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# The ELI Weekly

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## Poe Springs Park

*Enjoy some of Florida's natural beauty!*

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Poe Springs – 8:00am to 1:00pm

See the beautiful Florida springs! Swim in the crystal clear water and enjoy the sun with ELI friends. Bring a bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen along with any snacks you might want! PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME: This park reaches capacity very early and if we do not arrive on time we may be turned away. Meet at Norman parking garage.

You must sign up to attend this activity: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-poesprings1>

## Notes from the Office

**Addresses:** Just a reminder, everyone, if you move or change your address during the semester, it is very important to update your address with the Main Office. You can fill out a new Student Contact Card, or you can update your address at any time on myELI.

**ELI Emergency Cell Phone:** The ELI has a special phone number that you can use if you have a medical or legal emergency outside of normal office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm). The ELI emergency phone number is 352-672-0144. You should store this number in your phone in case you have an emergency.

You should only use this phone number if you have an emergency. For example, if you or another ELI student needs to go to the hospital or gets arrested. Please do not use the emergency number for anything that can wait to be answered by email or when the office is open. If you need the police, fire department, or an ambulance for an *extreme emergency*, call 911 before you call the ELI emergency number.

## Activities

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Talk – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the **Starbucks** on Archer Road! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1, 12, or 34.

*Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd #160, Gainesville, FL 32608*

Tuesday June 6<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 June 7<sup>th</sup> – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

*Address: Bledsoe Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611*

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> – Harn Museum Nights- 6:00pm – 9:00pm

See the beautiful art museum on campus as they host their monthly event! See the museum for free and enjoy performances and other fun activity! This week's theme is Art & Pride! Check out their website for event

info: <https://harn.ufl.edu/event/museum-nights/>. Take bus 20 or 21.

*Address: 3259 Hull Road Gainesville, FL 32608*

Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Reitz Game Room  
– 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*

### Other CIP Reminders

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). Redeem your completed passport for a small gift and photo for the ELI Instagram! Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it for hole punches!

### Conversation Partners

Sign up for a CP here:

<https://forms.gle/HeU3v2P9xUTqyW15A>

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](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu) if you have any questions or problems or stop by the CIP office to see Will during his office hours.

## Summer Weather Safety

We thought we'd let you know about a few things as the summer weather season kicks in. Be careful since North Central Florida has very interesting weather! It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. Therefore, you should always have sunscreen *and* an umbrella in your backpack. You should also get into the habit of checking the weather each day. One hazard that you should watch out for is **lightning**. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime in Florida in a year than anywhere else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. If it looks like it's going to storm, you should go inside

as soon as possible. A car is also a safe place. **DO NOT** stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area and don't use a metal-tipped umbrella.

Occasionally, there are **tornado watches** or **tornado warnings**. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. **DO NOT** ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car. Another thing that you should prepare for is **hurricanes**. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to keep informed of hurricane activity, and they also have some excellent preparation and planning tips. Also, of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go. The main thing about the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about early preparation.

Finally, you should download the [Gatorsafe App](#) on your phone so you can get notifications about storms or other dangerous weather near campus.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>:

None this week!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.*

A: Most of us don't. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last

name. Otherwise, if they don't have a PhD degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms". At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a less formal and more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between the words lose and loose? When do I use lose or loose?*

A: *Lose* is a verb and it means *to misplace* or *to not win*. *Loose* is an adjective which means *not tight*. You'll need to memorize the spelling and the pronunciation. Look at the sentences below to see the difference.

- I always lose my cellphone in my house.
- The players lose the game every time they have to play in the snow.
- My pants are loose so I need to use a belt.

## Quote of the Week

If you think you can or if you think you can't, you're right.

Henry Ford

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