Rainbow Springs

This Saturday, September 7th, we’re off to Rainbow Springs! Swim at one of Florida’s most beautiful Springs, play sports, and just relax and hang out with friends in the outdoors. It’s $2 to enter the park.

**When:** Saturday, September 7th.

**Where:** We will meet at the Norman Hall Parking Garage at 10:30am.

**What to Bring:** A towel, bathing suit, and snacks. It’s also a good idea to bring a small amount of cash. Feel free to bring games, sports balls, and pool toys as well!

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Notes from the Office

**Deadlines:** The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and turn in financial guarantees, is Monday, September 9th. **If you miss any of these deadlines, go to the ELI Main Office in MAT 223 immediately** or you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee! Also, students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on Monday, September 9th will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

**Turns:** When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone will be served eventually.

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The Thursday Activity

This Thursday’s activity will be Downtown Gainesville. We will meet at the Downtown Starbucks (take bus 1 or 5) at 6pm and go until about 9pm. See the Hippodrome, visit local cafes, and hang out with your friends.

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Join us every weekday from 6 or 6:30 to 9 or 9:30pm for these great activities with classmates & LAs. It’s an excellent chance to practice English and make new friends! More details are posted outside MAT 211.

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Conversation Partner Signup Meetings

We will be holding this semester’s Conversation Partner Signup Meetings on Friday, September 6th at 11a.m., 12p.m., and 1p.m. and Tuesday, September 10th at 5pm, all in Matherly Hall. Room TBA—check the CIP bulletin board for updates!

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The Next Activity

Saturday, September 14th, will be the First Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be posted outside of the CIP office, Matherly 211, and in next week’s *Weekly.*
Birthdays!

Students:
- September 4: Eric Monteiro de Medeiros
- September 5: Jongjin Yoon
- September 5: Anna Salto
- September 5: Ebram Salib
- September 8: Gabriel Vargas Sanchez

Staff:
- None this week!

Manners & Culture

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don’t understand when I should tip. Which restaurants should I tip at?

At restaurants where you have full service from a waiter like The Top or Gator Suyaki, you should leave between 15% to 20% of the total bill. If your bill was $25 and you leave $2, this is not enough!

Some full-service restaurants nowadays automatically include an 18% gratuity in the bill for large groups. If you’re splitting the bill and the restaurant didn’t add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

At restaurants that have partial service like Tijuana Flats or Bento, where you order at a register and they bring the food to your table, it’s nice to leave a small amount. Here $2 is ok, usually on your credit card receipt.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Chipotle or Leonardo’s where you order at the counter and then pick it up at the cashier, it’s not necessary to leave a tip. However, if they were extra friendly or helpful, it’s always nice to leave a couple of dollars for the tip.

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only $5.44 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of $8.46.