

ELI Weekly

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Silver Springs



Interested in seeing 10,000 year-old artesian springs considered the largest in the world? Then come to **Silver Springs**, the 350-acre natural theme park where you'll find: the famous lighthouse ride, children's playland, water shows, animal shows, wilderness trails, glass bottom boat rides, river cruises, animal habitats, botanical gardens, food, and shopping!!

Silver Springs is located 90 miles north of Orlando, just east of Ocala. You'll be able to see Florida's largest alligators, endangered bears and panthers, and a variety of wildlife shows from birds of prey to snakes and reptiles.

The cost is \$33 for adults and \$24 for children aged 3-10 years old. Children 2 and younger are free. (Prices don't include tax). Bring any Coca-Cola product and receive a \$7 discount! Also, if we have 15 or more students, the price will be reduced to \$15 each. You can purchase your tickets online at www.silverprings.com, but if you want the discount you must buy your tickets at the park.



The ELI trip to Silver Springs will be this **Saturday, September 23rd**. We will meet at **10am at Norman Garage**. Be sure to sign up by 4pm Thursday, September 21st on the activities board. You will need to bring spending money, sunscreen, bottled water, and a Coca-Cola product for your discount.



Note from the Office

Speaking English—As you have surely noticed, your teachers and the ELI staff are giving you daily reminders to speak English in the hall. If you don't speak English after we've reminded you, we will then ask you to leave the third floor. Remember, hearing and speaking only English at the ELI makes a huge difference in your learning. So, encourage your friends to speak to you in English! You will be amazed at the improvement!

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Manners and Culture

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: When you leave a party, should you say goodbye to your host? Do you have to say goodbye to everyone else at the party?

A: Yes, it certainly is considered polite to thank your host and say goodbye. It is also considered good manners to say goodbye to the other guests, as long as it's a manageable task. If there are a large number of people at the gathering, you might just say goodbye to those you know, have been speaking to, and those you see on the way out the door.

Q: The other day it was raining and I noticed only a few people were using umbrellas. Why is that? Also, do people use umbrellas to protect themselves from the sun?

A: That's an interesting observation! I can venture some guesses as to why most people you saw were umbrella-less. Most likely, it wasn't raining that morning when people left their houses, so they weren't prepared with their umbrellas. Also, it seems most people prefer a little rain (or sprinkling) on them to actually having to carry an umbrella.

As for your second question, the answer is no, not usually. In the past, people did use umbrellas to shade their faces from the sun, but it's rarely done nowadays. A fair complexion used to be seen as elegant, but now everyone is seeking the golden tan. We even apply "fake" tans with creams and makeup.



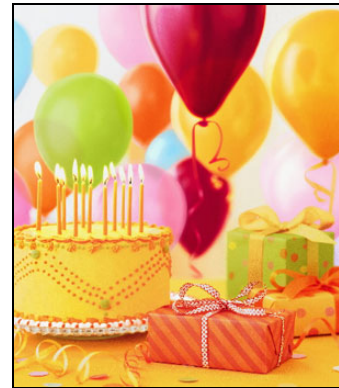
Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Sept. 23: Hani Alrefay

Sept. 24: Ahmed Almgrashi

Sept. 25: David Ilyumzhinov



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