

ELI Weekly



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Fun in the Sun at Lake Wauburg

Cool off on beautiful Lake Wauburg this Saturday, **May 27**. We'll gather together to canoe, kayak, hike, rock climb, play sports, or simply relax by the water. Bring your family and friends, and experience the beauty of Florida's natural wonders.

Lake Wauburg is about fifteen minutes away by car, so we'll meet at **11:30am** in the Norman Hall Garage to carpool. Each car will decide when they're ready to return, though most will probably come back around 4pm. To participate, **sign up** on the activities board **by 5pm** on Thursday, **May 25th**. In case of rain, call 392-3354, extension 230, after 8am, to find out if our plans are still the same.

There's no cost to enter Lake Wauburg, nor to rent canoes and kayaks, as long as you bring your UF ID. You should wear your bathing suit and bring water and a picnic lunch. There are grills on which to barbecue if you would like.



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Food, Folks, and Fun

There's something going on with the Cultural Immersion Program every weeknight! Visit the activities board or ask your Language Assistant for more information.

Mondays, Lamia, Naomy, and George welcome your help in planning an ELI talent show. Meet at 4:30pm in 341B Norman Hall.

On **Tuesdays**, Rome coordinates game time: pool and bowling, to be exact. Meet in the Norman Garage at 4:30pm, and bring \$5-\$6 for bowling shoes and pool.

Every **Wednesday**, Lamia and Jackie host Coffee Talk and shopping at the farmer's market. Meet at either 3 or 4:45pm at Norman Garage. Riding the bus is free with your UF ID, but coffee costs a few dollars at the downtown Starbucks.

Thursdays offer different activities every week, as Andrew coordinates Thrilling Thursdays. Check the activities board every week for details.

On **Fridays**, Carol will lead a group to Movie Nights, free with your UF ID. Meet at 6pm in Norman Garage.

Countries Represented

Apologies to our students from **Bolivia**, whose country was not listed in last week's issue!

Manners and Culture

We're still looking for your input! If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our *ELI Weekly* editor, Nora Spencer, at noraspencer@gmail.com, or put questions in her mailbox (marked *Spencer* in the ELI Main Office).

Q: How can I stay safe from alligators?

A: You may have heard about the recent alligator attacks in Florida. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission, alligators are more active in the springtime. As the weather gets warmer, their metabolism increases, and they must eat an increasing amount of food. Still, alligators are generally more likely to hide from humans than attack them.



These recent incidents are a reminder that we should be cautious. If you see an alligator, leave the area immediately. Don't linger to take photos or watch the animal. Never, ever feed an alligator—it's illegal and unwise. Avoid swimming in areas that are dense with vegetation, and be careful walking on trails by water, especially during dawn and dusk. In the rare case that an alligator chases you, don't run in a zigzag pattern, as one myth suggests. Instead, run straight away from the gator as fast as you can—they usually don't run very far.

For more information on alligators, visit <http://myfwc.com/>.

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes this week to:

May 24: Adel Hadal

May 26: Ali Al-Deshan

May 29: Kwang Sung Jung

Notes from the Office

Immunization Deadline—Proof of immunizations must be received by Friday, **June 2nd**, or you will not be allowed to continue to attend classes. No exceptions.

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. If students miss more than 15% of classes during the semester, they will not receive a certificate.

Memorial Day Holiday

Sleep in late, get a few extra hours of studying, or have a picnic with some friends—Monday, **May 29th** is the Memorial Day holiday, and there are no classes.



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