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# The ELI Weekly

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## Canoeing on the Santa Fe River

*Outdoor Fun!*

The ELI is going canoeing on the Santa Fe River! We will rent canoes and float down the river for approximately 2 hours. Along the way we can see several of Florida's famous springs, as well as lots of birds and wildlife!

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at Norman Hall Garage at 9:30 AM. We will likely return to Gainesville around 3:00 PM.

**COST:** The cost for renting a canoe for the trip will be **\$18-23 per person.**

**WHAT TO BRING:** You should wear a bathing suit and shoes that can get wet. Bring a picnic lunch and **water!!!** You will not be able to take this on the river, but you can keep it in the car. Do not bring any valuables that could get lost in the river. If you bring a camera, be sure to put it in a sealed plastic bag so it won't get wet. Also, bring sunscreen and a towel!

### The Next Trip

Next week, on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, our next trip will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Volunteer Day** of the Spring Semester.

Details about this activity will be presented in the volunteer seminar and

will also be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Spring, 2008 will be taken on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:55pm. Students in Listening/Speaking classes will leave and walk over together with their teachers or LAs at 2:45pm. For any and all students not taking L/S classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who wants to participate, we very much would like to encourage you to come and join us for the picture.



### Notes from the Office

- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist, Scott, in the main office to make the

appointment rather than going directly to the administrator. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed. Please do not expect to walk in to the office and speak to an administrator right away.

- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms or elsewhere at the ELI, do come and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

### Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 21-27:

Students:

March 22: Wen-Chien Chien  
March 24: Sun Young Choi  
March 25: Anne-Lise Peco

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## B-Term Countries

The following are the countries and places represented by our students in our new B-Term:

Bolivia	Peru
Brazil	Russia
Burkina Faso	Saudi Arabia
China	Spain
France	Taiwan
Iraq	Thailand
Japan	USA
Korea	Venezuela
Nicaragua	Vietnam

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do all the clubs close at 2am?*

A: Well, the official reason is that it's supposed to get people off the streets earlier. In practice, there's a lot of debate as to just how effective this is.

Some people feel that it really doesn't matter what time the bars close—you're just as likely to have drunk people on the road no matter what. Gainesville is not the only place in Florida with 2am closing times; even places as large as Orlando also do this!

*Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.*

A: Most of us don't. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a PhD degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms.". At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

## Grammar

*Q: How can I figure out the system for the stress on syllables?*

A: You can't. There isn't one. I know that's a horribly frustrating answer, but English just doesn't have a standardized system for syllable stress or for spelling. If you're used to using rules to make sense of language, this is one area that will drive you the craziest (some others are phrasal verbs and gerunds vs. infinitives) in that it doesn't have rules that make any logical sense.

## Quote of the Week

While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.

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