Folks, we’ve had a last-minute change to our weekend activity! It’s forecast to be dangerously hot outside, so we’re moving indoors to **Skate Station Funworks**. It’s $9 to roller skate (or more if you want to add other activities like mini-golf or rock climbing!). It’s $1 off if you bring your Gator 1 ID card. Since this is a new trip that wasn’t on our original waiver form, if you want to go on this activity, you will need to sign a new activity waiver. If you’re under 18, you’ll need to go to the CIP Office and get an activity waiver before Saturday and get it signed and returned.

**When:** Saturday, May 25.

**Where:** We will meet at the Norman Hall Parking Garage at 12noon.

**What to Bring:** Make sure to bring our Gator1 ID so that you can receive the $1 discount!

Join us every weekday from 6 or 6:30 to 9 or 9:30p.m. 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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This week’s Thursday activity will be Downtown Gainesville! We will meet at the Downtown Starbucks at 6p.m. You can visit the Hippodrome, grab a popsicle, or have some food in a local restaurant.

**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 Wednesday, May 22nd. **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 Wednesday, May 22nd 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.

**Memorial Day:** Remember that Monday, May 27 is the Memorial Day holiday. UF and the ELI will be closed, and there will be reduced RTS bus service, so be sure to plan accordingly.

**Victoria Out:** Our Student Life Coordinator Victoria will be out of the office from May 28th to June 3rd, returning June 4th. If you have questions or issues that you need help with, just see Tiffany or Min in the ELI Main office and they will help you find who to talk to.

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.

**Conversation Partner Signup Meetings**

We will be holding this semester’s Conversation Partner Signup Meetings on Friday, May 24 at 11a.m., 12p.m., and 1p.m. in Matherly Hall. Room TBA—check the CIP bulletin board for updates!

**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 211, and in next week’s **Weekly**.
**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.

**Birthdays!**

**Students:**
- May 21: Sergio Romero Duran
- May 27: Mirta Bilak

**Staff:**
- May 22: Tiffany Frison

**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.