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# The ELI Weekly

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## Clearwater Beach and Dali Museum

*Fun in the sun!*

Have you ever visited any of the beautiful beaches

in Florida? If you haven't, this is your perfect chance! Clearwater beach has crystal clear water and soft white sand; that's why it's ranked among America's most beautiful! Clearwater is located in Pinellas County, near to Tampa and St. Petersburg.

We'll also be visiting the Dali Museum. The museum is dedicated to the work of the infamous artist, Salvador Dali. It has the largest Dali collection in the United States! Join us and you'll surely enjoy it!

**When:** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 9:00 am. We will return to Gainesville around 11:00pm.

**Transportation:** You must buy a bus pass from Nate in Matherly 211 between 9:00am and 12:30pm. Bring \$32 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 which include entrance into the museum 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 26<sup>th</sup>, since your finals are starting. The next weekend, on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be holding our **End-of-Semester Barbecue!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Reminders

**Student Voices:** Remember that *Student Voices* is due Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Entries should be submitted electronically with a title, your name, and class to [mpjimenez@ufl.edu](mailto:mpjimenez@ufl.edu).

### Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the Summer 2014 semester for the Fall 2014 scholarships.

Karen Lopez Valero  
Francisco Marchi de Azevedo Lourenço  
Solangel Padilla  
Erick Perez Sifontes  
Maria Reigadas Fernandez  
Jose Vasquez Rodriguez

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.
- 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.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.

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

### Fall 2014 Dates

If you are 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. No students will be accepted after September 12.***

If you are going home and want to return to the United States, before you leave, you must get your I-20 signed. When you return, you must report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

If you are taking a vacation semester, you must let Daryl know before September 10.

If you cannot study in Fall C but want to return for Fall B or Spring C, please speak with Daryl.

**Transferring to another school?** You'll need to show Daryl that you have been accepted to the new school before August 8 and he can release your I-20 to that program.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans make such a big deal about their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday?*

A: Turning 21, for most young adults, is a big deal because they feel like they are really starting to begin their adult life. Also, they are now allowed to legally drink.

*Q: Why don't young people in the U.S. care about their families?*

A: Not all young people are the same, but most young adults see this period in their lives as a time when they can grow up and become independent. Most young people do care about their families, they just have different ways of showing it.

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between less and fewer?*

A: Use *fewer* if you're referring to people or things in the plural (e.g. houses, newspapers, dogs, students, children).

- People these days are buying **fewer newspapers**.

Use *less* when you're referring to something that can't be counted or doesn't have a plural (e.g. money, air, time, music, rain).

- It's a better job but they pay you **less money**.

*Less* is also used with numbers when they are on their own and with expressions of measurement or time.

- Their marriage lasted **less** than two years.

*Q: What is the difference between comparatives and superlatives?*

A: Use the comparative form to show the difference between two objects.

- *New York is more exciting than Seattle.*

Use the superlative form when speaking about three or more objects to show which object is 'the most' of something.

- *New York is the most exciting city in the USA.*

## Special thanks

A special thanks to Reading Writing 44 for contributing to this edition of the *ELI Weekly*.

## Quote of the Week

Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done.

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