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The ELI Weekly

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Clearwater Beach and Marine Aquarium

Fun in the sun!

Come for a day
of fun at
Clearwater

Beach! First, we will drive to Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see dolphins, including Winter from the movie *Dolphin Tale*! Then, we're going to the beach to swim and see the sunset!

When: Saturday, July 20th. We will meet in front of Norman Hall at 9:30 am. We will return to Gainesville around 11:00pm.

Transportation: You must buy a bus pass from Nate in Norman 318 between 9:00am and 12:30pm. Bring \$28 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to buy a pass. The bus passes are non-refundable. Come early before they sell out!

Cost: The bus pass that you purchased before plus extra 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 and your bus pass!!

The Next Trip

There is no ELI trip scheduled for July 27th, since your finals are starting. The next weekend, on Saturday, August 3rd, we will be holding our **End-of-Semester**

Barbecue! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Reminders

University and College Admissions Workshop: Remember that the seminars will be Friday, July 19th at the following times:

Seminar 1:

When: 11:10am to 12:00pm

Where: Undergraduate in NRN 260

Where: Graduates in NRN 270

Seminar 2:

When: 12:30pm to 1:20pm

Where: Undergraduate in NRN 260

Where: Graduates in NRN 270

Please do **NOT** miss your grammar class! Attend during a time when you are not in class.

Student Voices: Remember that *Student Voices* is due Friday, July 26th. Entries should be submitted electronically with a title, your name, and RW class to mpjimenez@ufl.edu.

Library Fines and Infirmary Fees: If you owe any fines or fees, please pay them. We won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you if you don't pay them.

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!

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the Summer 2013 semester for the Fall 2013 scholarships.

Carlos Luis Arrieta Marrufo
Waleed Bin Masoud
Mohammad Dahl
Santiago Gallegos
Hyojin Lee
Carlos Moreno Benitez
Luis Stein Ruiz
Zhengyi Zhang

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria:

- Full-time semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.

- **Excellent Attendance:** The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- **Speak English:** The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- **Successful Work Strategies:** The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

The winners will be announced in next week's *ELI Weekly*.

Fall 2013 Dates

Returning for Fall C? Check in online between August 30 and September 3. The check-in link will be available on August 30 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 11.

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.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 15 to July 21:

Students:

July 15: Khalid Alhabib
 July 16: Wassem Al Housami
 July 16: Mohamed Zainel
 July 17: Jihad Al Issa
 July 18: Mohammed Alothman
 July 20: Abdullah Kandari

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

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.

Q: What is the correct way to ask my friend to take me somewhere?

A: There are different options which I wrote below:

- Could I have a ride?
- Could I get a ride?
- Could you give me a ride?
- Could you drive me

Wrong: Could you ride me?

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, one 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

Q: Can I use too with that? For example, I am too tired that do my homework?

A: No, because *too* already carries the *that* meaning.

- Did you do your homework?
- No. I'm too tired to do my homework.
- I'm so tired that I didn't do my homework.

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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