKDj6AYe6>

Remember, if you sign up, you must meet your partner at least once a week and respond to their messages. Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu if you have any questions or problems.

Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Monday, July 4th, is Independence Day. 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.

People Out: Daryl will be out of the office from July 5th to 8th. Victoria will be out of the office July 8th and 11th.

New Covid-19 Information:

UF and CDC recommend wearing masks

Because COVID cases in Alachua County are beginning to rise, UF is following CDC guidance and recommending students, faculty, and staff wear masks in indoor public settings. Blue surgical masks are available in UF classrooms, libraries and other campus locations.

COVID testing

After June 17, we will no longer be able to register for COVID testing or report illness through [ONE.UF](https://one.ufl.edu). Students, faculty, and staff should test with at-home test kits, local pharmacies or through a doctor's office. The state of Florida will also end special COVID Operations at UF. If you need help scheduling a COVID test or are ill and need to schedule an appointment at the Student Health Care Center, you should email Victoria at vcshelly@ufl.edu.

Out and About



We have our first student Out and About column this week! This one's from Luisa Velasquez Gomez:

Yesterday, I went to the Harn Museum of Art. The activities at the museum were fun. There

were food, fruit, and drinks. We saw different exhibits, such as Florida Impression, modern art, African art and photographic, and Chinese art. The museum was a beautiful and special place for me. The Chinese Art exhibit was amazing. It was incredible! I was especially amazed by how the country has preserved its art and culture for a long time. I liked the art and activities at the museum. If you want to do something different, I recommend you visit this exhibit. It is A LOT OF FUN! 😊

B-Term Countries Represented

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

Brazil	Spain
China	Tanzania
Colombia	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	United States
Korea	Venezuela
Kuwait	Yemen

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 27 to July 5:

Students:
June 27: Kim Sein
June 27: Kim Sijung
June 28: Anas Baalayan
June 30: Raed Alshammari
July 2: Camila D'Leon Gamboa
July 3: Diego Suguiyama Chiaway

Staff:
June 28: William Speer

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 29 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 minimum 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 dressed in your PJs:

One morning, I shot an elephant while I was wearing my pajamas.

Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield



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