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Canoeing on the Santa Fe River



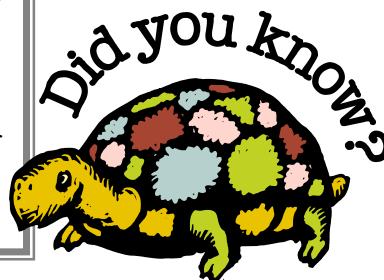
On Saturday, **June 17th**, you can spend the day canoeing down the Santa Fe River with your ELI friends and family. We'll rent canoes and float for approximately three hours while enjoying Florida's sunshine and wildlife—the area is filled with birds, turtles, fish, and gorgeous plants, and the Santa Fe connects with several of

Florida's natural springs.

If you're interested, meet at Norman Hall Garage at 9 AM. We will likely return to Gainesville around 3 PM. The cost for renting a canoe all day is \$17 per person. You should wear your bathing suit and shoes that can get wet. Bring a picnic lunch, drinking water, sunscreen, and a towel. Don't bring valuables that could get lost in the river. If you bring a camera, be sure to put it in a sealed plastic bag so it won't get wet.

If it is raining on Saturday, call 392-3354, ext. 230 after 7:30 AM to find out if the trip has been cancelled.

Although the water of the Santa Fe River runs as clear as the Ichetucknee, it's covered with a thin, reddish-brown layer—called *tannin*—that makes the water look tea-colored. This layer is made from leaves decomposing in the water.



A Hush in the Hallways

Please remember to speak quietly in the hallways. As you probably have noticed, noise echoes and carries easily in Norman Hall.

Printing

Most students will be asked to write a paper at some point during the semester and, in most cases, this means typing and printing your work. Did you know there are a number of places on campus where printing is inexpensive or even free? Here are a list of options:

- * All UF libraries offer printing at 13¢ per page using a copy card.
- * The CIRCA lab in the basement of Norman Hall (and several other locations on campus) allows students to print for 10¢ page; visit labs.circa.ufl.edu for information.
- * The Student Government computer lab on the third floor of the Reitz Union offers **free printing** to all students; see sg.ufl.edu for more info.
- * Most photocopy shops along University Avenue have Internet-able computers where you can download your documents and print them out for pennies per page.

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Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people in the U.S. wear shoes inside the house? Don't their feet need to breathe and relax? Why aren't they worried about bringing dirt inside their homes?

A: Well, as a die-hard barefoot-when-possible girl, I wonder the same things. Still, most people in the U.S. keep their shoes on inside the house; many are uncomfortable taking off their shoes in front of other people and regard it as somewhat impolite. This depends entirely on the individual, however. Perhaps because there's not one single opinion on bare feet, most people in the U.S. allow their guests to choose whether they keep shoes on or not, hoping they choose whichever makes them most comfortable.



*Thanks for your input! If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our ELI Weekly editor, Nora Spencer, at noraspencer@gmail.com, or put questions in her mailbox (marked **Spencer** in the ELI Main Office).*

Summer Break and I-20s

Summer break is only a week and a half away! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada or Mexico—please remember to come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes this week to:

June 17: Bandar Almuaibed

June 20: Kimihiko Sato

Omar Alsomaly

Mayca Curatolo



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