Volunteer Day

This weekend, there’s no official weekend event, but there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer! Sign up by Thursday, June 18th 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.

The Humane Society: Play with dogs and cats or clean and organize. LAs will be picking you up from your home at 8:30am.

Ronald McDonald House: Do arts and crafts for families. Students meet at Norman Garage at 12:45pm.

Project Downtown Gainesville: Serve lunch to the homeless community and interact with English speakers from different cultures. Students meet at Norman Garage at 12:30.

Next Weekend: ELI Midterm Picnic

On Saturday, June 27th, the ELI will be welcoming new students for the Summer B term! We’ll have a welcome picnic for them in front of Norman Hall at 12 p.m. Come eat free food and make new friends!

Summer B Students

The Summer B students will start class after the break. Please make them feel welcome by talking to them at the Midterm Picnic and by inviting them to the CIP activities.

This Friday’s Activity

Dinner at Five Guys on Archer Road, 7 to 10pm. Bring money for burgers, fries, and a drink.

Notes from the Office

Please remember that we continue to track your attendance through August 6, 2015. Per ELI and SEVP rules, all non-probationary students are permitted a maximum of 36 hours of absences regardless of the reason. This includes absences for leaving early, hospital visits, or religious holidays. Students who plan to leave early must consider the immigration implications and how it will affect their grades and promotion for the following term. We cannot make special arrangements for students who leave early and it may mean that you will have to repeat a class. In some cases, your sponsor may require you to repay the tuition for the term. If there is an emergency and you must leave early, please make sure that you see Daryl right away.

Use the break to recharge your batteries! Then study hard and go to all your classes. The end of the term will then much easier for you!
#HumansoftheELI

Ideas for Summer Break

Try the local restaurants
- Burrito Bros. (Mexican inspired food)
- Reggae Shack Café (Jamaican food)
- Vellos Brickstreet Grill (fancy food)
- Midnight Cookies (late night deliveries!)

Visit the local museums
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Harn Museum of Art
- Matheson Museum

Watch a play at
- The Hippodrome Theatre

Brave the heat and
- Go tubing at Ginnie Springs
- Visit Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
- Watch the bats come out at dusk
- Ride bike on the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail

Check out more stuff to do in our awesome city
- Gainesville
Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 15 to June 28:

Students:
June 18: Rayan Milibary
June 21: Abdullah S Alanazi
June 23: Mohamed Almotawah
June 24: Mashael Alsaqer
June 25: Saad Alshamari
June 25: Nada Aldagher
June 25: Sangheon Park
June 28: Habib Alsharidah
June 28: Sabrina Chiomento Marquez

Staff:
June 19: Emily Kirby
June 27: Amanda Catron

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 ElISlideshow@gmail.com. Please include your name in your email!
Manners and Culture

Q: What kind of spider is this? I almost walked into a web and now I’m terrified to walk outside of my apartment.

A: This is a banana or golden silk orb weaver. The females’ bodies can grow up to 2 inches (5.1 cm) and the males are much smaller (1 in or 2.5 cm). They love to make their webs in wooden areas between trees. They are not harmful, but their bite hurts a little (that’s what I read. I’ve never been bit, thankfully!). They’re very common in the summer months, when they’re more active.

Q: Is it safe to drink water from the water fountain?

A: Yes. The federal government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974. This act makes sure that the water that comes out of the tap, including the faucets in your apartments, is safe to drink. In fact, tap water is so tightly regulated, many studies have shown that it’s cleaner than bottled water.

Q: In my country, people brush their teeth in public bathrooms. Do people do that in the US?

A: After doing a quick survey of my colleagues, it seems that brushing your teeth is in public restrooms happens but not very often. It also depends what kind of public restroom. It’s more common in an office building where people work than a mall restroom. But don’t be afraid to brush your teeth. Personal hygiene is important!

Grammar

Q: What’s the difference between be used to and get used to?

A: Be used to means that you are already comfortable with that thing. Get used to means that you’re in the process of getting comfortable with it. Here are some examples:

- I’m used to hot weather since I’ve lived in Florida my whole life.
- The students are getting used to the daily rain showers.

Vocabulary of the Week

Here’s another word that has multiple meanings. Look in this Weekly to guess the part of speech and the definition.

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