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# The ELI Weekly

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## Commencement

*Can you believe it's already here?*

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Summer term, 2007.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All students and staff are welcome to attend. You are encouraged to invite your friends and relatives as well. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

## TOEFL

The ELI's Institutional TOEFL will be given on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in Room 127NRN. The testing rooms will be assigned to you at registration. The Registration Schedule for the TOEFL is as follows:

### **FULL-TIME ELI STUDENTS**

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm**  
Room 331NRN

### **MUSLIM STUDENTS' REGISTRATION**

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30pm**  
Room 331NRN

**IMPORTANT NOTE #1: You MUST be on time. If you arrive even ONE MINUTE late, you will not be permitted to register at the regular time. You will have to register with the part-time and non-students, and you will be permitted to register only if there is space. You will also have to pay a late fee of \$40.**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have a problem and cannot register at your assigned time, please come to the ELI Main Office BEFORE WEDNESDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup>, to receive a different registration time.

**PART-TIME ELI Students and Non-ELI Students**  
**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am, Room 331NRN.**

Part timers, remember that you also must sign up in the ELI Main Office ASAP in order to have a space at registration.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #2:**  
**Everyone, bring A PICTURE ID AND A NUMBER 2 PENCIL to TOEFL registration.**

## Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.** All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate of completion from the ELI. **Please remember to be on time.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate of completion from the ELI.

The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

### **9am-11:30am:**

Section 20	311NRN
Section 30	313NRN
Section 40	341BNRN
Section 41	341NRN
Section 50	341ANRN
Section 60	340NRN
Bridge	309NRN

### **1:30pm-4pm:**

Advanced	313NRN
Hi Intermediate	340NRN
Low Intermediate	341NRN
Part-Timers (no RW)	341ANRN

## The Weekend Trip

Food, soccer, swimming, tubing, volleyball, and much more! All at beautiful Ginnie Springs. Lunch will be catered by Sonny's Barbecue and will be served around 12:30 PM.

WHEN: Saturday, August 4th. We will meet at Norman Garage at 10:30 AM. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4 PM. If it is raining on Saturday, call 392-3354 ext. 230 after 9 AM and listen to the message to find out if the trip has been moved to Sunday.

COST: Entrance into the park is \$10.00 plus tax (this is a discount!!!) and the barbecue, catered by Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q, is FREE and delicious!

Tube rental is \$6 plus tax and we can share tubes. Canoes can also be rented.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a carpool trip. Ginnie Springs is about a 45 minute drive from Gainesville. You MUST SIGN UP on the Activities Board by 4 PM Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Even if you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you!*

WHAT TO BRING: Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!!! Also bring sunscreen. If you want to rent a tube or canoe you will also need an ID and credit card. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: How many people live in the US?*

A: This year, we passed the 300million mark. We're 3<sup>rd</sup> in population in the world, quite a bit behind China and India.

*Q: Why isn't Puerto Rico a state?*

A: It's a complicated question, but mainly at this point it seems to be because the Puerto Ricans don't want it to be. Puerto Rico is a US Territory. This means that Puerto Ricans are US citizens with US passports, but they don't get full representation in the US government and its decision-making processes. The trade-off for this lack of representation is that Puerto Ricans don't pay US Federal taxes. There have been a number of elections in recent years to ask the people whether they want independence or statehood or whether they want things to stay as they are, and so far, the "stay as they are" seems to be the most popular choice.

## Student Guide Contest

Students, the ELI is looking for original artwork for the cover of the ELI Student Guide! Show us what you can do! Guidelines: 8 1/2"x11" maximum, Black and White (will not be printed in color), any media acceptable (pencil, ink, digital, etc.). The deadline is **Friday, August 3, 2007**. Turn in your entries to Scott in the ELI Main Office. All entries will be posted and voted on by ELI students and staff. The winner will be announced at commencement, and the winner will receive a gift certificate to the UF bookstore!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "even if" and "even though"?*

A: The reality of the situation. We use "even though" when the situation is a fact already. We use "even if" to say that it doesn't matter whether the situation is a fact or not. For example, if we know that all the students are working hard but failing grammar, we might say, "Even though the students work hard, scores are very low." If, on the other hand, we know that only some of them are working hard and many others aren't, but all the scores are low, we might say, "Even if students work hard, they still get low scores."

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period August 3-31:

Students:

August 16: Ya-Jing Liou

August 20: Ali Albeladi

August 23: Masaki Kudo

Staff:

August 13: Steve Flocks

August 13: Megan Forbes

Happy Birthday one and all!

## Quote of the Week

Life is a series of problems. Do we want to moan about them or solve them?

*M. Scott Peck*

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