Rainbow Springs State Park

What: Rainbow Springs is one of Florida’s most beautiful state parks. It has a waterfall, hiking trails, and clear blue water perfect for swimming and snorkeling. You can come swim, hike, canoe, and play volleyball with your new ELI friends! We will be located at the Dogwood Pavilion.

When: Saturday, May 23rd. We’ll meet at Norman Garage at 10:00am. We will leave the park around 4:00pm.

Cost: This is a carpool trip so please sign up on the activities board by 4:00pm, Thursday, May 21st. The entrance fee is $2.00 cash per person.

What to Bring: A swimming suit, sandals, towel, and a packed lunch.

Next Weekend: Volunteer Weekend

Learn about volunteering in the United States while you help with different projects around Gainesville! Check the board in Matherly next Monday for signups and the ELI Weekly for details.

UF Services

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You’ll need to get a letter from Olga in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don’t have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. Once you get a Park & Ride decal, you may park in the Red and Red One sections of Norman Garage but not in the Orange section. This is only for the summer!

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you’ll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the Education The Weekly Newsletter of the English Language Institute Volume 124, Issue 1 May 19, 2014 Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O’Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts for free by showing your Gator 1 card. However, the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, the Southwest Recreation Center, and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees so they are not free. If you want to use these facilities, you need to pay a membership fee. You can talk to Emily if you have questions.

Notes from the Office

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course: Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Matherly Hall: Students, please remember to use the east entrances close to 13th Street when entering Matherly Hall. It is crime to walk through a construction site. It is also very dangerous. Also, please don’t remove the chairs that are stacked in the hallway.

No class: Monday, May 26th is Memorial Day. The ELI Office will be closed, there will be no classes, and the buses will not be running. Enjoy your day off!
Student Spotlight: Scholarship Winners

Jayne C Harder: Espoir Exaucé Dofu Ndandou

“If there is one thing that really had a positive impact, is the quality of the teaching at the ELI. Actually, I can realize my improvement from 4 months ago. I also like the attitude of the teachers.”

JC Casagrande: Atenas Calzadilla

“Don’t be shy. Don’t be afraid to make a mistake. Always speak English and try to learn. Don’t be afraid to say something wrong; there is someone who is going to help you.”

If you’re interested in being nominated for a scholarship this semester, read the requirements online.
Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the weeks of May 11 to May 24:

Students:
- May 12: Mohammed Aljardan
- May 15: Fahad Alharbi
- May 16: Jifeng Wang
- May 16: Hye Jin Park
- May 16: Raimondo Del Grande Ferraro
- May 19: Dahye Kim
- May 21: Reham Almehmadi

Staff:
- None this week

Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following activities this week:

- **Monday**: Monday Mixer at the Starbucks on Archer Road, 7 to 10pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.
- **Tuesday**: Soccer at Norman Field, 7 to 10pm. Bring water!
- **Tuesday**: Lollicup on 34th Street, 7 to 10pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.
- **Wednesday**: Coffee Talk at Panera Bread on Archer Road, 7 to 10pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.
- **Thursday**: Volleyball at Lexington Crossing, 7 to 10pm. Free!
- **Friday**: Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas, 12:30 to 1:30pm. Bring your own lunch or $5 for Krishna lunch.

Places of Origin

Here at the many places of origin of our students:
Manners and Culture

Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don’t understand when I should tip. What restaurants should I tip at?

A: At restaurants where you have full service from a waiter like The Top or Gator Suyaki, you should leave between 15% to 20% of the total bill. If your bill was $25 and you leave $2, this is not enough!

Some full-service restaurants nowadays automatically include an 18% gratuity in the bill for large groups. If you’re splitting the bill and the restaurant didn’t add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

At restaurants that have partial service like Tijuana Flats or Bennos, where you order at a register and they bring the food to your table, it’s nice to leave a small amount. Here $2 is ok, usually on your credit card receipt.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Maude’s or Leonardo’s where you order at the counter and then pick it up at the cashier, it’s not necessary to leave a tip. However, if they were extra friendly or helpful, it’s always nice to leave a couple of dollars for the tip.

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only $4.77 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of $7.79.

Grammar

Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?

A: On is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use on for bicycle, horse, and motorcycle. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use in.

• I got on the bus.
• I got on my horse.
• I got in my car.

Vocabulary of the Week

Look for these words in this Weekly!

access (N/V) - a way of entering or leaving; the act of approaching or entering. Collocates: easy, equal, limited, public, gain, allow, restrict

Activate (V) - to put in motion or move to act Collocates: alarm, memory, muscle, emergency button