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# The ELI Weekly

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## Outdoor Laser Tag

*Play with your friends!*

Come play laser tag on a team of your ELI friends at M2Battlesports in Newberry.

**When:** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Norman Garage at 4 pm.

**Cost:** The cost of Laser tag will be \$18+tax cash or credit card.

**What to Wear:** You should wear clothes that can get dirty with long sleeves, long pants, and closed toed shoes. Dark colored clothing is best so that you are more camouflaged. Also, you should wear tennis shoes since we will be in the woods.

**Notes:** This is a carpool trip, so you must sign up on the Activities Board by 4PM Thursday, May, 19<sup>th</sup> or on Eventbrite.

To play, you must get a Laser tag waiver signed *before* you go to the activity. You can fill out the laser tag waver online at [m2waiver.com](http://m2waiver.com) or ask your LAs for help.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Universal Studios Orlando**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Reserve your spot on the bus by bringing \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID to Nate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211). You can buy the pass starting Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>,

from 9am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include admission to Universal Studios (\$105 + tax). Please come early; these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

## Notes from the Office

**Deadlines:** The deadline to pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and drop or add a class in Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you miss this deadline, go to the Main Office immediately to complete these requirements!

**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).

**Feeling Sick?** If you get sick, you should send your teachers an email from home or talk to them when you get back. If you are going to be out for 5 or more days, please call the office and let us know.

**Student Mailbox:** Please come to the office from time to time and check the mailbox for any mail that you may have.

**No class:** Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. The ELI Office will be closed, there will be no classes, and the buses be running on reduced service. Enjoy your long weekend!

## UF Services

**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 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 or Victoria if you have questions.

**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 the ELI Main Office 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!*

## Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following weeknight activities:

**Monday:** *Monday Mixer* in the Reitz Union Game Room, 7pm. Great time to meet Conversation Partners!

**Tuesday:** *Soccer* at Norman Field, 7pm. Free!

**Wednesday:** *Smoothie Talk* at the Tropical Smoothie on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 7pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.

**Thursday:** *Volleyball* at Lexington Crossing, 7pm. Free!

**Friday:** *Café Fridays* at the Starbucks on Archer Road, 7-10pm. Bring money for drinks and snacks.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 15 to May 22:

Students:

May 15: Diana Escobar Rivera

May 15: Jieun Kim

May 15: Sunggi Noh

May 15: Gustavo Prates

May 16: Musaad Alazmi

May 17: Rafaela Ferra Bruno

May 20: Omar Alshammari

May 21: Maria Linares Rivas

May 22: Mohammed Alkhudhair

Staff:

May 22: Tiffany Frison

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## 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?*

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 Bento, 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 Chipotle 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.

Tippling in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$5.03 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$8.05.

## 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.

## Words of the Week

Look for these words in the 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

## Quote of the Week

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain



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