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The ELI Weekly

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Lake Wauburg!

Come out and have some fun!

Join the ELI
at Lake
Wauburg's

North Shore where we will be swimming, rock climbing, and playing other sports. There's a large area for having a picnic with your language assistants and friends!

Where: Lake Wauburg's North Shore

When: Meet at Norman Garage at 11:00 am
We will be returning around 4pm.

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.
Please sign up on the Activities Board by
Thursday, May 30th.

The Next Trip

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

Note from Daryl

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Daryl, he will only be available Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays this term. Tuesday and Thursday he will be helping new students before they arrive.

Daily Afternoon 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 6:30pm- 9:30pm	Game Night (Tanya)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 6:30pm- 9:30pm	Basketball (Travis)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Wednesday 6:30pm- 9:30pm	Coffee Talk (Sharon)	Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Starbucks on Archer Rd. Bring \$5-\$10 for snacks
Thursday 6:30pm- 9:30pm	Volleyball (Jonathan)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free
Friday 6:30pm- 9:30pm	Dinner Night* (Sarah)	Meet at the restaurant. Bring \$10-15 for dinner.

*The restaurant for Dinner Night will change each week so make sure to check the CIP Board in Norman Hall and to ask your Language Assistants.

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.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 27 to June 2:

Students:
May 29: Fawaz Alqahtani
June 1: Daniel Claros Vasquez
June 1: Firas Abed

Staff:
None this week

Happy birthday everyone!

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: What's the difference between "borrow" and "lend"?

A: It's the same as the difference between "take" and "give". You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. The verb "lend" is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun "loan".

- Can I borrow pencil?
- Can you lend me a pencil?
- Can you loan me a pencil?
- Can I take a pencil?
- Can you give me a pencil?

Quote of the Week

Absorb the energy of the new semester, take it with you, and apply it to your classes, your homework, and your English and it will carry you through the semester.

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