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Summer Break

Staying in Florida? There's lots to do!

Next weekend, Saturday, June 21st, marks the beginning of our **Summer Break**.

If you do not yet have any plans for Summer Break, we have some suggestions for you! Within an easy day's drive from Gainesville, you will find Atlanta at one end and Miami at the other, with Savannah, Jacksonville, Cedar Key, Orlando, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and many other interesting places in between. There are a number of good Internet resources to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations, notably Travelocity, Expedia, and Orbitz, found at <http://www.travelocity.com/>, <http://www.expedia.com/>, and <http://www.orbitz.com/>. And, if you really want good bargains and are feeling adventurous, then you can try out Priceline bidding at <http://www.priceline.com/>. If you're planning on renting a car, then be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

If you would like advice on travel, especially if you're going to Orlando or staying here in the Southeast, then please feel free to ask me about it anytime. You may stop by my office

(Room 310) or e-mail me at toddy33@ufl.edu and I'll get back to you as quickly as possible!

If you are among those staying in Gainesville, there are lots of things to do, too! If you like museums, there are the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, both located on the southwest side of campus. Each of these provides a nice afternoon of cultural enjoyment. If you like nature, check out the Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. And if you like bicycling, there is the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail -- 15 miles of paved cycling trail that winds through Paynes Prairie and beyond. Also, you can try the Depot Avenue/Waldo Road trail system.

Wherever you go and whatever you choose to do, be careful and have a great time!

Office CLOSED for Break

Next week, during Summer Break, the ELI Main Office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 22nd-24th. The office will reopen

for its normal schedule on Thursday, June 25th.

The Next Trip

On Thursday, July 2nd, we will be holding our Midterm Picnic.



This is also the Welcome Picnic for the new B-Term students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. This will be a picnic across the street at Broward Beach. There will be sports, games and great conversation.

WHEN: Thursday, July 2nd at 5:30 pm, after classes are over. Check www.cipupdates.blogspot.com for rain plans.

Even though this is not a carpool trip, you must sign up on the activities board by 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 18th so we know how much food to order. Please also sign up your family and friends that you plan to bring!

WHERE: Behind Broward and Yulee Halls (Across 13th Street from the ELI).

COST: This trip is completely FREE!

WHAT TO BRING: Wear tennis shoes and sunblock. We will provide the food so come hungry!!

Notes from the Office

- **Summer Break and I-20s**
Summer break is only a week and a half away! If you plan to leave the US *at all* during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada or Mexico—please remember to come to the office to have your I-20 signed so that you won't have trouble getting back into the country!
- **July 4th Holiday**—The week that we come back from break, on Friday, July 3rd, there will be no classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the weeks of June 19-July 2:

Students:

June 24: Daniel Lorente Gomez
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June 27: Abdulghadir Alamri
July 2: Michael Mendoza

Staff:

June 19: Emily Kirby
June 29: Valentina Komaniecka
Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: How many varieties of race are there in America?

A: There are lots of definitions. Basically, most people tend to divide it into Caucasian, Asian/Pacific Islander, African-American, and Hispanic/Latino (did you know that the US has the 5th largest Spanish-speaking population in the world?). The census actually has 60 categories for non-Hispanic and 60 categories for Hispanic!

Q: What does "Cash back" mean when using a debit card?

A: Since the debit card is actually tapping into your checking account, you can use it the same way you would a check. You can write a check for larger than the amount of your purchase and get change. You can do the same when you use your debit card. This is handy when you might need a few dollars in cash for something later that you might not be able to use your debit card for.

Grammar

Q: Grammar Questions : What is the difference in using "Among" and "Between"?

A: "Between" is for only two things and "among" is for more than two things.

Quote of the Week

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

--Plato



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