



ELI NEWS

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American Independence Day is July 4th

Independence Day, commonly known as “The Fourth of July” or “July 4th” is a very important holiday to many citizens of the United States. Americans celebrate this day because on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed and approved by our Congress. This document declared that the original 13 member states of the United States of America would become a separate nation from Great Britain, and no longer be one of its colonies.

Today, the Fourth of July is celebrated with everything from picnics to barbecues to parades. But, the most famous part of any July 4th celebration is the fireworks! Many cities put on elaborate displays of light, sound, and color for everyone to see, and Pittsburgh is no exception. The largest display will be held at Point State Park in Downtown Pittsburgh at 9:30pm. You can also find smaller, local firework displays as well by checking your local newspaper or neighborhood news.

As a reminder, the ELI will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

Enjoy the holiday!

Writers Wanted!

The ELI loves to publish articles by its students. Would you like to share your thoughts on a recent ELI activity? Would you like to write about your American experience? If so, please email your submission to us at elipitt@pitt.edu. All levels are welcome!

ELI Activity:

ELI NIGHT Calling all performers!

Get ready for one of the most highly anticipated activities in the ELI! ELI Night will be held on **Saturday, July 21** from 5-8 pm in the basement hall of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh at 159 North Bellefield Ave.



ELI Night is a potluck dinner for ELI students and teachers, Talk Time leaders, conversation partners, and their families and friends. At a potluck dinner, everyone brings a dish to share. The dish should be enough to feed you and your guests and approximately 6-8 others. There is always a diverse selection of delicious food to select from. You will not leave hungry!

To compensate guests for their hard work preparing food, after dinner, ELI students and teachers sometimes perform. If you'd like to sing, dance, or play an instrument for us at ELI Night, please let Ece know **by Thursday, July 12**, so that she can plan accordingly. If you are too timid to perform alone, get your classmates together and perform something as a group! Email Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu if you are interested in performing. She will respond to confirm your performance.

You should plan to arrive at the church at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. If you arrive after this time, you will miss out on a great deal of delicious food! If you have any questions, please contact Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu.

ELI Activity:

ELI Trip to Niagara Falls



Join the ELI on **Sat., July 28**, for a trip to Niagara Falls, New York! Niagara Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the largest waterfall in the United States.

We will depart the University on **Saturday, July 28 at 7:45 am** and return the same day **around 11:45 pm**. We need at least 30 students for this trip. The cost of this trip is **\$120** and includes:

- Roundtrip bus transportation
- Boat ride at the bottom of the Falls on the Maid of the Mist

It takes approximately 5 hours to reach Niagara Falls from Pittsburgh. We will stop on the way to Niagara Falls for lunch and we will stop on the way back for dinner. These meals are **not** included in the cost of the trip. You are welcome to invite a friend, but no children please. We will be walking A LOT.

The deadline for payment is **4:30 pm on Thursday, July 5**. Payment is by cash only and there are no refunds. Email Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu if you have any questions.

ELI Activity:



Tickets might still be available for Pitt Day at Kennywood on **Sunday, July 15!** This event sells out every year, so purchase your tickets soon at www.kennywood.com/pitt/! You can buy up to 10 tickets, so invite your family and friends! There are no refunds. As soon as you purchase your ticket, write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Vault. If you bought additional tickets for guests, write the number of guests on the sign-up sheet, and indicate if you will be taking the bus with us.

Pitt Day at Kennywood is a special day for Pitt employees, their families, and their friends. The teachers and staff of the ELI would love for our students to join us. Regular admission to the park is \$45.99, but the University of Pittsburgh has a limited number of tickets available for only **\$25!** (Children under 3 are free; seniors 55 and over are \$20.) The special Pitt Day tickets get you admission to the park for Pitt Day on July 15 and a catered picnic lunch. In addition to the special price and lunch, there will also be prizes, games, and activities for kids!

The 61C bus will drop us off at Kennywood, so it's even easy to get there! We will meet in the lobby of the ELI **at 10 am on Sunday, July 15**, and take the 61C bus to Kennywood together. The bus will pick us up at 10:20 am, so don't be late. Gates open at 10:30 am and the park closes at 10 pm. You are free to meet us at the park, but let Ece know. Ece will stay at the park until 6 pm, but you can leave the park anytime you wish.

For more details about Pitt Day, visit <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/news/new-games-menu-planned>. For information about Kennywood, visit www.kennywood.com/.

Pitt Program Council Trip to Cedar Point Tickets go on sale July 2!

Join the Pitt Program Council for a Pitt trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, on **Saturday, July 21**. Cedar Point is a 364-acre amusement park that features 16 roller coasters and 74 thrill rides... That's a world record! With roller coasters that travel at speeds of 120 mph and have 80-degree drops, it's no wonder that Cedar Point is called the Roller Coaster Capital of the World. It's also the second oldest amusement park in the US and has been named "Best Amusement Park in the World" from Amusement Today for the past fourteen years!

