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# The ELI Weekly

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## End-of-Semester Barbecue

*Come join the fun!*

On Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at **Lake Wauburg** while enjoying a barbecue lunch. Canoe, paddleboat, or kayak on this lake owned by the University of Florida. Eat barbecue chicken, corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw! You can also play volleyball, frisbee, football, and soccer! We'll be sitting under a covered pavilion even if it rains and it's the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

**When:** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 12:00pm. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

**Who:** All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

**Cost:** Free! Entrance to the lake, canoe rental, kayak rental, and paddleboat rental are all free with your Gator 1 ID card. We will also have free barbecue food!

**Transportation:** This is a carpool trip. Lake Wauburg is about a 20-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board next to Matherly 211 by 4 PM on Thursday, July 31st.

**What to Bring:** Bring your Gator 1 ID and wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!!

**What Not to Bring:** No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

## From the Director

I'm very happy to share some exciting news with you! A local private charitable organization called the Hall-Halliburton Foundation heard about the Jayne C. Harder and JC Casagrande Peace Scholarships. When they heard that 6 students were nominated for the scholarships, but only two could be selected, they decided they wanted to help. They were impressed at the requirements for the scholarship nominees, and thought that four people who were such good students should receive recognition.

For this reason, the Hall-Halliburton Foundation is going to provide scholarships for the ELI Fall C Semester for the four Scholarship Nominees who were not selected for the ELI Scholarships. Congratulations to Karen, Solangel, Erick, and Jose! On behalf of the ELI, I would also like to publicly thank the Hall-Halliburton Foundation for recognizing the hard work and dedication of our ELI students.

## The Next "Trip"

On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our **ELI Summer 2014 Commencement Ceremony**. Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## CELT for Part-time Students

If you're a part-time student, you need to take the CELT on Friday, August 1.

The grammar CELT is from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Matherly 4. The listening/speaking CELT is from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm Matherly 4. Please arrive on time!

## Reminders from the Office

**Please don't write on the desks.** There's just no excuse for this behavior.

**Want to hang out with your friends one last time?** Join us for afternoon activities this week since it's the last week.

**Want to move to the next level in your classes?** Take the CELT, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class.

**Certificates:** If you can't pick up your certificate at the Commencement, please stop by Matherly 223 *before* August 8<sup>th</sup> to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We can't give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or Fed-Exed, please see the office for the cost.

**Owe the infirmary or library any money?** Please pay it or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet.

**Have immunizations issues?** If you haven't resolved the immunization issues, we won't be able to give you your grades, packet, nor your schedule next semester.

**Returning for Fall C?** Check in online between August 30 and September 3. 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?** 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?** Talk to Daryl.

**Transferring to another school?** Talk to Daryl.

**Returning for Fall B?** Talk to Daryl.

**Expiring I20?** Talk to Daryl before it expires.

**Fall schedules:** Schedules will be available for pick up on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Only **you** may pick up your schedule, not friends and family. Classes will also start on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Mailbox:** Please come and check the mailbox for any mail. There is a big stack of letters waiting for you.

## St. Francis Food Drive

If you are leaving the country at the end of the semester, you may have a lot of personal belongings that you will want to get rid of. Donate it to St. Francis House and help the homeless and hungry in Gainesville. Here is what you can donate:

**Unopened Food:** Rice, mayonnaise, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, juice

**Clean Clothes:** T-shirts, jeans, shorts, towels and washcloths (new or used), laundry detergent (powder or liquid), bleach

**Home Items:** Garbage bags, dish soap, floor cleaner, Windex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, disposable plastic cups and plates

If you have a donation, please bring it to Matherly 211. We will be accepting donations until August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the difference between major and career?*

A: A major is what you study in university and a career is what you do for a job. For example, my major was linguistics but my career is English teacher.

*Q: Is the word "redneck" discriminating?*

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who's using it and how it's used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a "red neck"). It can be

used by such people in a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you're sure, it's best to avoid using such terms.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between passive and adjectives made with past participle?*

A: The best way to test whether something is passive or an adjective is to add *by someone*. If it makes sense, then it's probably a passive. If it doesn't make sense, it's probably an adjective. Sometimes it can be both. Another test you can try is to rearrange the words so the adjective/verb in question is before the noun. Try it with the following examples:

- The dog was tired (by someone?). The tired dog...?
- The money was taken (by someone?). The taken money...?
- The vase was broken (by someone?). The broken vase...?

## Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



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The dog was tired. [Adjective]  
The money was taken. [Passive]  
The vase was broken. [Both]