Outdoor Laser Tag

This weekend, the ELI will be going to M2 Battlesports in Newberry to play an evening game of laser tag. Come play your friends in an exciting game of laser tag! It’s similar to paintball, but you won’t get hurt! The games are quick and action-packed. It’s great for the competitive students in your class who always feel the need to win.

When: Saturday, June 13th. Arrive at 4:30pm and return around 9pm.

Where: Meet at Norman Hall Parking Garage.

Cost: $18 cash or $20 credit

What to bring: Comfortable clothes and shoes that can get dirty and water.

Next Weekend: No CIP Activity

On Saturday, June 20th, the ELI will not have a CIP Activity so that you can prepare for your midterm exams. However, there will be some volunteering opportunities available for some students. The next CIP Activity is the Midterm Picnic, on June 27th.

This Friday’s Activity

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

Notes from the Office

Summer Break and I-20s: Remember to have the ELI Main Office check your I-20 if you plan to leave the country.

Fire Drills/Alarms: Whenever you hear a fire alarm, whether in Matherly Hall, Norman Hall or in any other building, you need to leave the building quickly and quietly. Getting out in an orderly and expedient fashion may well save your life. Also, please note that the fire alarms must never, ever be pulled by anyone other than building management unless there is an actual emergency. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is against the law.

Attendance

Because of US immigration law, we can’t excuse absences for any reason, but we do allow non-probationary students to miss up to 15% of their classes with no penalty (this semester, that’s 36 total class hours). We also encourage you to bring a note from the infirmary to show your teacher whenever you are sick. We can’t erase your absence, but your teachers will allow you to make up any work you missed as long as you communicate with them.
Gainesville is very quiet in the summer but there are still plenty of things to do.

You can cool off at Lake Wauburg with friends. Just bring your Gator 1 ID and some sunscreen!

Join us next week for more ideas!

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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 EISlideshow@gmail.com. Please include your name in your email!
Teacher Spotlight

Zoe Witty

MJ: What is your favorite thing about the ELI?
ZW: My favorite thing is definitely teaching many students from all over the world. Meeting new students every semester keeps me from getting bored with my job and gives me challenges in my life.

MJ: Is there something interesting about you that you want to share with the students?
ZW: I like to play board games.

MJ: What advice do you have for students?
ZW: Students! You need to know yourself! Learn your strengths and apply them; learn your weaknesses and overcome them. There are so many things that I want to say, but it is never enough. Check out this website: https://www.englishclub.com/learn-english

Summer Safety

North Central Florida has very interesting weather! It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. Therefore, you should always have sunscreen and an umbrella in your backpack. Remember to drink lots of water and eat right. If you can’t eat or drink during the day, make sure to do it before you leave your house and when you get home after school.

One hazard that you should watch out for is lightning. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime in Florida in a year than anywhere else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. If it looks like it’s going to storm, you should go inside as soon as possible. A car is also a safe place. DO NOT stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area and don’t use a metal-tipped umbrella.

Occasionally, there are tornado watches or tornado warnings. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. DO NOT ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car.

Another thing that you should prepare for is hurricanes. You can go to http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/ to keep informed of hurricane activity, and they also have some excellent preparation and planning tips. Also, of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go. The main thing about the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about early preparation!
Manners and Culture

Q: Why is public transportation poor in most American cities?
A: The United States is very wide and has a lot of open space. Many of the major cities outside of the Northeast and Upper Midwest became large cities after the invention of the automobile. These two factors created a need for a strong highway system, rather than a strong public transportation system as is common in older countries. Rising gas prices and damages to our environment are forcing us to reconsider these choices.

Q: Why don’t the buses run at night on the weekends?
A: The bus routes are based on ridership and profits. The more people that need a route, the more buses that run on that route. Not as many people ride the bus late at night on the weekends, so RTS doesn’t offer services because it would be a waste of resources.

Grammar

Q: What’s the difference between “borrow” and “lend”?
A: It’s the same as the difference between “take” and “give”. You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. The verb “lend” is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun “loan”.

- Can I borrow pencil?
- Can I take a pencil?
- Can you lend me a pencil?
- Can you loan me a pencil?
- Can you give me a pencil?

Vocabulary of the Week

Some words have lots of definitions. How many can you think of for this word? Look in this Weekly to find one.

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