Tickets are \$40 can be purchased in **M-30 William Pitt Union beginning July 2**. Credit/debit card is not accepted – cash only. Please remember to bring your Pitt student ID! Your \$40 ticket includes your entrance pass, transportation to and from the park as well as a drink band good for unlimited water and soda for the entire day! (Regular admission to Cedar Point is \$49 plus tax and handling when purchased online). This trip always sells out quickly, so be sure to get your tickets as early as possible on July 2. The William Pitt Union ticket office is open from 8:30 am – 5 pm, Mon.-Fri.

More information regarding departure times and other important details will be available from the Pitt Program Council very soon (www.facebook.com/pitt.programcouncil or <https://ppc.pitt.edu/>).

Please note that this event is ticketed as a TRIP ONLY. In order to receive passes to the park, students must use the transportation provided. After you purchase your ticket from the Pitt Program Council, if you'd like to purchase a "Fast Lane Pass" to allow you to go the front of the lines at the park, that is an additional cost. "Fast Lane" passes can only be purchased online in advance or at the park. For more info, visit <https://www.cedarpoint.com/things-to-do/fast-lane>. Please note that the Fast

Lane Pass is in addition to the admission charge to the park. Fast Lane passes cannot be purchased at the William Pitt Union.

Please be aware that this activity is organized by the Pitt Program Council and **not** the ELI. Teachers cannot go on this trip and guests are not allowed.

For more information about Cedar Point, visit their web site at www.cedarpoint.com. For a complete list of their roller coasters and their "thrill" ratings, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedar_Point.

ELI Pre-registration Schedule Fall 2018

If you plan to study at the ELI next term, you must pre-register with Stacy at your assigned time in room M22. If you do not pre-register with Stacy, the ELI cannot guarantee your place for the fall term. If you plan to take a vacation term, you must see Stacy to register, too.

Registration for Sections 3F, 4J, 4K already took place on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Registration for Sections 5P, 6T will take place today and tomorrow:

Thursday, June 28:
1:00-1:50 pm

Friday, June 29:
1:00-1:50 pm

First Day of Fall 2018 Term

Please remember that if you are planning to study at the ELI next term, the first day of official attendance is Friday, September 7, 2018. If you arrive at the ELI after the first day of official attendance, you will be counted absent for each day that you miss. If you cannot arrive by Monday, September 17, you will need to wait until the next semester to attend the ELI. Please see Stacy if you have any questions.

Welcome PAEP Students!

The ELI would like to welcome the students who are enrolled in our summer Professional & Academic English Program (PAEP). This summer we have 16 students joining us from Korea, Japan and China. The program focuses on a variety of professional and academic content and consists of working professionals across different industries, as well as students who will be pursuing graduate studies. The PAEP students began on June 18th and will complete the program on July 27th. Welcome PAEP students to the ELI!

Lose Something? Check the Lost and Found!



Did you forget a book in your classroom? Did you leave your bag in the Vault? Do you think you left headphones in the computer lab? If you have lost something, please check the "Lost and Found" in the Main Office. Teachers and students routinely bring us things left behind in the classrooms.

And if you found something that belongs to another student, please bring it to the Main Office so we can help find its owner. Thank you!

Your Name on Your ELI Certificate

Each term, we award certificates for students who attend their classes. The way we print your name on your certificate is the same it was printed on the midterm grade report you recently received. If you would like to make any changes, please email the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu. Common changes including: adding a hyphen (Ji-young instead of Jiyoung), adding a capital letter (Ji-Young instead of Ji-young), or adding a middle name.

English Language Institute Final Exam Schedule Summer 2018



The ELI gives final exams at the end of the term. These exams are worth 30% of the final grade for each class. There are no excused absences for finals. The ELI does not give early final exams or make up exams. Role Play finals in Speaking are graded with another Speaking teacher. Writing finals are graded by a teacher from another class with input from your teacher.

Please note the following schedule and plan to be present for the finals.

Friday, July 27	Monday, July 30	Tuesday, July 31
Writing final 10:00am-12:00pm	Grammar final 10:00am-12:00pm	Reading final 10:00am-12:00pm
Speaking final 1:00pm-3:00pm	Listening final 2:00pm-4:00pm	

Mark your calendars! Upcoming ELI Activities



Tuesday, July 10: Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game
Sunday, July 15: Pitt Day at Kennywood
Saturday, July 21: ELI Night
Saturday, July 28: ELI Trip to Niagara Falls

ELI Writing Contest



The ELI is holding a competition for students in all writing classes. There will be one winner in each level (3,4,5,6), and the winners will be announced at the ELI Closing Ceremony.

