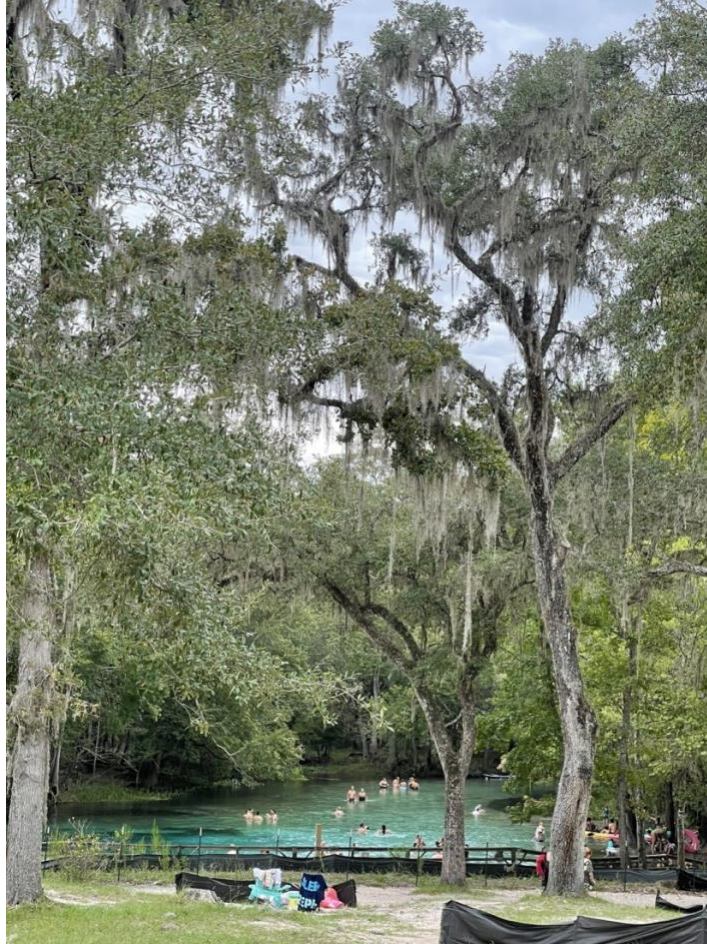


# The ELI Weekly

---

## Out and About: Swimming

by Doeun Kwon (Dannie), RW 40



*Gilchrist Blue Springs (Photo Credit: Dannie Kwon)*

I want to share about my hobby. My hobby is swimming. I used to swim when I was in Korea. Because I love water, I learned for 3~4years. But there are not many public swimming pools in Korea and also not within walking distance. It takes 20~30 minutes on foot. But here in Gainesville, Florida, my apartment complex and the university have their private swimming pool. There are also many other amazing places to swim, like Blue Springs. That place was so cool!! so I swam a lot there. The water was really cold, but water was so clean and scenery under the water was so beautiful. Here's a photo when I went to Blue Springs. I highly recommend to go there If you love swimming! and don't forget to take the goggles.

---

## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, October 2<sup>nd</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, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Volleyball – 5:30-7:30pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at **Cabana Beach Apartments** Volleyball Courts! **This is the last week we will have volleyball at Cabana before we move back to Lexington because of it getting darker earlier.** Make sure to stop by! No experience necessary! Take bus 20 or 21.

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

### Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Skate Station Funworks – 6:30-9:30pm



Roller-skate with the ELI! Listen to good music and roller-skate together, or just watch if you don't want to! There are arcade games, go-karts, and more. Bring 5 dollars to skate, and a little bit more if you want to do other activities or get snacks. Meet us inside at Skate Station. Take bus 23 and walk a few minutes or use a rideshare/carpooling. Skate Station requires everyone under the age of 18 to leave at 8pm.

*Address: 1311 NW 76th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606*

### Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play Soccer on campus at **Flavet Field**! No experience necessary!

*Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603*

There is no Game Room on Friday and no activity on Saturday. Enjoy your long weekend!

