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The ELI Weekly

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Gator Baseball Game

Go Gators!

If you enjoy watching sports, make sure to join us this Saturday; we will be cheering on the Gators as they play against Alabama. Wear your orange and blue!

When: Saturday, March 28th, 12:30pm

Where: McKethan Stadium (next to the O'Connell Center)

Cost: It's free but bring money for drinks.

What to bring: Bring your Gator-1 ID to enter the stadium and extra money to buy refreshments!

Around the World in 20 Bites!

University Club and UF Relay for Life are sponsoring an International Potluck in partnership with the ELI. Sample international cuisine, get your name written in calligraphy, and be a hero at the same time by helping raise money!!

When: Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm

Where: University Club Apartments Clubhouse (2900 SW 23rd Terr.)

Why: To raise money for UF Relay for Life

Cost: \$3.00 donation at the door upon entrance

Sign up to bring a dish by Wednesday, March 25th by emailing:
universityclubgainesville@studenthousing.com

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **St. Augustine**. This is a bus trip so you'll need to purchase a pass from Nate in the CIP office between 9am and 12:30pm, starting Monday, March 23rd. Bring \$20, exact change, to get your bus pass! Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

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 (Terri)	Meet at Flavet Field. Free
Tuesday 7pm - 10pm	Lollicup (Mako)	Meet at Lollicup on 34 th Street. Bring \$3-5 for beverages.
Wednesday 7pm - 10pm	Coffee Talk (Sarah K.)	Meet at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring \$3 - \$5 for coffee or food.

Thursday 7pm - 10pm	Volleyball (Tate)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free!
Friday	Rotating Activities	See each <i>Weekly</i> for details. Your LAs will also let you know in class.

Attendance

Class attendance is a requirement of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). It is also required by the ELI because we feel that you will not learn English if you do not come to class. To help students stay focused on their studies and to enforce the USCIS rules, the ELI has a strict attendance policy. That means that there are no excused absences, even if you are sick. If you are sick, tell your teacher. If you're going to be absent for three days, tell your teacher AND the office.

Remember! Absences due to illness and religious holidays are already covered by the number of absences already permitted by the ELI! Also remember, if you miss 5 days in a row in a C class or 3 days in a row in a B class without notifying us, you risk termination.

Reminders

Student Voices. Send your writing to mpjimenez@ufl.edu. Include your name, class, and a title for the piece.

Daryl: Daryl will be on vacation March 23rd through March 26th. He'll return on Friday.

Note: Turkey was missed on last week's *Weekly*. My apologies!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 23 to March 29:

Students:

March 23: Ahmed Alahmadi

March 23: Abrar Hantoosh

March 25: Mohsen Karam

March 25: Hoseung Jang

March 27: Nasser Alyafei

March 28: Shweta Rawal

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans say excuse me when they pass by you in the store?

A: It is a way to be polite and maybe to give notice that they are going to pass by you. Also, saying *excuse me* is a much nicer way to say *get out of the way*. Typically, the usual response is *I'm sorry*.

Q: Why do Americans care a lot about punctuality?

A: Americans respect their and others time. When they make an appointment, they find it important to be on time. It is a show of respect. If you are late, you are saying that your time is more important than their time.

Q: Why do the bathroom doors in America have a gap? No privacy!

A: I have no idea. Most Americans don't realize that this is unusual compared to other places.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between like and such as?

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use *like* to mean *such as* (in other words, to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway.

Conversational: I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers.

Academic: I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers.

Q: What's the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

A: They're both used to create an image in reader's mind that compares things, but the main difference is that a simile uses like or as. Consider these examples. Which one is the simile?

- Gainesville in the summer is like a pot of chicken soup.
- Gainesville in the summer is emptier than teachers' wallets.

Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly*!

enforce (___) - to impose by or as by force
Word forms: enforcement, enforceable

donation (N) - _____
Collocates: make, accept, receive, charitable, suggested, generous, campaign, blood, cash
Word forms: donate

Quote of the Week

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

St. Augustine of Hippo



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