If you have written a good composition in your writing class this semester, you should tell your writing teacher that you would like to enter it in the writing contest. Your teacher will then submit your paper for you. Your entry will be read anonymously by judges (your name will be removed from the paper, so they won't know who you are). The judges will choose the best composition from each level.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday, July 24 at 4:00 pm.

If you are in level 4, 5, or 6, your entry must be an essay that you wrote in class this semester. If you are in level 3, your entry can be a shorter composition, even a single paragraph. Each student can enter only one composition.

Good luck!

Recycling in the Student Lounge and Kitchen



At the ELI, we want to try and be as nice our plant as we can be. This includes recycling. Things that are recyclable are paper, plastic, aluminum, or steel cans, glass, and cardboard. Make sure to place all of your recyclables such as cans, bottles, and paper in the blue bin next to the trashcan in the kitchen. Please make sure to only put recyclables in the recycling bin, and put all other trash into the trashcans as normal.

Address Updates

Remember, each time you change addresses, you must notify the University of Pittsburgh and immigration. Please visit the ELI Main Office to update your address if it has changed.

Note that you must also change your address with the bank, your cell phone provider, and with any other company or office that is using your old address.

If you are expecting a refund from the university, the university will mail it to the address they have on file. Therefore, if you do not update your address, your check may be mailed to the wrong place.

Want to know what's happening at Pitt?

While the ELI News is specifically meant for ELI students, the University of Pittsburgh also has a weekly publication called *The Pitt News*. If you would like to keep up with what's happening around the university and not just the ELI, *The Pitt News* is a great place to start. While it may have some advanced vocabulary, it's a great way to practice your reading skills in English. Look for paper copies of *The Pitt News* around campus, and you can also find the stories online by visiting www.pittnews.com.



ELI Calendar Online

When and where is the next ELI activity? When is the Closing Ceremony? When are final exams? If you have questions about the ELI schedule this term or future terms, remember to check the ELI calendar online!

www.eli.pitt.edu/academic-calendar

Coffee Talk

You might be reluctant to do anything after your last class of the week. You might be inclined to just go home, but on Fridays from 4:00-6:00 PM come to Coffee Talk! Other individuals from the ELI can participate in open conversation at Panera (on Forbes Avenue). This is a way for us to relax, build community, identify potential friends, practice English, and more.

There are just a few rules:

1. The objective of Coffee Talk is to practice English, so please do not use your native language during this activity (others will chastise you if you do)
2. Because Panera does not ask us to pay for the room, please buy something to eat or drink, even just a cup of coffee or tea (frugality is not a problem)

There is no better resource to assist you with your language progress than a place to just speak English, and Coffee Talk is your place. See you tomorrow!

Belongings in the Classrooms

The ELI cannot guarantee the safety of your belongings if you leave them in an ELI classroom between classes or during the lunch break. ELI classrooms are not secure places to leave your bags, computers, or other valuables. It is always safer to keep your things in a locker. See the ELI main office if you would like to sign up for a locker for the term. Also, please remember to never leave bags in ELI hallways, the lobby, the Vault, or any other open area.



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Pittsburgh Public Pools Now Open

One way to stay cool as it gets warmer this summer is to visit one of the public pools in the city of Pittsburgh. Pools are open for the season and will stay open until the first week in September. A daily pass is available to adults for \$5 and for children ages 3 to 15 for \$3. Season passes are also available for families and individuals.



There are 18 public pools in the city. The pools in Schenley Park, Greenfield, Highland Park, and Bloomfield are likely the most convenient for ELI students who live in or closer to the city. Pools are open on weekdays from 1:00-7:45 pm and on weekends from 1:00-5:45 pm.

Small children may also enjoy visiting one of the Spray Parks in the city. These public parks have sprayers and fountains built for children of all ages. The nearest Spray Park is located at Mellon Park in Shadyside. More information is available here: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/citiparks-swimming/spray-parks.html>.

For more information, including pool addresses, visit the Citiparks Swimming website at: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/citiparks-swimming/outdoor.html>.

Remember, ELI students with a valid student ID card can access the swimming pools in Trees Hall and Bellefield Hall. For more information about the fitness centers at Pitt available to students, please visit: <https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/campus-recreation/facilities-and-hours/>

ELI Activities Photos

A picture is worth a thousand words! If you participated in any ELI activities this term, you know that Ece takes a lot of pictures. You may have seen these photos on the monitors in the student lounge and outside the main office.

Ece uploaded all of the photos to a folder on Box. She sent an email yesterday that includes a link to this folder. If you did not receive this email, please email Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu, and she will email the link to you.

