Paintball!

Come out and have some great fun!

We’re going to play Paintball this weekend!

Paintball is a popular game in the US. A group of people arm themselves with guns that shoot balls of paint. They then go out in the woods and shoot at each other in games of strategy. If you like the outdoors and great competition, this trip is a lot of FUN!

We will play on Saturday, January 21st. We will meet at NRN Garage at 12:30pm. You can play for as long as you want to, usually for about 2 hours. The fields close at 5pm. This is a carpool trip, so you must sign up on the Activities Board by 5pm Thursday, January 19th. If it is raining on Saturday, call 392-3354 x230 after 10am to find out if the trip has been cancelled.

The cost is $15 for 100 bullets. This covers the rental fee for your gun and safety equipment, use of the field, and 100 paint bullets. You may pay an extra $2 and get 200 bullets if you want to.

Paintball is not a dangerous game, but the paint bullets can sting bare skin. For this reason, you should wear clothes that can get dirty with long sleeves and long pants. Dark colored clothing is best so that you are more camouflaged. Also, because we will be in the woods, you should wear sneakers. Also, it may be warm on Saturday, and it’s pretty strenuous activity, so bring water!

Join us; it’s lots of fun!

Notes from the Office

➢ Immunizations-Don't forget; we must have proof of your immunizations for you to be allowed to attend classes. The deadline this semester is Friday, January 27th.

➢ Class Attendance-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

➢ Student Mailbox-Don’t forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

Computer Accounts/IDs

This Friday afternoon, we will walk you over to purchase your UF Gator 1 ID and get your UF computer accounts. You will need to bring $15 for the ID, your ELI Tuition Receipt with your ID# on it, and a photo ID, such as your passport or a driver’s license. We will meet at the Norman Hall Garage at 1pm and walk over.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be here in Gainesville for Volunteer Day. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s Weekly. Also, there will be a Volunteer Seminar next week.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from Jan 20-26:

Students:
January 20: Hea Ran Kim
January 21: Duhovi Marich
January 23: Ibrahim Alamir
January 25: Fatima Al Khars
January 25: Ibrahim Al Khars
January 25: Francisco Lopez
January 26: Dong A Lee

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday to one and all!
The following is a list of ELI Countries represented by our students, listed by the country or area you put down when you signed in:

- Argentina
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ecuador
- Germany
- Niger
- Saudi Arabia
- Spain
- Colombia
- Taiwan
- Ecuador
- Turkey
- Germany
- USA
- Honduras
- Venezuela

Manners and Culture

We could use some questions, everyone! Teachers, it’s a great idea to have students write down a few as a small project; and students, if you have anything that you would like to ask about, don’t be shy! Just write down your questions and give them to your teacher, or just walk into the ELI Main Office, 315, and place it in my mailbox—the teacher box marked ALLEN. Meanwhile, recently, several students have inquired about tipping rules. So, we’re running our traditional beginning-of-the-semester column on tipping:

When do you tip? Well, most often, you tip for services received. The origin of the word "tip" is something that is not 100% certain, but the most common story is that it comes from the acronym To Insure Prompt Service. There are many situations where tipping is expected, but there are some that you might think require tipping that don't. The following is a pretty good indicator--though not a totally exhaustive list--of when and where and how much you should tip:

**Hairdressers and Nail Sculptors:** 15 to 20% of the total bill

**Hotels:** Bellhops, $1 per bag; $5 minimum total; Concierge, $5 to $10 for special services; Maids, for long stays, $1 per person per night, at the end of stay; Room Service, 15% of total-sometimes already added in bill (check!)

**Parking:** Valet parking at a hotel or restaurant, $2. Note that many people now tip both dropping off and picking up.

**Pizza Delivery:** $1 per pizza

**Restaurants:** 15 to 20% of the total bill; more if the service was particularly memorable or if you have many special requests which are promptly and cheerfully honored. Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants have a minimum wage of only $2.13 an hour—only about 40% of the national minimum wage.

**Taxis:** $1 minimum, 15% on fares over $8. Drivers in large cities expect 20%.

Additionally, in some places, there will be people who help you outside with your purchases (as in the grocery store). With a particularly helpful person or a particularly large order, you may offer a tip of a dollar or two--but if you see a sign inside the store (once again, as in many grocery stores), that employees are not allowed to accept tips, don't offer. Another note to remember about tipping is that when you are part of a large party in a restaurant and you are splitting the bill, make sure that you calculate and include the tip in the amount you contribute to the total amount paid; this is a common error which often shortchanges the service person. Some restaurants nowadays automatically include a 15% gratuity in the bill for large groups.

**Quote of the Week**

It is grossly selfish to require of one's neighbour that he should think in the same way, and hold the same opinions. Why should he? If he can think, he will probably think differently. If he can not think, it is monstrous to require thought of any kind from him.

---Oscar Wilde