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Hoggetowne Medieval Faire *Journey back to Europe's Middle Ages!*

This Saturday, February 2nd, we will be going here in Gainesville to the **Hoggetowne Medieval Faire!**

The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is a festival where people remember and celebrate the **medieval times**. Step back in time, cheer on **royal knights** as they joust on horseback and charge head-on at a full gallop with only a lance and shield to defend themselves. Watch a chess game played out with **human chess pieces** on the Living Chessboard! Laugh along with **jugglers, magicians** and a colorful cast of characters! There will be plenty of **great food and fun**. This is a wonderful place to bring your family and children.

WHEN: Saturday, February 2nd. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 AM. We will probably return around 3:00-4:00 PM depending on what time your car leaves. This is a carpool trip so you must sign up on the activities board by 4:00 PM Thursday, January 31st.

COST: Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-17 and free for children 4 and younger. Bring money for food. You should also bring some spending money if you would like to buy gifts and souvenirs!

If it rains Saturday morning call 392-3354 ext. 230 before 10:00 AM and listen to the message to see if the trip has been cancelled
Have a great day, everyone!

Notes from the Office

- **Did you leave the country?-Returning** ELI Students: If you left the United States between the semesters Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 please bring your I-94 to Scott or Daire in the ELI Main Office, Room 315, Norman Hall.
- **ELI T-Shirts**-Don't forget, we have the ELI T-Shirts for sale in the ELI main office, \$10 each, sizes S, M, L, X-L, 2X, cash only, exact change, sold from 8:30am-1:30pm.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be headed to Ocala for the **I-75 Super Flea Market**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Incident in the NRN Library

Warning!
Be Carefull!!!

Two victims reported seeing an unknown male exposing himself to them while in the Education Library in Norman Hall. He is described as black, 24-30 years of age, having an athletic build, goatee (small beard) with white in the middle, short hair, and wearing a black shirt and blue shorts.

The victims reported him immediately to the librarian, who called the police. They did the right thing!!

If you ever see anyone doing or saying anything offensive or illegal, you should report it right away!

You should talk to the closest university or business employee immediately. You should also report all suspicious activity on campus to the University of Florida Police Department at (352)392-1111.

For emergencies, dial 911. Remember, never hang up after you dial 911.

Also remember:

Never leave your belongings or books unattended, even in ELI classrooms!

Do not ask strangers to watch your belongings.

Do not walk alone at night.

Lock your doors and do not open the door to strangers.

Talk to Barbara in the ELI office if you have any safety concerns.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of February 1-7:

Students:

February 5: Ramón Padilla

February 6: Joana Urdaneta

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: What are the rules for drinking alcohol?

A: Well, in almost all places in the US, you have to be at least 21 to do it. And, if you do it and you drive, you risk losing your license and paying hefty fines and going to jail (not to mention the possibility of killing or injuring someone). Also, if you're under 21 and use a fake ID to do it, you risk fines, jail, and deportation. On that same note, it's illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under 21.

Here in Gainesville, we also have what's called an open-container law. It's illegal to be outside walking around with an open container of alcohol. The fact that many people actually do it during UF football game times doesn't actually change this.

Q: Why are the teachers really strict with punctuality?

A: Well, first and foremost, they are all required by official ELI policy to be strict with both punctuality and attendance. Also, it's a very strong cultural point of view for us. To Americans, it's rude and arrogant to

be late—it indicates that you think that your own time is more valuable than everyone else's. In the classroom in particular, it's difficult to get things going for all the students if all the students aren't there.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between "have to" and "had to"?

A: Tense. "Have to" is for present or future requirements and "had to" is for past obligations that you actually performed. For past obligations that you *didn't* perform (and you regret that you didn't), we use "should have".

Quote of the Week

If you want your life to be more rewarding, you have to change the way you think.

--Oprah Winfrey

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