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The ELI Weekly

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Amber Brooke Farms

Join us on Saturday!

Saturday May 25th – Amber Brooke Farms – 9:30am to 1:30pm

Visit a local Florida farm for their sweet corn festival and pick fresh vegetables, play fun farm games, see beautiful views, eat at the café and shop at the farm store! We suggest bringing 20 to 30 dollars to spend on food, entrance (15 dollars online or 18 dollars at the door), and any extra shopping or activities around the farm! Wear sunscreen and close-toed shoes. **Meet at Norman Parking Garage.**

You must sign up to attend this activity:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-49714713-amber>

Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course:

Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline (5/22) will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

Deadlines:

The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition or provide a financial guarantee, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and turn signed waivers of liability, is Wednesday, May 22nd. If you miss any of these deadlines, you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee! If you have questions about paying tuition or submitting a financial guarantee, email Tara Mace at fiscal@eli.ufl.edu. If you have questions about insurance or immunizations, email Christine Voigt at christine.voigt@ufl.edu.

CIP Activities

Monday, May 20th – 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, May 21st – Volleyball – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Play volleyball and hang out at **Lexington Crossing Apartments**

Phase 2 Volleyball Courts with us! No experience necessary! Take bus 35.

Address: 3700 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Wednesday, May 22nd – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Thursday, May 23rd – Museum Nights – Celebrating Culture – 6:00 – 9:00pm

Enjoy the UF Harn Museum of Art and explore their exhibits after hours as they celebrate Brazil with some amazing performances! Entrance is free. Take bus 20 or 21 and meet LAs in the lobby near the front door of the Harn Museum.

Address: 3259 Hull Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

Friday, May 24th – Reitz Game Room – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Hang out with friends in the Reitz Game Room! You can go bowling, play pool, and play board games! Bring your Gator1 ID for cheaper rates.

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

Conversation Partners

Want to meet with a fluent English speaker and make a new friend? Sign up for a CP! If you choose to sign up, you must meet with your partner for one hour a week. It can take up to two weeks to get a partner from when you sign up. Please sign up at this link:

<https://forms.gle/nSD5at6r7nowjyq89>

Please email Rachel at

conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu for any issues, questions or concerns or visit him in the CIP Office during office hours.

Other CIP Reminders

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). **We don't hole punch passports after the event.**

Redeem your completed passport for a small gift, a photo for the ELI Instagram, and your name published in the ELI weekly!

Need a new CIP Passport? Stop by the CIP Office!

Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it for hole punches!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 22-May 26:

Students:

May 25: Ali Alkharas

Staff:

None this week.

Countries Represented

The following are the countries and places of origin of our students this semester:

Angola	Japan
Argentina	Korea
Bolivia	Kuwait
Brazil	Mali
Colombia	Mexico

Congo (Kinshasa)
Cuba
Ecuador
Haiti
India
Indonesia

Peru
Saudi Arabia
Spain
Timor-Leste
Uruguay
USA
Venezuela

Manners and Culture

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don't understand when I should tip. What restaurants should I tip at?

At restaurants where you have full service from a waiter like The Top or The Cheesecake Factory, you should leave between 15% to 20% of the total bill. If your bill was \$25 and you leave \$2, **this is not enough!**

Some full-service restaurants nowadays automatically include an 18% gratuity in the bill for large groups. If you're splitting the bill and the restaurant didn't add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

At restaurants that have partial service like Tijuana Flats or Bento, where you order at a register and they bring the food to your table, it's nice to leave a small amount. Here \$2 is ok, usually on your credit card receipt.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Chipotle or Blaze where you order at the counter or the drive-through and then pick it up at the cashier, it's not necessary to leave a tip. However, if they were extra friendly or helpful, it's always nice to leave a couple of dollars for the tip.

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$8.98 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$12.00.

Grammar

Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?

A: *On* is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use *on* for *bicycle*, *horse*, and *motorcycle*. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use *in*.

- I got on the bus.
- I got on my horse.
- I got in my car.

Quote of the Week

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain

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