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The ELI Weekly

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Spring Break

Relax! Enjoy!

This coming weekend, Saturday, March 2nd, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren't already aware of it, our Spring Break is next week! If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you.

If you are staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do!

If you like being outdoors, check out:

- Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site
- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
- Walking in Paynes Prairie
- Biking on the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail
- Canoeing on the Ichetuknee River

If you like museums, check out:

- Harn Museum of Art
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Matheson Museum

If you want to eat some local food, try:

- The Top Restaurant
- Boca Fiesta
- Matsu Sushi
- Garlic and Ginger

If you have a car, make sure to check out the little towns and larger cities nearby:

Ocala	High Springs
Miami	Atlanta
Savannah	Jacksonville
Cedar Key	Orlando
Tampa	St. Petersburg

Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Florida.

www.visitgainesville.com
www.springbreaktravel.com
www.visitflorida.com

Here are some good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations.

www.travelocity.com
www.expedia.com
www.orbitz.com

If you're planning on renting a car, be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

Please remember that missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences. Also, remember to get your I-20s signed if you plan on leaving the country.

The Next Trip

Our next weekend activity will be our **Midterm Picnic**, which is also our **B-Term Welcome Picnic**, on Saturday, March 9th.

Join us in welcoming the new Spring B students to the ELI family! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. It will be a fun day in the sun to have a picnic

at Yulee Pit. There will be sports, games and great conversation!

When: Saturday, March 9th at 12:00pm

Where: At Yulee Pit across 13th Street from the ELI.

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sun-block. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Spring C students need to sign up on the sign-up sheet.

Everyone is Welcome!

Listening opportunity

Maya Angelou, a poet, novelist and civil rights activist, will be speaking on campus on February 27.

When: Wednesday, February 27, 8pm.
Doors open at 7 p.m.

Where: Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Cost: Free and open to the public but please bring jars of peanut butter and jelly, as well as other kid-friendly food items, for the students at Idylwild Elementary as part of UF's Project Makeover.

Notes from the Office

Daylight Savings: Remember to set your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed on March 9th. If you forget, you'll be an hour late to class on Monday!

RTS: Beginning March 2nd, RTS will have reduced city service. If you're staying in Gainesville, make sure to check the RTS website so you'll know when the bus is coming. www.go-rts.com

I-20s for new students: If you're new this semester, you need to pick up a new I-20 from the Main Office in Norman Hall. This is especially important if you're travelling.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from February 25 to March 11:

Students:

February 28: Buyeon Kwon

March 1: Maria Bermudez Guzman

March 1: Saud Alharbi

Staff:

February 25: Olga Moody

March 2: Jessica Jones

March 2: Haydee Britton

March 5: Travis Johnson

March 6: Debbie Kellermann

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the polite action when you first meet people?

A: Look them in the eyes and say, "It's nice to meet you." Older people will also shake hands but this isn't as common among younger Americans, especially in informal settings.

Q: What are the best words to welcome someone into your home?

A: "Hellllooooo!" Or you could just say "Welcome." If it's cold out, you can also say "Can I take your coat?"

Q: If I look at an American for more than 5 seconds, why do they say, "Hi, how you doing?"? I don't know them so maybe it's normal.

A: There might be two reasons for this: They are being polite and really saying hello. Or maybe because you are staring at them, they are being impolite and making you aware that you are staring at them. Try not to stare at people.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "most" and "almost"?

A: "Almost" is an adverb and "most" is an adjective. You cannot use "Almost" in front of a noun.

- Correct: All students speak English
- Correct: Most students ride the bus.
- Correct: Almost all students take grammar class.
- Incorrect: Almost students take grammar class.

Q: When do I use "little" and "few:"?

A: As opposed to "a little" for noncount nouns and "a few" for count nouns, "little" and "few" emphasize that there is almost none or that there is much less of something than would normally be expected.

- I have a little money so I can go out but I can't do much.
- I have little money so I can't go out.

Q: What's the difference between "lots of" and "a lot of"?

A: Very little, actually. "Lots of" is a tiny bit less formal than "a lot of", but it's a very minor distinction. Both are preferable in spoken English to "much" or "many" in a positive statement.

Quote of the Week

Too much work, too much vacation, too much of any one thing is unsound.

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