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, February 10th at 1:30 p.m. (We will return around 5:30 p.m.)
What to Bring: wear long pants that can get dirty and tennis shoes, and bring water and a snack.
Cost: $19 cash or credit +tax

Weekday Activities
Join us every weekday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs:

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Upcoming Activities
Join the ELI at a Gator basketball game vs. LSU on Wednesday, February 7th. Meet at 6 p.m. at the O’Connell Center gate 1. Tickets are on sale in MAT 211 for $9 cash. Bring your Gator1 ID.

This Thursday, February 8th, come to Museum Night at the Harn Museum from 6-9 p.m. The theme is “Global Art” and they will have free food. The museum is near Southwest Rec Center - take bus 20 to get there.

Saturday, February 17th, the ELI will visit exciting Busch Gardens! This is a bus trip, so you can buy your ticket in MAT 211 for $20 cash. More details will be on the CIP Activities Board and in next week’s Weekly.

Notes from the Office

Class: First and foremost, go to class. This is the absolute best way to improve your English. Be on time! Second, speak English. Third, do the work. The teachers choose it purposely to help you.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a note from the office about this, take care of it as soon as possible! You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. If you have a question, you should ask in the ELI Main Office, Matherly 223. Remember, if you’re absent because you’re taking care of this, your teacher MUST count it.

Tuition and Financial Guarantees: If you have not paid tuition, late fees, or provided your financial guarantee you need to see Jennifer Vann in the main office immediately! You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. If you miss class because of this, your teacher MUST count you absent.

Trash: The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. All of our classrooms and hallways also have trashcans and recycling bins. Please use them to dispose of your garbage properly and keep our campus and classrooms beautiful.
Grammar

Q: How do you know which preposition to use?
A: To start, you have to memorize the rules. Learning all of the different ways English uses prepositions takes a long time. As you become a more proficient speaker of English, you’ll start to develop a “feel” for it. To help, read and listen to English as much as possible!

Q: When speaking English, do we usually say on Feb 2, 2016, or in Feb 2, 2016? Is it right to say in February or on February?
A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use in + month, year, century, or season.
   I was born in March, in the twentieth century, in spring.

Use on + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.
   I was born on October 30.
   I was born on Wednesday morning.

Use at + noon, night, clock time, present.
   I was born at 10 p.m.
   I was not born at night.

Q: What is the difference between at and in for locations?
A: Generally, in is used when you are inside of a place whereas at is used when you’re somewhere near or around the place. In also emphasizes that you’re inside the building and at is more of the idea of the location.
   I am in Matherly Hall. [Inside the building]
   I am at Matherly Hall [Usually outside]

Manners & Culture

Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.
A: Most of us don’t. It really depends on the teacher’s preference. In a regular university class, it is common to use “Doctor” or “Professor” plus the person’s last name. Or, if they don’t have a Ph.D. degree, we might use “Mr.” or “Ms.” At the ELI we are a little less formal – on purpose. We try to create a less formal and more conversational environment in order to help students feel comfortable and get them talking more.

Birthdays!

Students:
   February 5: Eunji Kim
   February 11: Anai Valverde Ruiz

Staff
   February 3: Maya Shastri (last week – sorry!)

Quote of the Week

We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort

   – Jesse Owens, American track and field Olympian