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# The ELI Weekly

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## Sweetwater Wetlands and Florida Museum

*Explore Florida outdoors and history!*

### Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Sweetwater Wetlands Park & Florida Museum of Natural History – 10:00am to 2:00pm

Experience true Florida nature at Sweetwater! Walk the nature trail with friends and keep and maybe see some alligators along the way! After your outdoor adventure, head to the Florida Museum of Natural History to learn about Florida's past and present environments and wildlife! Explore the butterfly rainforest and check out the insect exhibition! Bring your Gator1 ID to enter for free. Meet at **Norman Parking Garage** at 10:00am.

You must sign up to attend this activity:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-50111286-sweetwater>

### The CIP Weekday Activities

#### Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – Coffee Talk – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

*Address: 3443 SW Archer Rd Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32608*

#### Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fanfares and Fireworks – 7:00 – 10:00pm

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with all of Gainesville! This annual event is a Gainesville tradition on Flavel Field! Listen to live music, get food from the food truck and socialize with ELI friends while you wait for the firework show to start! Meet the ELI on **Flavel Field** near the blood donation bus.  
*Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603*



#### Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – No Activity – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

#### Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – 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*

#### Other CIP Reminders

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

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.

## Daytona Beach Trip Tickets

Tickets for the Daytona Beach trip happening on 7/20 are now for sale starting 7/1!

Bring 25 dollars exact cash to the CIP office between 9am and 12:30pm M-TH to purchase transportation tickets for the beach trip from Tate! Space is limited, get them before they are sold out!

## CIP Photo of the Week

This week it's from Coffee Talk!



## **Bags in the Hallway**

*Why shouldn't I leave my bag in the classroom or hallway?*

Theft in the USA is an unfortunate problem. College campuses can be a common target. There are lots of people, lots of bags, and lots of expensive equipment. Bags left behind in classrooms and hallways are easy to take. UF is a public university. That means anyone who wants to can walk through the buildings, including our hallway. As the fall semester approaches, more and more people will be arriving in Gainesville and potentially walking our halls. The best way to protect your bags and belongings is to keep them with you at all times!

What do I do if I lose something? If you *do* lose something in Matherly Hall, go to the ELI Main Office (MAT 223) and ask about our lost and found. Also, if you find something you think someone lost in Matherly Hall, please

bring it to the lost and found in the Main Office. If you lose something somewhere else on campus, the UF Police Department has a list of the lost and found offices on campus here: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/>. The RTS Bus system also has a lost and found in case you forgot something on the bus.

## **B-Term Places Represented**

This semester, our B-Term students come from a variety of places!

Brazil	Kuwait
Colombia	Peru
Ecuador	Saudi Arabia
Korea	Taiwan

## **Notes from the Office**

**Independence Day:** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be reduced RTS bus service this day.

Additionally, UF has announced that Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> will be another day off for the university. If you go out on Friday, be sure to check the RTS bus schedules for reduced service, especially to campus.

**Apartment Leases:** In the Summer, many student leases end on July 31st. The ELI semester ends on August 9th, so you may need to find another place to stay for a little while! It is important to know the exact date that your apartment lease ends so you can make plans. If you're not sure when it ends, ask your apartment office. If you need help finding a place to stay in the short term (like a hotel or AirBNB), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Christine in Matherly 223. If you will leave the ELI after this semester and need another person to take over your lease, Christine can help with that also.

**Collecting Food and Apartment Supply Donations:** Are you leaving Gainesville or moving out of your apartment soon? If you have any items that you will not keep, don't throw them in the trash! Bring it to the ELI main office in MAT 223 so we can donate it!

We will accept non-perishable food, hygiene products, kitchenware, and other apartment supplies. You can bring in anything unopened, unexpired, and undamaged (come to the ELI Office to see a list).

We will donate the food to the UF Field and Fork Pantry. Kitchen and apartment supplies will be available for new ELI students in the Fall semester or donated to a local Gainesville charity. If you have any questions, talk to Tatum or Christine.

**People Out:** Tara will be out on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, so if you need help with tuition or financial guarantees, please plan around this time.

## **Student Corner**

This week's country is Timor-Leste.



Capital: Dili  
Population: ≤ 1,300,000

**Fun Fact:** When translated into English, the country's name would be "East-East."  
"Timor" is derived from the Indonesian word [Timur], which translates to "East", and "Leste" is a Portuguese term that also means "East."

Three things to know:

1. Timor was independent for 9 days in 1975. Timor-Leste declared independence from Portugal on November 28; Indonesia invaded on December 7.
2. Timor-Leste has the second highest Catholic population percentage in the world (97.5% of the population is Catholic). Only the Vatican has more Catholics (100%).
3. On May 20, 2002, Timor-Leste became the first new independent country of the 21st century.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 1-7:

Students:

July 1: Sara Aloraini

July 2: Suha Almuwayni

Staff:

None this week!

Happy birthday!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why isn't tobacco banned everywhere in the US?*

A: Tobacco itself isn't banned in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings. Currently, there are only 28 states that have smoking bans in all enclosed public spaces. One of the reasons that smoking hasn't been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans.

*Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don't Americans ban alcohol?*

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same

minimum law: You can't drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

## Grammar

*Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?*

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

*Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?*

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

A: *One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas.*

Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it's unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not dressed in your PJs:  
*One morning, I shot an elephant while I was wearing my pajamas.*

## Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield

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