Busch Gardens

On Saturday, **July 22nd**, we’ll a trip to Busch Gardens – an amusement park in Tampa. Busch Gardens is famous for its beautiful grounds and thrilling roller coasters, including the Sheikra – one of only three roller coasters in the world with two 90-degree angle drops! This is one of the most popular trips of the semester.

We’ll meet at the TRiP office in the Reitz Union at **8:30AM** on Saturday morning, and may return as late as **12:30AM** Sunday morning. We’ll be going rain or shine.

To participate in this trip, you must purchase a van ticket at the TRiP office in the Reitz Union prior to Saturday. Transportation to Tampa costs **$20**. You must also buy a ticket to enter Busch Gardens, which you can either do at the gate or in advance. If you choose to purchase prior to the trip, there are three options:

- **Buy your ticket online and save $10 on regular admission.** The total price is **$47.95** plus tax.

- **Buy a regularly priced ticket, and get a second day free.** The total price is **$57.95** plus tax.

- **Buy an unlimited access ticket for only $5 more, and come back as many times as you like before December 31st.** The total price is **$62.95** plus tax.

Make sure to bring money for food and souvenirs. Visit [www.buschgardens.com/buschgardens/fla/florida_residents.aspx](http://www.buschgardens.com/buschgardens/fla/florida_residents.aspx) to purchase tickets or get more information.

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**Student Voices**

The deadline to submit to **Student Voices**—the only publication in the ELI written exclusively by students—is **Friday, July 28th**. Please email your submissions to Steve Flocks, the editor, at sflocks@ufl.edu, making sure to include your name and class on your submission. If you’re not able to email, you may put a paper copy in Steve’s mailbox, marked **Flocks**, in the ELI Main Office. Be brave and share your writing!

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**Birthdays**

Happy birthday wishes to:
- **July 22:** Nader Alotaibi
- **July 22:** Carol Reyes
- **July 26:** Noreen Baker

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**Pronunciation Help**

Did you know that the Merriam-Webster dictionary Web site (m-w.com) has a feature that allows you to hear the proper pronunciation for each word? Click on the symbol that looks like 🔊 to hear the word.

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**Q: What is a baby shower?**

A: In the U.S., a baby shower is a party celebrating the birth of a baby – either before or after the fact. Usually a friend or coworker of the mother will organize a party for friends and family, with snacks, games, and decorations. Attendees bring gifts like clothes, diapers, toys, and baby supplies. In the past, only women primarily attended baby showers, however nowadays men and women are often welcome.

According to the Emily Post Institute, often considered experts in etiquette, it is inappropriate for someone to throw a baby shower for herself. Showers for the second and following pregnancies should be smaller, since the purpose of the shower is mostly to help parents with the initial cost of baby supplies.

In the U.S., other events are also celebrated with showers or parties, including engagements, weddings (called wedding or bridal showers), new homes (called housewarming parties), birthdays, retirements, and other events.

**Q: Why is it incorrect to call my teacher “teacher”?**

A: Every society has different rules and customs for what to call people in positions of authority.

In U.S. society, we only address our teachers as “teacher” when we are very young children, if at all. Otherwise, we call our teachers by Mr. or Ms. and the family name. In college, when many teachers hold doctoral degrees, we address them as Dr. or Professor along with the last name.

Here at the ELI, we do want to foster a more collegial atmosphere. Most of the teachers here do not have Doctorates; the Masters is considered the high degree for teaching ESL. Use of the first name here is considered a preferred choice.

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Thanks for your questions. Keep them coming! 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).