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The ELI Weekly

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Lake Wauburg!

Come out and have some fun!

Come join the ELI as we climb the 53-foot rock wall at Lake Wauburg's South Shore. You can also play soccer or ride in a boat! There's a large area for having a picnic with your language assistants and friends!

Where: Lake Wauburg's South Shore

When: Meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 a.m. We will be returning by 5 p.m. at the latest.

Cost: FREE! Bring your UF ID to get into Lake Wauburg.

What to Bring: Wear closed-toed shoes!! Bring water, sun block and a picnic lunch.

Have a great day, everyone!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to Ichetucknee Springs. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Turns: When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone **will** be served eventually.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Norman Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building

quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week.

Wednesday: *Coffee Talk* at Starbucks downtown, 6-9pm, Bring money for drinks.

Thursday: *Shopping* at Oaks Malls, 6-9pm. Meet in the food court.

Friday: *Volleyball* at Lexington Crossing, 6-9pm. Free!

UF Services

Recreational Facilities: As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts by showing your Gator 1 card. On the other hand, ELI students do **not** have access to the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, Southwest Recreation Center and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center because these facilities are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees. If you want to use these facilities, you'll need to pay a membership fee.

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, get it activated at the Education Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Judith in 315 Norman to purchase a Green/Commuter Lot decal. You may park in the Red and Red One sections of Norman Garage but not in the Orange section. This is only for the summer!

Bicycling: Bicycle safety is very, very important and it is taken very seriously here in Gainesville and on the UF campus. If you bike, be sure that you familiarize yourself with the rules of the road. If you're caught breaking them, in addition to possible injuries you might suffer, it can result in tickets and fines. Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles, \$154 for a moving violation, \$104 for a non-moving violation, and \$52.50 for a violation specific to bicycle operation.

You should park your bike in well-lighted areas and lock it up when you park it. The best lock is a U-lock. This kind of lock looks like a U and is very difficult to cut or break. Be sure to put the lock through the bike's frame and wheel as well as the bike rack.

Also, register your bike with the University Police Department. If your bike is stolen, this will help the police find it. Registering is a very quick and simple process. Just go to the UPD building on Museum Road and ask the officer at the front desk to help you register. If your bike is stolen, call the UPD immediately. The faster you call them, the better the chance of them finding your bike.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 21 to May 27:

Students:

May 21: Hend Ashri

May 22: Saeed Alahmari

May 26: Jassim Al Naama

May 27: Muhaysen Naif Alotaibi

May 27: Anas Ashri

Staff:

None this week

Don't forget to say happy birthday to your classmates!

Manners and Culture

Q: I wonder about American tip culture. Who should I tip? How much? In my country, we don't tip.

Well, most often, you tip for services received. The origin of the word "tip" is something that is not 100% certain, but the most common story is that it comes from the acronym To Insure Prompt Service. There are many situations where tipping is expected, but there are some that you might think require tipping that don't. The following is a pretty good indicator--though not a totally exhaustive list--of when and where and how much you should tip:

Hairdressers and Nail Sculptors: 15 to 20% of the total bill

Hotels: Bellhops, \$1 per bag; \$5 minimum total; Concierge, \$5 to \$10 for special services; Maids, for long stays, \$1 per person per night, at the end of stay; Room Service, 15% of total--sometimes this amount or even more is already added in bill (check!)

Parking: Valet parking at a hotel or restaurant, \$2. Note that many people now tip both dropping off and picking up.

Pizza Delivery: \$2 per pizza

Restaurants: 15 to 20% of the total bill; more if the service was particularly memorable or if you have many special requests which are promptly and cheerfully honored. Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$4.65 an hour, which is much less than the regular minimum wage of \$7.67.

Some restaurants nowadays automatically include a 18% gratuity in the bill for large

groups. If you're splitting the bill and the restaurant didn't add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

Taxis: \$1 minimum, 15% on fares over \$8. Drivers in large cities expect 20%.

Some places, like grocery stores, have people that help you outside with your purchases. You may offer a tip of a dollar or two--but if you see a sign inside the store that employees are not allowed to accept tips, don't offer.

Grammar

Q: When can I use 'on' when talking about transportation?

A: "On" is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. For personal modes of transportation, use "in". There are some exceptions like bicycle, horse, and motorcycle.

- I am on the bus.
- I am in my car.
- I am on my motorcycle.

Quote of the Week

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain



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