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The ELI Weekly

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Rock Climbing

An afternoon of extreme fun!

On Saturday, July 31st, join us to spend the afternoon **rock climbing!**

Come join the ELI as we climb the 53-foot wall at the Lake Wauburg South Shore. It's a fun and exciting outdoor sport.

What if you do not want to climb? That's ok! You can play softball, horseshoes or soccer. There's canoeing, hiking, and a large area for having a picnic with your language assistants and friends!

What to wear/bring: Wear closed-toed shoes!! Bring water, sun block and a picnic lunch.

Cost: FREE. Bring your UF ID.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our End-of-Semester Barbecue! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

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.

- **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!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 30-Aug 5:

Students:
July 30: Gisele Vieira
August 2: Abdulaziz Alnajjar
August 3: Abdullah Alattas

Staff:
July 31: Patricia Moon

Manners and Culture

Q: When should we say "hi" and when should we say "hello"?

A: In most any situation when you're talking in person, "hi" is more appropriate. "Hello" is usually relegated to answering the telephone.

Q: Why don't Americans try to discover more about other cultures instead of developing such ridiculous stereotypes?

A: That's a very good question. The only answer I have is that, as with so many habits that many of us consider negative, it's easier to be complacent and ignorant.

Q: What is the action called "double dipping" and why is it rude?

A: It refers to taking a chip, putting it in the dip or the salsa, taking a bite, and then putting the chip back in the dip for more. One can hope that you now understand why that's rude without further explanation.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between "thing" and "stuff"?

A: "Thing" is a count noun (it can be made plural) and "stuff" is a noncount noun.

Q: What is the difference between “people” and “person”?

A: “People” is the plural of “person”. Many of you may ask, “What about ‘persons’?” Well, that word exists, but

it’s only used in official instructions and legal documents. The usual plural is “people”.

Quote of the Week

I have failed many times, and that's why I am a success.

Michael Jordan



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