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Islands of Adventure

Theme Park Fun!

Islands of Adventure is a theme park in Orlando. It has roller coasters, 3D rides, water rides, and of course, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! You can walk through Hogwarts Castle, drink butterbeer (nonalcoholic), and even buy a wand. This is one of the most popular trips of the semester, so don't miss it!

When: Saturday, October 4th. Meet at the Norman Garage at 9:00am. Please don't be late! We will return to Gainesville around 10:00pm.

Transportation: This is a bus trip so you must have already purchased a pass from the CIP. The bus passes are sold out!

Cost: Islands of Adventure admission tickets for Florida residents are \$92 plus tax with a Florida ID. **Bring your Gator 1 ID or Florida driver's license to prove that you are a Florida resident.**

What to Bring: Your bus pass, Gator 1 ID card, extra money for an Islands of Adventure ticket (at least \$92), money for meals and shopping (at least \$20), comfortable shoes and clothes, sunscreen, and of course, a passion for roller coasters!

The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled next week, since we will be in our Midterm Week. Study hard and do well on your exams!

Reminder from the Office

Emily out: Emily will be leaving for maternity leave soon. If you have an emergency, please call the ELI emergency number: 352-672-0144. If you just have questions or issues about immunization or insurance, you can talk to Shaye between 9:30am and 4:30pm.

Immunizations: Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. When returning to class, make sure to show your teachers the note from Shaye or the Student Health Care Center.

Smoking: There is no smoking on the UF campus. Wherever you smoke, make sure to put your cigarette butts in the trash, NOT on the ground, or you risk getting a ticket for littering.

Student Voices

Student Voices is a collection of student writing: paragraphs, essays, letters, recipes, poems, etc. You can submit anytime but the last day is November 14th. Email your submissions to Melina Jimenez at

mpjimenez@ufl.edu. To get you thinking about your submissions, here is the second place winner from Summer 2014. If you'd like to see more submissions, check out past issues online at:
<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/publications.htm>

Traditional Chinese Clothing

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Clothing is one of life's essential necessities. Most of the shopping malls provide thousands articles of clothing with different brands, styles, and prices to meet the demand of different people. People usually dress in functional clothing. They wear a uniform when they go to work or go to school. They wear casual clothing when they meet friends outside or stay at home. Traditional Chinese clothing is for celebrating the holiday and important events. It is my favorite piece of clothing.

Qipiao is one piece of Chinese traditional clothing. Qipiao were first worn by women in Qing Dynasty. The original Qipiao was wide and loose. It covered most of the woman's body, revealing only the head, hands and the tips of the toes. With time, Qipiao has now become more fitting and revealing. The long robe is worn in a formal event such as wedding or graduation celebration while the short robe makes you bright and noticeable when you attend a party.

When I held my wedding ceremony, I decided that I must choose a red traditional Qipiao as my last wedding clothing. During the ceremony, the bride should dress in several different pieces of clothing. People always think saving the last is the best. Red means great future and happiness. So you could imagine how I liked the Qipiao. I was so tired of the long wedding day, but I was thrilled and recovered when I went to dressing room and saw my red Qipiao. When I came back to the banquet hall, all the lights were turned off, and all the guests were waiting to see my last wedding dress. Finally, all the guests were so surprised and joyful. I even saw some of them open their mouths and eyes wide as they peered at my red Qipiao. I felt I would be a queen at that moment. The Qipiao is not only the Chinese traditional clothing but also one part of Chinese culture. People who travel or stay in foreign country are used to taking one or two pieces of Qipiao. They will wear Qipiao to a special event to represent that they are from China. My daughter will be wearing a blue Qipiao to preschool in America on her birthday. I assume all of her classmates and teachers in Gainesville will remember the cute little Chinese girl and that birthday celebration in a long run. You also could see a lot of actresses wearing a Qipiao in movies from the 1930's to the 1940's in Shanghai because the Qipiao was treated as fashion and modern clothing at that time. It developed rapidly during that period, and even Hong Kong women started to wear the Qipiao since then.

The Qipiao is my favorite piece of clothing for the joy it brings and the tradition it recalls. Nowadays, the Qipiao tends to be more and more popular all over the world.

Even the foreign movie stars are willing to wear Qipiao in public. They think it is the best way to be closer with their Chinese fans. Qipiao boutique may be open worldwide in the following years.

Manners and Culture

Q: I'm homesick and sad. I don't know what to do to get better.

A: Don't worry! This is a natural when you move to another country. The best thing you can do is to keep active: participate in class, go to the CIP activities, and chat with friends. You can also talk to someone about how you feel. New students are going through the same thing and probably need your support, too. Returning students went through the same thing in their first semester and will have good advice for you. Your teachers and Language Assistants are also there for you. The person who talks most, adjusts the best.

Make local connections, with your own culture and the host culture. Did you know that UF has many student organizations including international student organizations? You can make friends with UF students who speak English but who are also from your country. You can find links to them on the ELI website:
<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/firsttime/university.htm>

If you do all these things and you still feel sad, talk to Shaye. She is in her office in Matherly 223 and can listen to you or refer you to a counselor who can help more.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between the present perfect and the present perfect progressive?

A: Some verbs can mean the same thing in the present perfect and the present perfect progressive. These are verbs of habitual activities.

- I have worn glasses since 2001.
- I have been wearing glasses since 2001.

For other verbs, it depends on the context. Use the present perfect for something that happened at an unspecified time in the past. Use the present perfect progressive for something that is still happening. You can also use the present perfect progressive for actions that happened in the past but still have some connection to the present.

- I have seen the movie *Dumbo* a dozen times and I cry every time.
- I have been watching this movie for the past 30 minutes.
- My eyes are puffy because I have been crying from watching *Dumbo*.

Quote of the Week

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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