Volunteer Day

Free! Wear comfortable clothes for being outside and closed toed shoes. You should bring a water bottle to each volunteering activity as well! Please check the board as there may be more spaces to sign up later in the week. Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, May 28th at 4pm and arrive ON TIME at Norman Garage or be ready for your LAs to pick you up. Please don’t sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Samantha in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

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<td>LAs will be picking you up from your home at 8:30 am! Help walk dogs, play with cats and keep their living spaces clean and safe! In addition, we will be helping the Humane Society with any cleaning or organizing help they may need.</td>
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<td>Food4Kids Backpack Program</td>
<td>LAs will be picking you up from your home at 9:30 am! Help reorganize a local food pantry that gives families and children in Gainesville backpacks full of food every weekend!</td>
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<td>Kanapaha Gardens</td>
<td>LAs will be picking you up from your home at 9:30 am! Help keep one of Gainesville’s botanical gardens beautiful! We will be helping mulch, weed and water their plants in addition to other gardening.</td>
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<td>Students meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm Help create door decorations for the families that live at Ronald McDonald House. If you like doing arts and crafts and being creative this activity is definitely for you!</td>
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Notes of the Office

Matherly Hall: The sign on the west entrance reads, “THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ANY-ONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY.” If you are convicted of a third degree felony you may face up to 5 years in prison, 5 years’ probation and a $5,000 fine. Your visa will be revoked and you will be deported. Hence, do NOT use the west stairs.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you received a note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily in Matherly 223 if you don’t understand the note. If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.
Check out more photos on the UF English Language Institute Group! If you want to share your photos from the CIP activities, you can post them in the Facebook group or you can email them to EILSlideshow@gmail.com. Please include your name in your email!

This Friday’s Activity

Join us for the Friday activity this week:

Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas, 12:30 to 1:30pm. Bring your own lunch or $5 for Krishna lunch.

Next Weekend

Next Weekend: Universal Studios

On Saturday, June 6th, the ELI will be going to Universal Studios in Orlando. This trip is a bus trip, so you will need to bring $20 cash and your Gator 1 ID cards to Nate in Matherly 211 between 9 am and 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday (starting next Tuesday). There are limited seats, so buy a bus pass early!
Student Spotlight: Former Student

Jassom Alnaama

"I was a shy guy, I don’t like to interact or hang out with people but after I met with a lot of people, that make a difference for me. The ELI helped me improve my English from a lot of programs that they have like conversation partners, the weekly activities, there is a lot of stuff that I really love about the ELI. — Current student at Hillsborough Community College

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 25 to May 31:

Students:
May 26: Asim Attar
May 26: Berkay Baysal
May 28: Tomohito Kawasaki
May 29: MESHARI ALJOHANI
May 29: Aljawharah Almuqbil
May 30: Mubarak Alrumaihi
May 31: Ibrahim Al Qarqoush
May 31: Mohammed Alshammari

Staff:
None this week

Bicycle Safety

Our ELI classes are spread all over campus and some students ride bikes to get to classes on time. We think this is awesome and we definitely encourage using a bicycle. However, bicycle safety is very, very important and it is taken very seriously here in Gainesville and on the UF campus. You should park your bike in well-lit areas and lock it up when you park it. The best lock is a U-lock. This kind of lock looks like a U and is very difficult to cut or break. Be sure to put the lock through the bike’s frame and wheel as well as the bike rack.

If you bike, be sure that you familiarize yourself with the rules of the road. Bicycles should ride in the bike lane or all the way to the right side of the road if there’s no bike lane. Use hand signals when turning and pay close attention to traffic signals such as stop signs and stop lights. If you’re caught breaking these rules, you risk possible injuries and could result in tickets and fines. Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles, $154 for a moving violation, $104 for a non-moving violation, and $52.50 for a violation specific to bicycle operation.

Also, register your bike with the University Police Department. If your bike is stolen, this will help the police find it. Registering is a very quick and simple process. Just go to the UPD building on Museum Road and ask the officer at the front desk to help you register. If your bike is stolen, call the UPD immediately. The faster you call them, the better the chance of them finding your bike.
Manners and Culture

Q: Is it OK if I didn’t give a tip to the pizza delivery man despite the fact that I paid the delivery fee?
A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip $2 per pizza to your driver.

Q: Is it disgusting for Americans to eat by hand?
A: It depends on the food. Basically, we have a good number of foods that are considered “finger foods”. Anything that resembles a sandwich (stuff between pieces of bread), breads, cheeses, raw vegetables and fruits, crackers, cookies, fries, chips, and of course, pizza, are finger foods. Also, fried chicken is usually eaten with the fingers, particularly in the South. Most people here, though, eat most foods that are wet or excessively oily with some kind of utensil.

Q: Some of my classmates don’t use deodorant and the classroom smells strong sometimes. Is it okay if I tell them?
A: No, but it’s okay if I do here. Some students come from cultures where everyone uses deodorant and some students come from cultures where almost no one uses deodorant. Neither system is better than the other. However, if you come from a culture that doesn’t use deodorant, than you probably smell very strongly to your deodorant-using classmates and some teachers. You don’t have to do anything to change this if you’re comfortable with it, but this might be a reason why some classmates sit far away from you. They might also be talking about this. If you want to tell your very, very close, deodorant-less friend about this talk, do so, but somewhere very private!

Likewise, if you use a lot of perfume or cologne, please be aware that some people might be allergic and might choose not to sit near you for this reason.

Grammar

Q: I ask, “Are you at the lab?” and my student replies, “Sure.” He means yes, or of course, but it doesn’t really make sense. I’ve had other students make this same mistake.

How do I explain the difference between ‘yes’ and ‘sure’?
A: “Sure” only means “yes” when you’re accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn’t mean “yes” when it’s simple factual information. Look at the questions below. When can you reply sure and when must you use yes?

• Would you like to go to the movies with me?
• Do you like pizza?
• Is Dr. W. Kent Fuchs the new UF president?
• Does your grammar class start at 12:30?

Vocabulary of the Week

Look for this word in this Weekly!

whereas (Conj) - in contrast or comparison with the fact that