Blue Springs

What: We will be going to Blue Springs, a park in High Springs, FL! Swim in the beautiful Spring. You can also play volleyball, Frisbee, football, and soccer!

When: Saturday, September 12th. Meet at Norman Garage at 11 AM. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

Cost: $8.00 cash per person. (If you say you are with the ELI). *Groups of two or more can pay with credit card.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 40-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board in Matherly 211 by 4 PM on Thursday, September 10th.

What to Bring: A swimming suit, sandals, towel, and a packed lunch.

Next Weekend: Volunteer Weekend

Learn about volunteering in the United States while you help with different projects around Gainesville! Check the board in Matherly next Monday for signups and the ELI Weekly for details.

This Week’s Activities

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Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course: Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, in any building on campus, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

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.
Here at the many places of origin of our students:
Manners and Culture

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don’t understand when I should tip. What restaurants should I tip at?

A: 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 Ben-tos, 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 Maude’s or Leon-nardo’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 $4.77 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of $7.79.

Grammar

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”.

This Week’s Birthdays

Students
September 9: Marco Iguaran Bolivar
September 10: Carlos Audije Mauricio
September 10: Ana Duran Saldivia
September 10: Daniel Suarez
September 12: Maha Alshalan

Staff
September 11: Raquel Rojas

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