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Beach Getaway
Trip to Panama City Beach on Friday

Florida is a popular destination for tourists from all over the country. One of the most popular beaches in Florida is Panama City Beach, and it is located only two hours away from Tallahassee. Panama City is renowned for its white sand and emerald-green water. Colleges, universities, and high schools always have breaks during the spring, and Panama City is a popular destination for people on Spring Break. Sometimes the beach will be completely full of high-school and college-aged people.

In summer the beach isn’t quite as crowded, but Panama City is still popular. The CIES is going to Panama City this Friday! Please sign up on the list near the front desk so you can have space on the bus.

We will leave at 8am this Friday, so plan to be here at 7:45am. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and money for lunch at a seafood restaurant. Also, you can bring a mask or a snorkel if you have one. We will return to CIES around 6pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful places in Florida.

Congrats & Announcements

* Congratulations to Amal Yahya who was just admitted to the Master’s program in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Oklahoma State University.

** For those of you who have studied at CIES for many sessions, you may have an old version of an I-20 student visa. If your I-20 has a barcode on it, please see Lacey to get an updated version of your I-20!

*** Last week all CIES student filled out their future plans for next session. If you change your plans at any point (you decide to attend and told us you wouldn’t or you’re not going to attend and told us that you would), please let the front desk or Lacey know immediately. This helps us plan for next session.

**** For those of you who are leaving after next week, please submit your writing samples to your composition teacher. This writing can be an essay, a journal, a poem or anything else that you are proud of. The next CIES Voices competition will be in July, but all of you are still eligible to participate! Please email Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu) with any questions.

Language Question

Question: When is it wrong to say ‘in the morning’?

Answer: Is the following sentence correct or incorrect: Tomorrow in the morning I will meet my friends?

Although the above sentence might be grammatically correct, it would never be spoken by a native English speaker. Anytime you have the words tomorrow, yesterday, or any day of the week (Monday, Tuesday, etc.), you can follow them up directly with the words morning, afternoon, or evening. For example:

Thursday in the evening I will go skating. (not so great)
Thursday evening I will go skating. (perfect)

Yesterday in the morning my brother forgot to eat breakfast. (not so great)
Yesterday morning my brother forgot to eat breakfast. (fine)

Quote of the Week

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but we rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

- Maya Angelou

renowned (adjective) – famous or well-known for
eligible (adjective) – someone meets the criteria or is able to compete in a contest or competition