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# The ELI Weekly

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# Volunteer Weekend

Come practice your English while helping the community!

Help the Gainesville community by volunteering to serve others! Choose from ONE of our four volunteering events. You must sign up and only for one:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-volunteer3

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Keep Alachua County Beautiful - 8:30 am - 11:00am
Help the community by gardening with KACB! Provide fresh food to the neighborhood and spend some time with plants and learning how to garden!
Meet outside the KACB office: 211 SW 4th Ave # 1, Gainesville, FL 32601 Take bus 46!

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Project Downtown Gainesville - 12:40pm - 2:00pm
Help serve food to the unsheltered community of Gainesville with friends! Meet LA's in front of city hall and walk together to help those in need. This can be a fun way to get to know new people while helping others!
Meet in Front of City Hall Downtown: 200 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Harbor House Retirement Home - 1:00pm - 4:00pm Spend time with the elderly community of Gainesville and keep them company at

32601. Take bus 1 or 5 to the location!

the retirement home and memory care unit! Play games and socialize with them! Meet at Norman Parking Garage

<u>Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> – Millcreek Horse Farm</u> – 9:00am to 2:00pm

Come help this retirement home for horses! Once we are there, we can complete a painting and farm maintenance project and spend time with horses (bring some carrots to feed them) Meet at Norman Parking Garage

# **Notes from the Office**

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day. Please remember that this also includes time spent in the hallway instead of the classroom.

Hallways: Many UF faculty and staff have offices with doors in hallways on campus. So, please do not use the hallways as a gathering point. Spend your time between classes outside the building. If you are in the hallway entering or leaving class, please remember to speak softly so we do not disturb other classes or people trying to work. Please do not block the hallways or staircases by sitting in them.

# **CIP Weekday Activities**

Tuesday May 30<sup>th</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.

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



Wednesday May 31st – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Bledsoe Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

<u>Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> – Paris Banh Mi</u> <u>- 6:00pm – 8:00pm</u>

This restaurant is walking distance from campus with a variety of delicious food! Try their famous boba tea or Vietnamese sandwiches! There is a small bakery and store with really fun things to buy! Play games and socialize with LAs and ELI friends!

Address: 50 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32603

#### <u>Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup></u> – <u>Reitz Game Room –</u> 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Hang out with ELI friends and play pool or go bowling! Pool and bowling are at a discounted cost with your Gator ID but board games and socializing are free!

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

# **New Gator 1 IDs**



UF has introduced a new, redesigned GatorONE ID card. Upgrading to the new card is not required, and your old Gator1 card will continue to work. But if you would like to get a new card, it is free this semester. Having a GatorONE card is important so you can ride RTS buses for free, check out books from the libraries at UF, and participate in free UF activities (Lake Wauburg, Gator Nights, some sporting events).

If you would like a new card, please visit the ELI Main Office to complete a request form. If you have any questions, talk to Christine.

#### **Birthdays**

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 29-June 4:

Students:

June 1: Fernando Tello Puerto

Staff:

None this week! Have a very happy birthday!

### **Manners and Culture**

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery man despite the fact that I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip at least \$2 per pizza to your driver. For those of you using some of the other delivery services from restaurants these days, it's customary to give your driver 15%.

#### **Grammar**

Q: I ask, "Are you at the lab?" and my student replies, "Sure." He means yes, or of course, but it doesn't really make sense. I've had other students make this same mistake.

How do I explain the difference between 'yes' and 'sure'?

A: "Sure" only means "yes" when you're accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn't mean "yes" when it's simple factual information.

#### **Quote of the Week**

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

George Burns



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