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# The ELI Weekly

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## Outdoor Laser Tag

*Have fun but be safe!*

Come play laser tag on a team of your ELI friends at M2Battlesports in Newberry.

**When:** Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Norman Garage at 10am

**Cost:** The cost of Lazertag will be \$18 cash or credit card.

**What to Wear:** You should wear clothes that can get dirty with long sleeves, long pants, and closed toed shoes. Dark colored clothing is best so that you are more camouflaged. Also, you should wear tennis shoes since we will be in the woods.

**Note:** This is a carpool trip, so you must sign up on the Activities Board by 4PM Thursday, February, 5<sup>th</sup>. Please get a Lazertag waiver signed *before* you go to the activity. You can pick up a Lazertag waiver from your LAs or the CIP Office.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to **Busch Gardens**. Please reserve your spot on the van by signing up and paying \$20 in cash, exact change, to Nate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211). You can buy the pass starting on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include the price of Busch Gardens tickets. The Busch Gardens Fun Card is \$95 and is good for a year. Please come early; these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

## IRS Tax Forms

All international students are required to file a tax form in the United States. You are required to file this form even if you have no income. The deadline to file if you have no income is June 15. The deadline to file if you have income from any source other than bank interest (like an on-campus job), is April 15. You can find the form you need to complete and the directions on how to complete it at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

You can also find many answers to your questions on the UF International Center tax page:

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/Taxes.html?menuId=1&smId=5>

The links above are also on the ELI Facebook page.

In 9 and 10, you need to include the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution that you attended in 2014. You'll find that information on the back of this *Weekly*. The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

You can also always make an appointment to speak with Emily or Daryl if you have questions.

## Weekday 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	Monday Mixer (Nicole)	Meet at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring \$3 - \$5 for coffee or food.
Tuesday 7pm - 10pm	Soccer (Katie)	Meet at Flavet Field. Free
Tuesday 7pm - 10pm	Lollicup (Hannah)	Meet at Lollicup on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street. Bring \$3-5 for beverages.
Wednesd ay 7pm - 10pm	Coffee Talk (Luis)	Meet at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring \$3 - \$5 for coffee or food.
Thursday 7pm - 10pm	Volleyball (Brian)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free!
Friday	Rotating Activities	See each <i>Weekly</i> for details. Your LAs will also let you know in class.

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> we will have lunch in the Plaza of the Americas. 11:45 to 1:45. Bring your lunch or purchase some on campus.

## Notes from the Office

**Class:** First and foremost, go to class. This is the absolute best way to improve your English. Be on time! Second, speak English. Third, do the work. The teachers choose it purposely to help you.

**Immunizations & Insurance:** Remember to take care of your insurance and immunization as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. Remember, if you're absent because you're taking care of this, your teacher **MUST** count it.

**Trash:** The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. Please use them to keep our campus beautiful.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Where can I go if I get sick?*

A: During the week, you should make an appointment at Team Red at the UF Student Health Care Center. You can call 352-294-7465, or Emily can make the appointment for you. They are open 8:00am to 5:00pm on Monday through Friday and 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Sundays.

If you get sick on the weekend or at night, you can go to an urgent care clinic. There is a list in the ELI office, or you can just google

*gainesville urgent care clinics.* If it's late at night, you'll have to go to the ER, but if you can wait until morning you should. Remember, the ER really is only for emergencies, so if you don't have an emergency, you'll have a long wait.

## Grammar

*Q: How do you know which preposition to use?*

A: You have to memorize the rules. As you become a more proficient speaker of English, you'll start to develop a "feel" for it.

*Q: When speaking English, do we usually say **on** Jan 20, 2012, or **in** Jan 20, 2012? Is it right to say **in** January or **on** January?*

A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use **in** + month, year, century, or season.

- I was born in March, in the twentieth century, in spring.

Use **on** + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.

- I was born on March 17.
- I was born on Wednesday morning.

Use **at** + noon, night, clock time, present.

- I was born at 7:35.

- I was not born at night.

*Q: What is the difference between **at** and **in** for locations?*

A: Generally, **in** is used when you are inside of a place whereas **at** is used when you're somewhere near or around the place. **In** also emphasizes that you're inside the building and **at** is more of the idea of the location.

- I am in Norman Hall. [Inside the building]
- I am at Norman Hall. [Usually outside]

## Words of the Week

Look for the words in this *Weekly!*

*emphasize* (V) – \_\_\_\_\_  
Word forms: emphasis, emphatic  
Collocates: importance, need, approach, tend

*file* (V) – to register a document; to place a document in a box or cabinet for reference  
Collocates: complaint, report, divorce, taxes

## Quote of the Week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt



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