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The ELI Weekly

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Daytona Beach

Fun in the sun!

Join us for a day of surf, sun, and sand at Daytona Beach. We will be going to the beach, shopping, eating at restaurants, and having lots of fun!

When: Saturday, July 21st. We will meet at Norman Garage at 10:00 am. Our return time will depend on how long we want to spend at the beach. We will return to Gainesville around 10:30pm.

Transportation: Bus passes for Daytona Beach are now sold out! If you bought a pass and do not want to go anymore, please talk with Nate in Norman 318 so that another student can buy your pass! **This is non-refundable. Please bring exact change.**

Cost: \$20 for a seat in the van. Bring money for lunch and shopping (if you like).

What to Bring: Bring lunch, snacks, your bathing suit, and a change of clothes. Don't forget water and sunblock!!

Reminders

Student Voices: Remember that *Student Voices* is due Friday, July 20th to Steve.

Entries should be submitted electronically to his email at sflocks@ufl.edu.

Library Fines and Infirmary Fees: Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.

Travel and I-20s: Don't forget, if you are planning to leave the country during the break between semesters and then return to the US, you must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

Fall 2012 Dates

Returning for Fall C? Check in online between August 31 and September 4. The check-in link will be available on August 31 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once!

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll.

Going home and want to return to the US for Fall C? You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

Taking a vacation semester? You must speak with Daryl before September 12.

Transferring to another school? You'll need to show Daryl that you have been accepted to the new school before August 10 and he can release your I-20 to that program.

Returning for Fall B? You must see Daryl before August 10.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 16 to July 22:

Students:
July 16: Abel Ardila Gayol
July 17: Hye Jin Lee
July 17: Jae Hwan Kim
July 19: Hebah Alsaegh
July 20: Obaid Alresheedi
July 20: Jawaher Alfurhood
July 21: Dihelen Urbina Hurtado
July 21: Mohammed A S Alghamdi
July 21: Sultan Alfuhaid

July 21: Alwaleed Alnasser
July 22: Norah Alfaraih

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled for July 28th, since your finals are starting. The next weekend, on Saturday, August 4th, we will be holding our **End-of-Semester Barbecue!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Manners and Culture

Q: Is it normal for American students to have a mess in their cars?

A: I think this is a personal thing rather than a student thing. I know thirty and

forty-year olds that have messy cars and I know college students that have very clean cars.

Q: Sometimes friends offer me rides because I don't have a car. Is it enough for me just to say, "Thanks!?"

A: It's a good start. If it's one or two friends who do it a lot, then you might want to occasionally offer to buy them some gas.

Grammar

Q: Can the suffix "-ness" be used with every word or only certain words?

A: That's a very advanced question! The suffix "-ness" is more often used with the English words that come from Old German while "-ity" is more often used in the Latinate words.

- Sadness, forgetfulness, tidiness

- Complexity, responsibility, probability

Q: Why do Americans say, "Which sentence is more clear?" instead of "Which sentence is clearer"?

A: According to the grammar rules we teach you, 1 syllable words should use "-er". We say "more clear" because it's easier to say. "Easier" is easy to say but "clearer" is harder because of those two "r" sounds. Here are more examples:

- rare – more rare
- sure – more sure

Quote of the Week

The easiest thing in the world to be is you. The most difficult thing to be is what other people want you to be. Don't let them put you in that position.

Leo Buscaglia



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