Pool Party at the Retreat

This weekend, the ELI will meet up for some fun in the sun at one of Gainesville’s newest apartment complexes, the Retreat. Come out to swim, play volleyball, and hang out with all of your ELI friends at the pool!

Where: The Retreat on SW 16th Avenue. You can take bus 16 or 17 from campus or meet at Norman Garage at 12:45 p.m. if you need a ride

When: Saturday, May 20th from 1-4 p.m.

What to Bring: a swimsuit, towel, & sunscreen. No alcohol, glass bottles, or animals are allowed!

Sign up outside Matherly 10 if you plan to attend!

Weekday Activities Schedule

Join us every weekday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for these great activities with classmates & LAs. It’s an excellent chance to practice English conversation and make new friends! More details are posted outside MAT 10.

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Notes From the Office

Deadlines: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, and turn in financial guarantees, is Wednesday, May 17th. The last day to submit proof of insurance is Monday, May 22nd and proof of immunizations is due Tuesday, May 30th. If you miss any of these deadlines, go to the ELI Main Office in Yon 314 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 Wednesday, May 17th, 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.

Attendance: Remember that you should go to your classes EVERYDAY and be ON TIME! There are no excused absences, so your teachers have to count every day you miss for any reason.

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

Keep in Touch: Make sure to check your email/junk mail/phone for messages from the ELI every day! Also, set up the voicemail on your phone so you can get any important messages.

Remember that Florida can sometimes get dangerous weather in the summer, such as heavy rains or hurricanes, so download an app like Gatorsafe to receive notifications about possible danger on UF campus or any other important information.

The Next Activity

Saturday, May 27th, will be the First Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be posted outside of the CIP office, Matherly 10, and in next week’s Weekly.
Birthdays!

Students:
- May 15: Moawya Almarbie
- May 16: Montserrat Carrera Seoane
- May 19: Abdulaziz Alshammari
- May 20: Natalia Robalino Chang

Staff:
- None this week

Grammar

Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?

A: On is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use on for bicycle, horse, and motorcycle. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use in.

- I got on the bus.
- I got on my horse.
- I got in my car.

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 $5.08 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of $8.10.