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Come for a day of fun at Jacksonville Beach! First, we will drive to Jacksonville zoo to see animals! Then, we're going to the beach to swim and see the sunset!

When: Saturday, September 21st. We will meet in front of Norman Hall at 9:00 a.m. We will be returning around 7:00 p.m. If you are late, you might miss the bus.

How to Go: Bus passes for Jacksonville Zoo and Beach are now SOLD OUT. If you want to go, see Nate to sign up in case other students can't go. If you bought a ticket but you can't go, please talk to Nate.

What to Bring: You'll need \$15 to enter Jacksonville Zoo and extra money for lunch, dinner, and shopping. You should also bring a bathing suit and a change of clothes, a towel, water, snack food, and SUNBLOCK!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Blue Springs**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Note from Daryl

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Daryl, he will only be available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays this term.

Fun in the sun with animals!

Tuesdays and Thursdays he will be helping new students before they arrive.

Bicycle Safety

Our ELI classes are spread all over campus and some students ride bike to get to classes on time. We think this is awesome and we definitely encourage using a bicycle. However, bicycle safety is very, very important and it is taken very seriously here in Gainesville and on the UF campus. You should park your bike in well-lighted areas and lock it up when you park it. The best lock is a U-lock. This kind of lock looks like a U and is very difficult to cut or break. Be sure to put the lock through the bike's frame and wheel as well as the bike rack.

If you bike, be sure that you familiarize yourself with the rules of the road. Bicycles should ride in the bike lane or all the way to the right side of the road if there's no bike lane. Use hand signals when turning and pay close attention to traffic signals such as stop signs and stop lights. If you're caught breaking these rules, you risk possible injuries and could result in tickets and fines. Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles, \$154 for a moving violation, \$104 for a non-moving violation, and \$52.50 for a violation specific to bicycle operation.

Also, register your bike with the University Police Department. If your bike is stolen, this will help the police find it. Registering is a very quick and simple process. Just go to the UPD building on Museum Road and ask the officer at the front desk to help you

register. If your bike is stolen, call the UPD immediately. The faster you call them, the better the chance of them finding your bike.

Daily Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7pm-10pm	Game Night (Alex)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 7pm-10pm	Soccer (Becca)	Meet at Flavel Field. Free
Wednesday 7pm-10pm	Coffee Talk (Andreina)	Meet at 7 p.m. at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring money for drinks or food
Thursday 7pm-10pm	Volleyball (Sharon)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Friday 6pm-10pm	Gator Nights (Taylor)	Meet at the Reitz Union Information Desk. Bring your Gator!

Please note the new volleyball rules: To encourage the use of English and

participation by everyone, the teams will be mixed by skill, age, and language. Teams will only be allowed to play 4 games in a row.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people from the USA answer "American" when somebody asks "Where are you from"? I'm from Argentina and I'm American too.

A: Because "Unitedstatesians" doesn't sound pretty. It's true that Argentinians and Venezuelans are also Americans, and more specifically, South Americans. Canadians and Mexicans are also called North Americans. But since people from the US don't have their own nice sounding nationality, in the US we call them "Americans."

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don't understand when I should tip. What 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 Bentos, 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.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Maude's 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.

Tippling in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$4.77 an hour, which is much less than the regular minimum wage of \$7.79.

Grammar

Q: Which is correct for the negative shortened response form with "hope": "I hope not," or "I don't hope so."?

A: You've noticed that we're not consistent. With "hope" the correct form is "I hope not." However, for example, with "think", it's "I don't think so." They

have slightly different meanings. If someone asks, "Is it going to rain later?", meaning is different depending on the phrase used.

"I hope not" means "I don't want it to rain."

"I don't think so" means "I have no idea and don't care if it does or doesn't rain."

Q: If "plan" doubles the "n" in the past tense, why doesn't "open"?

A: Actually, you've found one crazy spelling point in English that does have a pattern. In verbs of more than one syllable, we only double that last consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable. In "open" the stress falls on the "o".

Quote of the Week

Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.

Albus Dumbledore
J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*



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