

The ELI Weekly

Outdoor Laser Tag at M2 BattleSports



This weekend, the ELI will be going to M2 Battlesports in Newberry to play games of outdoor laser tag! Come play your friends in an exciting game of laser tag! It's similar to paintball, but you won't get hurt! The games are quick and action-packed.

In order to play, you must fill out a waiver online at www.m2waiver.com before arriving. *Students under 18*

must also sign a special waiver.

Where: Meet at Norman Hall parking garage

When: Saturday, January 21st at 1:30 p.m. (We will return around 5:30 p.m.)

What to Bring: comfortable clothes that can get dirty, tennis shoes, and water.

Cost: \$18 cash or credit +tax (\$19.08 total)

Weekday Activities

Join us every weekday from 7-10 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs:

Day	Activity	Location
Monday	Monday Mixer	Reitz Union Game Room
Tuesday	Soccer	Flavet Field
Wednesday	Volleyball	Lexington Crossing Phase II
Thursday	Smoothie Talk	Tropical Smoothie on 34 th Street
Friday	Café Friday	Starbucks on Archer Road

Notes From the Office

Thursday, January 19th: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations is Thursday, January 19th. If you miss this deadline, go to the ELI Main Office in Matherly 223 immediately or you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee!

Dropping a Class or Withdrawing from the ELI: Students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on Thursday, January 19th, 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.

Feeling Sick? If you get sick, you should send your teachers an email from home or talk to them when you get back. If you are going to be out for 5 or more days, please call the office and let us know.

Student Mailbox: Please come to the office from time to time and check the mailbox for any mail that you may have. If you are waiting for something and do not see it, however, you may assume that it has not come yet, and you do not need to ask in the office.

New Attendance Policy: The ELI has made some changes to its attendance policy. Students must still attend at least 85% of their classes to be eligible to receive a certificate at the end of the semester. This semester, that means you cannot miss more than 43 hours if you want a certificate. However, if you miss more than 25% of your classes, that is 72 hours, you will be expelled from the ELI and have your I-20 terminated (if on an F-1 student visa). Make sure you go to class and talk to the office if you have any questions or problems with attendance!

The Next Activity

Saturday, January 28th, will be the First Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

UF Services

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Victoria in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. Even if you do have a car, we recommend that you ride the bus to class because the parking lot is very far from your classes.

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the front desk in the library. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

The ELI also has a small library of books you can borrow for as long as you want! Talk to Tiffany in the Main Office, Matherly 223, if you want to borrow a book. And if you have any old books you would like to donate, please bring them in!

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are not able to use them without purchasing a membership. It costs \$100 for Spring semester, and you can go to the Southwest Recreation Center office to buy yours. Their hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can talk to Victoria if you have questions!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "schools" and "school's"? What does the apostrophe mean?

A: Apostrophes are used for two things: to show possession and to replace missing letters or numbers. You should not use the apostrophe for plurals. "Schools" means more than one school. "School's" means something belongs to the school. Look at the sentences below:

- The schools I attended were all good.
- The school's mascot is the gator.
- The school opened in the '90s.
- I was an ELI student in the 1990s.
- Incorrect: The school's in Alachua County got more funding this year.

Birthdays!

Students:

January 14: Bertille Zidouemba
 January 16: Jiwon Na
 January 17: Woojong Kim
 January 19: Ali Almutairy
 January 20: Adolfo Herrera Delgado
 January 20: Faris Telmsani

Staff:

January 14: Christine Kunkel

Manners & Culture

Q: Why are the teachers really strict with punctuality?

A: First of all, the official ELI policy requires that the teachers be strict. In the classroom, it's hard to start class if all the students aren't there and we want to make sure we're using the time effectively. Also, being late and making people wait is considered very rude in American culture.

Q: Every UF classroom has a sign that says, "Please no eating or drinking in classrooms." Does that include water?

A: You are allowed to have water bottles with a cap in the classroom.

Q: Why are some teachers so strict with the use of cellphones in class, even if they are used as a dictionary?

A: Some teachers are strict because we want you to focus on learning English. Studies show that students don't learn if they're not focused. Plus, let's be honest; we know you're not always checking the dictionary but rather Facebook or a text message.



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