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# The ELI Weekly

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## Daytona Beach

*A day of fun in the sun!*

**WHAT:** Come for a day of surf, sun, and sand at world famous Daytona Beach. We will drive to the beach in the morning and spend the day sunning, swimming, and having fun!

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 21st. We will meet at the Reitz Union TRiP office located on the ground floor at 8:30 AM. Our return time will depend on how long we want to spend at the beach. The latest we will return to Gainesville would be 10:30 PM.

**COST:** This is a van trip so you must purchase a transportation pass for \$25 at the TRiP Office by WEDNESDAY July 18 at 4:00 pm. As of Friday afternoon, July 13, there were 6 spaces left. We will go rain or shine! Bring money for lunch and dinner. You should also bring money if you want to buy anything at the shops in Daytona Beach. If the van is not full, we might have to cancel the trip.

- WHAT TO BRING:**
- A bathing suit
  - A towel
  - Water
  - A picnic lunch
  - A change of clothes
  - SUNBLOCK!

### Activities Schedule

The following is the activities schedule for the remainder of the semester; please check the Activities Board for possible changes!

Monday 4:15 PM	Volleyball (Josh/Tracy)	Meet at NRN Garage Free
Tuesday 4:15 PM	Basketball (Forest)	Meet at NRN Garage Free
Wednesday 7:00 PM	Coffee Talk (Max and Michele)	Meet at Kay's Coffee on Archer Road Free (Bring money for coffee and food if you like.)
Thursday 5:15 PM	Thoroughly Thrilling Thursdays (Olga)	Meet at NRN Garage Varies
Friday 6:00	Gator Nights (Andy and Tracy)	Meet at Freshen's at the Reitz Union Free (Bring UF ID.)

### Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.
- **Part-time students and TOEFL:** Part time students, don't forget-if you wish to take the ELI TOEFL with the other students, you must actually sign up for it in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. If you have not already done so, please go and sign up as soon as possible.
- **Travel and I-20s**--Don't forget, if you are planning to leave the country during the break between semesters and then return to the US, you must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

## Next Weekend

Next Weekend, on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be staying here in Gainesville and going to Skate Station Funworks! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 18-26:

Students:

July 18: Ki Yong Kim  
July 22: Fu Shen Chang  
July 23: Kyong Sub Lee

Staff:

July 21: Scott Davis  
July 24: LaDaun Jackson  
July 26: Noreen Baker

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## New Feature: Grammar!

Okay, students, by popular demand, we are instituting a grammar column!

Send in your questions about grammar, and I'll do my best to try to answer them here.

*Q: I'm confused about when to use "whom". Can you explain it?*

A: You and about 99% of the native speakers out there. Actually, the word is beginning to disappear from our language. "Whom" is the object pronoun in an adjective clause. The only time that native speakers use it in conversation is when they put a preposition first, as in, "For whom did you bake that cake?" The problem there, of course, is that most of us don't even put that preposition first...even though it would be correct to say, "Whom did you bake that cake for?" most people would say, "Who did you bake that cake for?" So, in conversation, pretty much unless you are putting the preposition first, don't worry about using "whom". In writing, test yourself by asking if there is already a subject in your adjective clause. If there is, and you're describing a person, you should use the pronoun "whom". If the pronoun *is* the subject, use "who".

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What are the traditional foods in the US?*

A: There's no one really good answer. The US is made up of many different regions, each with its own foods and customs. Mainly, you will find that hamburgers are favorites around the country, and the formerly Southern specialty fried chicken is really popular, too. In the Northeast, seafood is very popular. In the South, heavy fried foods are the norm. In the Midwest, corn is probably the most ubiquitous food. In Texas and the Southwest, it's beef and northern Mexican spices. And in the Pacific Northwest, Salmon is very popular. Generally, you will find that most Americans have bread and potatoes as their starches, but there are variations on that, too!

## Quote of the Week

The easiest thing in the world to be is you. The most difficult thing to be is what other people want you to be. Don't let them put you in that position.

Leo Buscaglia



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