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End-of-Semester Barbecue

Come join the fun!

This coming weekend, Saturday, July 28th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. We have this break from trips because many ELI classes will be having Final Exams next week, and we want to give you plenty of time to study.

The following Saturday, August 4th, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at Ginnie Springs. Enjoy barbecue chicken and sides from Sonny's Barbecue restaurant which will be served around 12:30pm. After eating, have fun tubing or canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. This is the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

Who: All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

When: Saturday, August 4th. We will meet at Norman Garage at 10:30am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

Cost: Entrance into the park is \$10.00 plus tax and the barbecue is FREE and delicious! Tube rental is \$6 plus tax and we can share tubes. Canoes can also be rented.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Ginnie Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. Please sign up on the Activities Board by 4pm on Thursday, August 2nd, so we know how much food to order. *If you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for*

you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you!

What to Bring: Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!!! Also bring sunscreen. If you want to rent a tube or canoe you will also need an ID and credit card. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

What Not to Bring: No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

Congratulations Raquel!

Everyone at the ELI would like to congratulate Raquel! She has been accepted to the JET Program to teach English in Japan. Raquel has been at the ELI since Spring 2010 as a language assistant and recently, as the CIP Assistant. Raquel's last day at the ELI will be Thursday, July 26th. Be sure to stop by the CIP office to congratulate her and say goodbye! We will miss you, Raquel!

Reminders from the Office

Petitions: The deadlines to turn in a petition are August 6 and August 9. The final petition committee meeting will be held on August 13 and final decisions will be sent to students on August 14. All decisions made by the petition committee are final. Petition forms may be picked up at the main office.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmity fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Student Mailbox: Please come and check the mailbox for any mail that you may have. There is a big stack of letters waiting for you.

Have an expiring I-20? Daryl must see you BEFORE August 16th if your I-20 expires on August 16, 2012.

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? 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 you leave the country.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period July 23 to July 30:

Students:

July 24: Marília Massard da Fonseca
July 26: Ryota Ozaki
July 26: Stephan Duffek
July 27: Sarra Abudabous
July 28: Lilia Hoyos Motta
July 28: Mohammed Al-Muntakh
July 28: Siham Alhaider
July 29: Javier Lopez
July 30: Enriqueta Martínez-Rojas

Staff:

July 25: Diana Pineda
July 29: Todd Allen
July 30: Kirsten Wetherbee

Manners and Culture

Q: What happens if I don't give up my seat on the bus for elderly people or pregnant women?

A: Nothing much will happen. While in other cultures it is assumed that you will give up your seat, in the United States it's just a nice thing to do. It's not absolutely expected of you although you might get a couple of mean looks from the other bus riders (who may now have to give up their seat since you didn't).

Q: Why do American guys never kiss each other when they meet?

A: Most American customs related to greetings come from Northern Europe and Northern Europeans tend not to touch each other. If you see two American men kissing, it might be for the following reasons. If they kiss on the cheek, they probably have some connection to Mediterranean or Hispanic culture. If they kiss on the mouth, as is becoming more common these days, then they may be a couple.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between "thing" and "stuff"?

A: "Thing" is a count noun (it can be made plural) and "stuff" is a noncount noun.

- I left my things at my house.
- I left my stuff at my house.

Q: What is the difference between "people" and "person"?

A: "People" is the plural of "person". Many of you may ask, "What about 'persons'?" Well, that word exists, but it's only used in official instructions and legal documents. The usual plural is "people".

Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



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