



IELI WEEKLY MEMO



University of North Texas

Intensive English Language Institute

Summer, 2009

Week 4: June 29—July 3

A. IELI Activities

Game Night—Every Tuesday night, 5:30—7 p.m. in the IELI Student Lounge. Bring some snacks, relax, and play some games with other IELI students and teachers.



Fourth of July Fireworks—Saturday, July 4, 5:30—10 p.m., at Fouts Field. Celebrate this American holiday with the rest of Denton. Fireworks usually begin around 9 p.m. Go on your own.

Hurricane Harbor—Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Hurricane Harbor is a water amusement park in Arlington. It has big water slides, water rides, pools, a lazy river and more. Sign up in Meghan's office, ISB 214, if you would like to attend. IELI students' entry is free. Friends and family not in IELI can attend for \$14.99.



B. Class Pictures



Class pictures will be taken in all **WRITING** classes on Monday, July 6. Be sure to look your best!

Funniest "Crazy" class picture will be printed in the Week 6 Weekly Memo. Start practicing your funny faces. :p

D. Design Contest

Congratulations to Afnan Deebani, Ahmad Alansari, Focus Lee, Mohsen Izadi, and Shokoufeh Jashnani for winning the "English Only" sign design contest.



Their signs will be posted around IELI, and they will get to go to a pizza party on Friday!

D. IELI Websites

Check out IELI's website for current students: <http://www.ieli.unt.edu/>. On *IELI Today* you can find copies of the Weekly Memo, Activity calendar, the IELI Star magazine, and lots of photos from IELI events.

Also, IELI has a new blog: <http://untieli.wordpress.com>. Check it out for stories and photos about IELI. You can leave comments, too.

If you have photos you would like to share with IELI for the website or if you would like to write a blog post for IELI, e-mail Meghan at Meghan.Merchant@unt.edu.



E. Home Visit Survey

If you participated in an American home visit on June 20, please stop by Meghan's office (ISB 214) and sign a "Thank You" card for your hosts. Meghan will put them in the mail on Wednesday this week.

Thanks to those students who filled out the home visit survey. It was great to hear your thoughts! Here's something that one student wrote about her experience:



"American Home Visit"

By *Afnan Omar Deebani, Level 1*

On Saturday, June 20, at 6:15 p.m., I had an interesting trip. The trip was an American home visit. I went with two of my friends to two girls' home. Their names are Mandy and Julie. The girls were very nice and cute. When I went to their home, I took off my scarf because there weren't any strange men. I think the girls were surprised because they think I always wear a scarf. After that, we ate dinner at 7:00. The girls made fruit salad, noodle salad, and grilled black bean burgers for dinner. The food was very delicious, especially the fruit salad. After we ate the dinner, we ate dessert. I made for them a tray of cake. The girls liked my cake, so I was very happy. When we ate the dinner and dessert, we spoke a lot and joked. I am very glad because I made new friends in this trip. Thanks Meghan and IELI because I had an interesting time with Mandy, Julie, and my friends Fadela and Aqeelah.

F. What is the 4th of July?



The 4th of July is the United States' Independence Day. It is a special holiday for many Americans as we remember the country's Founding Fathers and celebrate the freedom we have in our country.

Americans usually celebrate this holiday with their family through activities such as barbecues and picnics. Many cities (like Denton) also have big parades in the morning on the 4th of July. At night, most people celebrate the day with fireworks. Many cities (like Denton) put on big fireworks shows. Some people buy fireworks and shoot them off themselves for fun, but you cannot do this inside a city.

G. Non-IELI Activities

4th of July Jubilee— Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. in Quakertown Park. Yankee Doodle parade begins at 9 a.m. in downtown Denton and ends at City Hall. Games and entertainment in Quakertown Park next to the Civic Center.



3rd Annual Summer Arts Festival Student Works—Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 3 at 8 p.m. in the RTFP Building Studio Theatre. Come enjoy a night of dance and theater performances by UNT students. Cost is \$5. You can buy your tickets at the RTFP box office.

Upcoming Intramural Events:

Sand Volleyball—If you want to put together a volleyball team and compete against other teams at UNT, sign up in the Pohl Recreation Center between July 13 and July 21. Games begin Wednesday, July 22. Cost is \$10 per team.

Table Tennis—If you want to compete in a UNT table tennis tournament, sign up in the Pohl Recreation Center between July 13 and July 28. Tournament is on Wednesday, August 5. It's free to enter.

