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The ELI Weekly

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Summer Break

Relax! Enjoy!

This coming weekend, Saturday, June 22nd, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Next week, June 24th to June 29th, there are no ELI classes since it's Summer Break. If you do not have any plans for Summer Break yet, we have some suggestions for you. It's probably going to be very, very hot, so we recommend that you stay indoors.

Try the local restaurants:

- Blue Highway Pizza
- Tasty Buddha
- Vello's Brickstreet Grill
- Mi Apá Latin Café

Visit the local museums:

- Harn Museum of Art
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Matheson Museum

Watch a play at

- The Hippodrome Theatre
- Acrostown Repertory Theatre,
- Gainesville Community Playhouse

Do something off-the-beaten-path:

- Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
- Kika Silva Pla Planetarium

If you want to brave the heat, you can

- Go tubing on the Ichetuknee
- Go tubing on the Santa Fe River
- Visit your apartment complex's pool
- Visit Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

The best place to get information about activities in Gainesville is the site below:

www.visitgainesville.com

Here are some good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations.

www.travelocity.com
www.expedia.com
www.orbitz.com

You can also visit Miami, Atlanta, Savannah, and other cities within a short drive. If you're planning on renting a car, be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

Please remember that missing any classes on the Friday before Summer Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences. Also, remember to get your I-20s signed if you plan on leaving the country even if it's a cruise to the Bahamas.

The Next Trip

Our next weekend activity will be our **Midterm Picnic**, which is also our **B-Term Welcome Picnic**, on Saturday, June 29th.

Join us in welcoming the new Summer B students to the ELI family! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. It will be a fun day in the sun to have a picnic at Yulee Pit.

There will be sports, games and great conversation!

When: Saturday, June 29 at 12:00pm

Where: At Yulee Pit across 13th Street from the ELI.

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sun-block. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Summer C students need to sign up on the sign-up sheet.

Everyone is welcome!

Reminders from the Office

Go to class: There are no excused absences for any reason. You are allowed to miss 15% of classes but any classes that you do miss will negatively affect your grade in class and more importantly, your ability to improve your English.

Speak English: You're here to learn English and the best way to learn is by using it all the time. This includes in the hallways, in the classroom before class starts, and while eating lunch.

Wait Your Turn: Please be polite in the office and wait until the office staff have finished helping the person or people ahead of you.

Smoking: There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus. If you need to smoke, speak to your LAs about places where it might be acceptable. Please put your cigarette butts in a trash can or you can be given an expensive ticket for littering!

New Student I-20s: We still have about 30 *Active I-20s* for new students. If you plan on leaving the country and coming back in, you need the *Active I-20s* in order to get back in.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from June 17 to June 30:

Students:

June 23: Dahong Lee

June 24: Manuel Robles Morillo

June 28: Khalid Alzahrani

June 29: Daniel Perdomo Aagaard

June 30: Sohaub Hamada

Staff:

June 19: Emily Kirby

June 29: Valentina Komaniecka

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is public transportation poor in most American cities?

A: The United States is very wide and has a lot of open space. Many of the major cities outside of the Northeast and Upper Midwest became large cities after the invention of the automobile. These two factors created a need for a strong highway system, rather than a strong public transportation system as is common in older countries. Rising gas prices and damages to our environment are forcing us to reconsider these choices.

Q: Why don't the buses run at night on the weekends?

A: The bus routes are based on ridership and profits. The more people that need a route, the more busses that run on that route. Not as many people ride the bus late at night on the weekends, so RTS doesn't offer services because it would be a waste of resources.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between most and almost?

A: *Almost* is an adverb and *most* is an adjective. You cannot use *almost* in front of a noun.

- Correct: All students speak English
- Correct: Most students ride the bus.
- Correct: Almost all students take grammar class.
- Incorrect: Almost students take grammar class.

Q: When do I use little and few?

A: The quantifiers *little* and *few* emphasize that there is almost none or that there is much less of something than would normally be expected. *A little* and *a few* mean that there is a small amount, but probably enough.

- I have a little money so I can go out but I can't do much.
- I have little money so I can't go out at all.
- A few people came to the party so we partied until 5 am!
- Few people came to the party so we went to bed early.

Q: What tenses can I use with the expression, from time to time?

A: This is a frequency expression that basically indicates a habit. So, you can use any of the simple tenses, plus *used to* and *be going to*.

- My mother used to cook beans from time to time.
- I go to the beach from time to time.
- From time to time, this class is going to do impromptu presentations.

Quote of the Week

You have exactly one life in which to do everything you'll ever do. Act accordingly.

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