---

## Special Friday Event

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Parade – 11:30am – 1:30pm



Come celebrate the Gators on your day off from classes at this annual parade watched by thousands of people! Wear orange and blue to get into the school spirit and watch fun, themed floats go by with music, dancing and more! **Meet the ELI outside Tigert Hall in front of the stairs facing 13<sup>th</sup> St** where we will watch the parade. Come early to get a good spot! Socialize with LAs and students before and after the parade.

*Address: 300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32611*

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-44684550-homecoming> (opens in new tab)

---

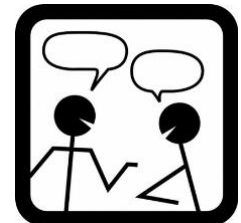
## Other CIP Reminders

**CIP Passports:** Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). **We will no longer hole punch passports after the event.** 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 (CPs):

Sign up for a CP

here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScreeo\\_-3vxQmpyStsHOW0DQcoPfk5yJYDzOuWLMq3nIaj2wg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScreeo_-3vxQmpyStsHOW0DQcoPfk5yJYDzOuWLMq3nIaj2wg/viewform)



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.

---

## Notes from the Office

**Nationwide Alert Test:** On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:20pm the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is going to test the nationwide alert system by sending a message to all cell phones in the US, and to all radio and television stations. You will probably receive an alert on your phone in English or Spanish that says “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.” You don’t need to do anything, but it will probably interrupt listening/speaking classes for a few minutes!

**Homecoming Holiday:** UF homecoming is on Friday, October 6. There are no classes, and the ELI office will be closed on Friday, October 6. You can attend the UF Homecoming Parade with the ELI, though!

**Noise in the Hallways:** Please remember that classrooms and offices are side by side in many UF buildings, just like the 2nd floor of Matherly. Instead of talking to friends in the hallways, you should go outside to talk or find the common spaces in the buildings close by with comfortable chairs and places to talk.

**Safety First:** Are you lucky enough to have a friend with a car who can drop you off on campus for your classes? There are several good places close to Matherly for a “drop and dash.” If you are on University Avenue and driving east towards 13th Street, there is a tiny parking lot at Library West, where you can safely drop off a passenger (but not park). Also, if you are on 13th Street just south of University Avenue, you can enter campus on Union Road, where there is plenty of space to pull over and drop off a passenger, and then go around the circle to exit back on 13th Street. Never stop on University Avenue or 13th Street to drop off passengers from your car.

**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 Moody ([omood@ufl.edu](mailto:omood@ufl.edu)) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 3.

---

## Birthdays!

### Students:

- Laura Alvarez Montilla, 10/6
- Yerin Lee, 10/8

### Staff:

- none



---



## Photo of the Week



*At the UF football game*

---

## Manners & Culture

*Q: What is homecoming and why is it a holiday?*

**A:** Homecoming is a US tradition for colleges, universities, and high schools to welcome alumni back to the campus for a visit in the fall. Homecoming is associated with a football game, and other events like parades, pep rallies, tailgating, and even selecting a homecoming king and queen.

It is actually unusual for a school to have the day as a holiday from classes, but the University of Florida makes the day more special by having a day off for students to participate in the activities. This year is extra-special because UF is celebrating 100 years of Homecoming and Gator Growl. You can see more about the UF homecoming events here:

<https://www.gatorgrowl.org/gallery>

---

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between 'me either' and 'me neither'?*

Both phrases are used to agree to a negative statement and have the same meaning as 'neither + (verb) + I' (neither have I, neither do I, neither am I). Both are more informal than 'neither + (verb) + I'. Here is an example:

### You could say:

#### If your friend says:

- "I haven't started my homework yet."
- "Neither have I." (most formal)
- "Me neither."
- "Me either." (least formal)

---

## Notes from the Editor



Come by my office (221 MAT) and help me write the *Out and About* section! There are so many topics to write about—a fun activity, an interesting place on campus, a club or hobby that you enjoy, or even tell us about a place to visit in your country. Bring a photo of your experience and put it in the Weekly.

Send stories and grammar, manners, or culture questions to Maya Shastri ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)).



PO Box 117051  
223 Matherly Hall  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7051, USA  
Phone: (352) 392-2070  
Fax: (352) 392-3744

StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu  
www.eli.ufl.edu  
www.facebook.com/UFLELI  
www.instagram.com/UFLELI  
www.twitter.com/UFLELI