



The ELI Weekly

Out and About: A Visit to Blue Springs

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When I first came to Gainesville, I heard about the springs for the first time. I had never known about springs before, and I remember thinking, “What are the springs?” There are many springs in Gainesville. One of the springs I visited was ‘Blue Springs’. The water there is crystal clear, and it’s a great place to get a feel for nature. The peaceful surroundings made us feel like we were far away from the busyness of daily life. I went there with my friends, and we swam together and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We had a lot of fun and made wonderful memories. One thing that I didn’t expect was for the water to be so cold! Even though the weather was hot, the springs stay cool all year. It was a little hard to get used to at first.

It’s important to note that there are no restaurants near the springs, so you should bring your own lunch. Overall, I can say that my favorite place in Gainesville is the springs. I hope you visit the Springs and enjoy as much as I did!



CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, September 30th – Coffee Talk – 6:30-9:00pm



Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the Panera 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: 3443 SW Archer Rd Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32608

Tuesday, October 1st – Volleyball – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at **Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2** Volleyball Courts! No experience necessary! You can also socialize on the side if you're not interested in playing. Take bus 35.

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

Wednesday, October 2nd – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play soccer at **Flavet Field** on campus! No experience necessary! You can also socialize on the side if you're not interested in playing.

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Thursday, October 3rd – Reitz Game Room/Gator Nights – 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. See all the fun activities the Reitz has planned for the Gator Nights! Make sure to bring your ID and check in. Meet in the Game Room then go around the Reitz for all the activities.

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

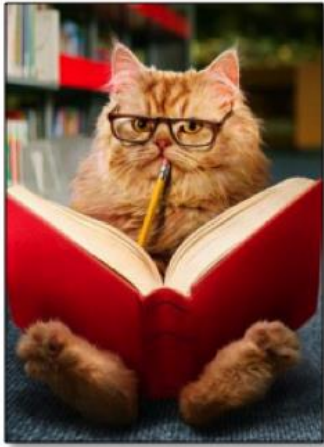
Friday, October 4th – UF Soccer Game – 6:00-9:00pm



Watch the UF soccer team take on Texas this Friday at the **Donald R. Dizney Stadium**! Seats may fill up quickly, and are on a first come first serve basis, so make sure to be on time at 6:00. We will **meet at the bus stop on Hull Road across from Southwest Rec (Stop ID: 1173)**. Please bring your student ID just in case, but entrance should be free to the public.

Address: 3259 Hull Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608

Weekend Event



There is no scheduled ELI activity this weekend since many classes will be holding Midterm Exams next week. Use the weekend to study. Good luck on your exams!

Here are some tips to help you do well on the exams and to improve your English overall.

- Review the activities in the book that your instructor assigned.
 - Do activities in the chapter that your instructor did not assign.
 - Find activities online. For example, if you Google “English verb tense practice,” you will get lots of results.
- Practice whatever you’re studying, but do it out loud. You can practice using pronouns in sentences, reading the newspaper and finding them there, listening for them when people talk, and writing texts to friends using them.
 - Get plenty of sleep and eat well!

Other CIP Reminders

Conversation Partners (CPs)



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/CZoP2zQ7nxWD4wcA8>

Please email Rachel at conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu for any issues, questions or concerns or visit her in the CIP Office during office hours.

CIP Passports

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!

Notes from the Office

New Students: B Term is about to begin, and you will see new students coming to the main office, in the hallways, in your classes, and at activities. Please welcome and help new students as they begin to settle at UF and in Gainesville.

Congratulations and Farewell: Be sure to congratulate our receptionist, Tatum Homer-Dibble, on her new multimedia job in the Dean's Office of the College of Public Health and Health Professions. Stop by the ELI main office and wish her well before her last day, October 10. Even though we will not see her at the ELI every day, she has promised to join us sometimes for Tuesday volleyball, some Thursday/weekend activities, and a welcome picnic here and there!



Student Voices



Every semester, we have amazing student writers, so we take your writing and publish it in an online collection called Student Voices. In past semesters, students have written paragraphs, essays, creative stories, recipes, letters, obituaries, poetry, and more. You can see past editions of Student Voices (<https://eli.ufl.edu/news-publications/>, scroll to the bottom of the page) for inspiration.

We 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) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 1st.

Joke of the Week

Q: Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?

A: She kept running away from the ball!

Photo of the Week: Rainbow Springs



Manners & Culture

Q: What do I call Coca-Cola when I order it at a restaurant?

A: When the server asks for your drink order, you can say, “I’ll have a Coke.”

In some parts of Florida, the server might ask, “What kind (of Coke)?” They are asking this question because in the southern US, the word “Coke” can be the general word for the sweet fizzy drink. In other areas of the US, the general term for the drink is called “pop,” “soda,” or “soft drink.”

If the server asks, “What kind of Coke,” you can answer, “Just a regular Coke,” if you want Coca-Cola. Otherwise, fill in with the specific name of your drink if you want some other type: “I’d like a Sprite.” or “A Pepsi, please.”

Birthdays!

Students:

- Juliana Montealegre Ruiz, 10/4

Staff:

- Daniela Barrantes, 9/30



Grammar

Q: Do I use ‘themselves’ or ‘themselves’ in the sentence? “A person who sees himself/herselves as a leader is called a role model.”

A: A reflexive pronoun is a pronoun that reinforces the subject of a sentence or clause. Reflexive pronouns are recognized by the ending (*-self* or *-selves*), as in myself, yourself and yourselves, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves.

Traditionally, only the pronoun ‘you’ had both singular and plural reflexive forms: *yourself* and *yourselves*.

However, nowadays, that’s not quite true. As singular *they* becomes more widely used, the reflexive pronoun *themselves* is also being used.

We can think about the usage of *themselves* in terms of formality:

- A person who sees herself as a leader... (formal)
- A person who sees himself as a leader...(formal)
- A person who sees themselves as a leader... (informal)

Notes from the Editor



I would love to hear from you! Send me a paragraph about fun activities you have tried in Florida or send me a story about an interesting place in your country. Send me grammar questions, culture questions, or even jokes. Send them to mshastri@ufl.edu. Use the subject heading ELI Weekly.



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