



## The ELI Weekly

### Out and About: Squirrels, Squirrels Everywhere

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How many times have you seen the squirrels in Gainesville? I see them everyday, 24/7. There are so many squirrels in Gainesville. There are three species of squirrels in Gainesville: Eastern gray squirrel, Fox squirrel and Leatherback squirrels. The Eastern gray squirrel makes up around 80-90% of the squirrel population in Gainesville. So if you see the squirrels, they are definitely the Eastern gray squirrel. If you want to see a lot of cute squirrels' pictures, search the [@ufsquirrelboss on Instagram](#).



(Photo credit: Lynne Clark)

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## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 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 15<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball – 6:30-9:00pm



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 16<sup>th</sup> – 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 17<sup>th</sup> – Enson Market Shopping & Boba – 6:30-9:00pm



Explore **Enson Market**, our local international and Asian market! Try out some of the snacks/produce from other countries they have available! They also have an amazing cafe area with treats, boba tea, and dinner items. Shop for regular groceries with LA's help if you want some staple food items for your kitchen! There are also some really great restaurants nearby to try if you'd like! Bring money for any groceries or food you'd like to buy. Take bus 38, 12, or 1.

*Address: 3045 SW 34th St Ste 30, Gainesville, FL 32608*

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## Special Friday Event

### Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Parade – 11:00am – 1:30pm

Celebrate the Gators with this UF tradition! Watch the parade with floats from all over town, decorated for the Gator spirit in honor of the football season! Dress in orange and blue and cheer on UF with LAs and ELI friends! Meet at 11am in front of the Tigert Hall stairs for a great seat to watch the parade!

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

You must sign up to attend this event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-52119076-homecoming>



**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no Game Room activity this Friday, only the Homecoming parade.

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## Notes from the Office

**Homecoming Holiday:** UF homecoming is on Friday, October 18. There are no classes, and the ELI office will be closed on Friday. You can attend the UF Homecoming Parade with the ELI, though!

**People Out:** Christine is out of the office from October 18-24. Please plan around these dates if you need to talk to Christine.

**Community College Workshop:** Representatives from the Santa Fe College and the College of Central Florida will speak to ELI students on Wednesday, October 30, at 5:00pm in Matherly Hall. We will announce the room number next week. This is great opportunity to learn about SF and CF, hear about the application process and timeline, and you can meet their International Student Services team.

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## 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 ([omoody@ufl.edu](mailto:omoody@ufl.edu)) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 1st.

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## Birthdays!

### Students:

- Shaheen Ahmad, 10/17
- Justaquiu Lasi, 10/19

### Staff:

- none





## Photo of the Week: Gator Soccer Fans



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## 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. You can see more about the UF homecoming events here:

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

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## Grammar

*Q: I get the prepositions confused! Can you explain study in vs. study at?*

A: It depends on what you are trying to express with the full sentence. If you are answering this question:

**Where are you studying?**

Then you can say:

- I am studying **at** the University of Florida.

If you are answering this question:

**What are you studying?**

You can say:

- I am majoring **in** engineering.
- I am studying engineering.

You can combine ideas like this:

- I am majoring **in** engineering **at** the University of Florida.
- I am studying engineering **at** the University of Florida

Here are some other examples:

- He is a professor **in** the Physics Department **at** Harvard University.
- I am a PhD student **in** Business **at** MIT.

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## Joke of the Week

*How much does it cost to swim with sharks?*

An arm and a leg!

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## 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)).



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