Volunteer Weekend

You can sign up starting Monday, September 14th. Sign up early, because the spots fill up quickly. Please don’t sign up for an activity if it is already full and be ready on time.

Wear comfortable clothes closed toed shoes. You should bring a water bottle as well! If you have any questions about volunteering, see Catherine in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

Alachua County Humane Society (8am - 11am): Help walk dogs, play with cats and keep their living spaces clean and safe! In addition, we will be helping the Humane Society with any cleaning or organizing help they may need. An LA will pick you up at 7:30am from your house.

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (9am-12pm): Help keep one of Gainesville’s botanical gardens beautiful! We will be helping mulch, weed and water their plants in addition to other gardening. An LA will pick you up at 8:30 from your house.

Reading Pals (1pm – 3pm): Help a local reading program organize and package books that will then be given to 2nd and 3rd graders in the community! An LA will pick you up at 12:30 from your house.

Project Downtown Gainesville (12:30-2pm): Help serve lunch to the homeless community in Gainesville and interact with English speakers from different cultures. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

Next Weekend: Laser Tag at M2 Battlesports

Have fun playing a game of laser tag with your ELI classmates and LAs at M2 Battlesports in Newberry! Details will be in next week’s Weekly and on the CIP Activity Board.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily in Matherly 223 if you don’t understand the note. If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.

Note from Daryl: If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Daryl, he will only be available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays he will be helping new students before they arrive.

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

Activity Photos: If you want to share your photos from the CIP activities, you can post them in the UF English Language Institute Facebook group. You can also email them to EliSlideshow@gmail.com. Please include your name.
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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: 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.”