This is a very exciting week! We have two activities for you to participate in. As always, feel free to bring your family and conversation partners.

**Fanfares & Fireworks**

Come celebrate the United States’ Independence Day with music and fireworks. We will walk to Flavet Field to hear patriotic music and see the fireworks. This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

**When:** Thursday, July 3rd, at 6:30 pm

**Where:** We will meet at the Reitz Union Subway at 6:30 p.m. and the walk over to Flavet Field. Students coming after 6:45 can meet us at Flavet Field.

**What to Bring:** This activity is FREE! Bring a blanket to sit on. You can bring something to eat and drink if you like, or you can bring some cash to buy food. We will walk over, so wear walking shoes. You should bring bug repellent as well.

**Pool Party**

Come cool off with us on Saturday! The ELI will be heading to the community pool on July 5th. The Westside pool has diving boards, lap lanes, a waterslide, and a splash area for small children.

**When:** Saturday, July 5th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Westside Pool, 1001 NW 31st Drive. We will be meeting at Norman Garage at 11:00 a.m. and carpooling to the pool. We will leave the pool around 2:00 pm

**Cost:** The admission will be $4.45 for adults and $2.55 for anyone under 18 (make sure to bring your state ID to show that you are under 18!)

**What to Bring:** Make sure to wear your swimsuit and bring a towel and sunscreen! Since this is a community pool, please do not wear thongs, underwear, or regular shorts as a bathing suit or you will not be allowed in the pool. You can also bring your own lunch, but please eat at the picnic tables.

**Independent Day:** Friday, July 4th, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be no RTS bus service this day.

**The Next Trip**

Next weekend, we will be going to participate in the second Volunteer Day of the semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s Weekly.

**Daryl out:** Daryl will be out of the office from July 3rd to July 18th. If you need to see him, please make an appointment before he leaves. While he is away, you can make an appointment with Emily but if possible, you should wait until he returns the following week.

**Notes from the Office**

**Manners and Culture**

Q: Why isn’t tobacco banned everywhere in the US?

A: Tobacco itself isn’t banned in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings. Currently, there are only 28 states that have smoking bans in enclosed public spaces. One of the reasons that
smoking hasn’t been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans.

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don’t Americans ban alcohol?

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can’t drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

A: One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas. Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it’s unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs.

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Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield