Ichetucknee River Tubing and Snorkeling

This Saturday, September 9th, the Cultural Immersion Program (CIP) is sponsoring a snorkeling and tubing trip down the pristine waters of the Ichetucknee River. Come make new friends, see Florida’s natural beauty, and join your ELI family for a refreshing day on the river.

We’ll meet at the Norman Garage at 9:30am. Each car will decide when to return, though most will return around 3pm. If you’d like to come, please sign up on the activities board by Thursday, September 7th. In case of rain, call 392-3354, extension 230, after 8am to see if the trip has been postponed or cancelled.

Entrance to the park is $5 per person. Also, bring another $5 to rent an inner tube. There are no snorkeling sets at Ichetucknee Springs, but you can rent equipment from: The Outfitters at Reitz Union ($4, bring your ID) or The Aquatic Center on Archer Road ($7.50, call 377-3483). Reserve early!

Also, be sure to bring your bathing suit, sunscreen, and a lunch.

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We’re looking for your input! If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our ELI Weekly editor, Jen Ramos, at jenmlej@hotmail.com, or put questions in her mailbox (marked Ramos in the ELI Main Office).

Q: How can I get my waiter’s attention in a restaurant?

A: Americans generally treat waiters and waitresses in a polite manner. To get their attention, you can raise your hand slightly so they see you and say, “Miss” for a young woman, “Ma’am,” for an older woman, “Sir” for a man, or simply “Excuse me”.

In other dining norms, there’s no rule about who will pay at the end of the meal. Friends may kindly offer to “treat” you when the check comes or you “treat” them if you’re feeling generous. Or you may all agree to pay for your own food or “split” the bill. Also, putting your elbows on the table while you eat is generally considered bad manners as is speaking with your mouth full, chewing loudly or burping.