Climbing at Lake Wauburg
Come out and see some of what Gainesville has to offer outdoors!

This Saturday, September 27th, join ELI students and LAs for a day outdoors climbing at Lake Wauburg.

We will meet at the Norman Hall Garage at 11:15am.

Don’t want to climb? That’s okay! There are many other activities for you to enjoy. You can play Frisbee, golf or soccer. There’s canoeing, hiking, and a large area for having a picnic with your language assistants and friends!

Be sure to wear closed-toed shoes. Also, bring water, a picnic lunch, and sunblock.

There is no cost for admission, but be sure to bring your UFID to get into the park.

Join us! It’ll be a great day!

Student Mailbox-Don’t forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

ELI T-Shirts
Don’t forget, everyone (students, teachers, and staff alike!), we are selling ELI T-Shirts for only $10 (exact change only). To purchase yours, just see Sonja in the main office any day before 1:30pm. Get yours today!

The Next Trip
Next weekend, we will be going to Ocala for the I-75 Super Flea Market. Details will be on the Activities Board and in Next Week’s Weekly.

Birthdays
The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of September 26-October 2:

Students:
September 26: Hala Edrees
September 27: Amerah Mouazzen
October 2: Hwang Sun Lee

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture
Folks, we’re running low on questions for both this column and the Grammar column!

Q: Why is the eagle the national bird of the US?
A: It was chosen mainly for its positive characteristics. The eagle has long life, majestic looks, and great strength. Also, at the time, it was believed that the bald eagle was native only to North America. There were dissenters, though. One of our most famous early statesmen, Benjamin Franklin, thought that the turkey should be our national bird.

Q: Do I have to learn spoken colloquial expressions? They confuse me.
A: It depends mostly on why you’re learning the language. Sure, if you plan to sit in your room alone and do nothing but read textbooks, you can...
probably get away without learning
the spoken language and the slang
and colloquial expressions. And, this
is certainly true if you don’t plan to
study here in the US or have much
interaction with native speakers of
English. But in everyday use,
including in professors’ lectures, in
newspaper and magazine articles, and
in most any social interaction you
have with native speakers, slang and
idiom and colloquial English will be
necessary parts of your daily
communication.

**Grammar**

*Q: What’s the difference between the present
perfect and the present perfect progressive?*

*A: In many cases, there isn’t much of
one, particularly when we use verbs
like “work” and “live.” The main
differences come when we want to
emphasize the duration of the event
for some reason, such as annoyance
(Where have you been? I’ve been
waiting for 2 hours!), or if you want to
indicate clearly that the action in the
past influences something in the
present (Your eyes are red. Have you
been crying?).*

**Quote of the Week**

Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson