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The ELI Weekly

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Skate Station Funworks

Join us for some indoor fun this weekend

Saturday July 23rd – Skate Station Funworks – 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Come roller skate, go-cart, and more at this hub for fun! Bring at least 20 dollars for activities. You can take bus 23 to get there if there are no ride spaces available. *Address: 1311 NW 76th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606*

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-skate>

The Weekday Activities

Monday July 18th – 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 July 19th – 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.

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

Wednesday July 20th – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Bledsoe Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

Thursday July 21st – Rotating Thursdays: Gator Salsa & Flacos – 6:00 – 9:00pm

Come learn to dance salsa and bachata in beautiful downtown Gainesville! No experience necessary! Get some yummy Cuban food across the street if you don't want to dance! Take bus 5, 46, or 1, and meet in front of the Bull downtown.

Address: 18 SW 1st Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Friday July 15th - Café Friday – 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

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!

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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

Out and About

We have a new student submission this week from Sergio Rios:

I had the opportunity to travel to New York for four days with my family during the summer break. I recommend looking for a hotel close to Times Square, because it is so central that you can find many tourist places in this area by walking. It

only took us 12 minutes to get Time Square. The crowded avenue is accompanied by street acrobatic theater, and it is cool to feel the special vibe in the air. There are different observation decks; one that is trending is called The Edge, which is located 20 minutes walking from Times Square. The new building has a big platform, and 360° view on the 100th floor with a “glass fence” and a part of the floor was made in glass to test the vertigo of the visitors. Downstairs, you find The Vessel, a unique building, bronze colored, with a structure that attracts attention, and is perfect for pictures. Central Park is gorgeous and enormous; one day is not enough to go around. The cost of riding the subway is \$2.75, and it takes you in 20 minutes to the lower Manhattan. It is essential to visit the Brooklyn Bridge, Financial District, Wall Street, The Bull, and Ground Zero. Riding a boat to see the Statue of Liberty costs around \$25 and is the landmark par excellence to visit in NYC. Little Island is a kind of a garden mounted over concrete trees on the banks of the Hudson River, with views toward Manhattan and New Jersey, amazing place for free. Do not miss a Broadway play, we enjoyed a musical called Chicago, and it was amazing. New York, a city to which you must come back again and again.



Reminders from the Office

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Victoria has a handout (Matherly 225F) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your End of Term packet at Commencement.

Expiring I-20s: If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the fall, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

Birthdays

There are no student birthdays this week. **HOWEVER**, I goofed badly last week and forgot to put in the correct ones. So, happy belated birthday to:

July 12: Marcio Malta
 July 12: Khalid Alshammari
 July 16: Daniel Salas Rangel

Staff:
 None this week

Happy Birthday!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why don't people at UF wear a lot of clothes during the winter?

A: This is something unique to Florida. Florida's winters are mild, and the periods of really cold weather only last a few days. One reason people may not wear a lot of clothes during Floridian winters is simply

because they don't **HAVE** any other clothes. They may figure that the cold days will be over soon, so why spend so much money on coats and boots? Still, some people enjoy wearing boots and shorts as a fashion statement.

Grammar

Q: When do you use "neither" and "either" with a negative verb?

A: *Either* is used when you give the negative verb in your answer. *Neither* is used when you don't say a verb in your answer and you are agreeing with a negative verb.

Rafael: I don't like hot weather.
 Sasha: I don't either.
 Elizabeth: Me neither.

Q: When do I use "so do I" and "so am I"?

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use "so am I" for the *be* verb. Use "so do I" for all other verbs. Look at the conversations that follow:

Joan: I am tired.
 Selena: So am I.

Joan: I want to go to the movies.
 Selena: So do I.

Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

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