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The ELI Weekly

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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!

Notes from the Office

- **Class Attendance**-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every 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

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