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The ELI Weekly

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Fun in the Sun at Lake Wauburg

Come out and enjoy

Join us for an enjoyable day at the North Entrance of the University's Lake Wauburg! Have fun canoeing, kayaking, hiking, and playing sports with your ELI family!! Bring your friends and a picnic lunch, and experience the beauty of Florida's natural wonders.

WHEN: Saturday, May 23rd. Meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 AM. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

COST: Free!!! Entrance to the lake, canoe rental and kayak rental are all free with your UF ID—so be sure to bring your UF ID!

TRANSPORTATION: This is a carpool trip. Lake Wauburg is about a 15-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board by 4pm Thursday, May 21st.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring your UF ID, a picnic lunch, and sunscreen!!!

Notes from the Office

- **Class Attendance**—Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are

taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

- **Student Mailbox**—Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.
- **TOEFL Scores**—Students who had TOEFL scores sent to the main office can pick them up. These scores are only official as far as UF departments are concerned if they remain sealed in the envelope. Students should already know their scores (you received them at commencement) so you shouldn't need to open the envelope.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going **Tubing on the Ichetucknee**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Daily 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 5:30 PM	Game Night (pool, bowling, board games) (Allison S.)	Meet at the Ritz Union Games Room Bring your Gator 1 ID Bring \$5 if you want to play pool or bowl.
Tuesday 7:00 PM	Volleyball (Allison W.)	Next to the Southwest Recreation Center Free Bring UF ID
Wednesday 7:00	Coffee Talk (Thomas)	Starbuck's on Archer Rd. Free (Bring money for coffee and food if you like.)
Thursday 8:30	Tea at Hookah Nite Cafe (Heather)	Meet at Hookah Nite Cafe A few \$\$
Friday Varies	Fabulously Fun Fridays (Patrick)	Varies

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 22-28:

Students:
May 24: Jun Lee

May 27: Mohammad Alharthi

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: I'm interested in manners about having meals. What should I not do when I am eating with Americans?

A: Oh, goodness, there are entire etiquette books with half of their chapters dedicated to mealtime etiquette! There are a few general guidelines, though.

1. Don't make noises with your food. When eating soup, for example, don't slurp. Just put the spoon in your mouth and eat quietly.

2. Talking during a meal is fine, but don't talk with your mouth full. Wait until you swallow.

3. Don't eat foods with your fingers that aren't designed for it.

Hamburgers and sandwiches and chips are fine, but most other foods (unless you are actually eating at a fast-food restaurant) should be eaten with utensils.

4. It's okay to offer to share your food if you want to, but we generally don't ask to try something that's on someone else's plate.

5. Don't reach across someone else to get the salt, sugar, ketchup, etc. Ask that it be passed to you.

6. It's fine to refuse a food if you can't eat it—be it for dietary reasons or religious reasons or whatever. You don't have to explain why. In fact, to do so extensively is considered bad form—especially if it's just because

you don't like a certain food. If your host asks, it's rude of her/him.

Grammar

Q: Which is correct for the negative shortened response form with "hope": "I hope not," or "I don't hope so."?

A: You've noticed that we're not consistent. With "hope" the correct form is "I hope not." However, for example, with "think", it's "I don't think so."

Quote of the Week

You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.

--Robin Williams



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