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# CIES Nole News

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## Wakulla Springs

*CIES will visit one of the most beautiful places in Florida*

One of the truly special places

here in north Florida is Wakulla Springs. This area is home to a geological **springs**, which is a place where water from below the ground comes up to the surface of the ground. The water is very clean and stays a cool temperature through much of the year. These springs are at the heart of the Wakulla Springs State Park. In addition to water activities in the springs (swimming, canoeing, and diving), there are many other activities. There are nature **trails** where you can hike, bicycle trails, and even trails where you can ride a horse!

CIES has a tradition of going to Wakulla Springs a couple of times every year. We will be going to Wakulla Springs this Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will leave CIES right after Friday classes end at 12:30. Transportation will be provided to Wakulla Springs. Please bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a swimsuit, and a lunch to eat.

The water will be a little bit cold, but many of you may want to swim. We will be taking a jungle boat cruise at the springs to really see the natural beauty up-close!

This is a beautiful area, and everyone should make a point to visit this fantastic park!

### Where are we from?

Even though we have fewer students at CIES this session, we have a very diverse group of students. CIES students come from the following countries this session:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Angola</b>               | <b>Brazil</b>       |
| <b>Burkina Faso</b>         | <b>China</b>        |
| <b>Colombia</b>             | <b>Ecuador</b>      |
| <b>Honduras</b>             | <b>India</b>        |
| <b>Indonesia</b>            | <b>Israel</b>       |
| <b>Japan</b>                | <b>Jordan</b>       |
| <b>Kuwait</b>               | <b>Mexico</b>       |
| <b>Pakistan</b>             | <b>Panama</b>       |
| <b>Peru</b>                 | <b>Portugal</b>     |
| <b>Russia</b>               | <b>Saudi Arabia</b> |
| <b>South Korea</b>          | <b>Taiwan</b>       |
| <b>United Arab Emirates</b> | <b>Turkey</b>       |
| <b>Vietnam</b>              |                     |

### Happy Birthday!

Since there was no Nole News last week, the following students have birthdays either last week or this week. Be sure to wish a happy (or happy late) birthday to:

- Easa Ali Alblooshi (June 23)**
- Ida Bagus Putu Putra (June 27)**

### Perfect Attendance Summer I 2016

We always talk about how important attendance is at CIES. Although nobody is expected to have perfect attendance, we do have several students who attended all of their classes last session. We would like to congratulate the following students for attending every single class last session. Congratulations!!

- Ayah Alhashim**
- Ahmed Alshammari**
- Diana Corral**
- Ngan Pham**
- Ileana Rebage Soto**
- Sylvie Sanou**
- Fadia Shuaib**
- Raul Vasquez Lorenzo**

### Quote of the Week

**Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for, we are the change that we **seek**.**

- Barack Obama

## Culture Question

*Question: What are some things that I can do on the weekends if I'm bored?*

Answer: This is a good question for many of us – both old and new students at CIES.

Here are a few suggestions of places to start off with in Tallahassee:

1- Mission San Luis is a Spanish missionary settlement that is located not far from campus near Tennessee Street and Ocala Road. There are many old and old-style buildings there, and it is a beautiful park to walk around and learn a lot about Florida history. It is also a fun place to take your family!

2- In downtown Tallahassee, you can find Challenger Learning Center and IMAX. There you can find a lot of information about space travel and exploration, and there is also an IMAX theater that plays wonderful films about science and nature as well as recent movies. (You can watch Finding Dory there now.) Check out their website and see what fun things are going on there. [challengertlh.com](http://challengertlh.com)

3- There are many parks in Tallahassee that you can visit. Lake Ella is located on North Monroe Street. It is a small park with a lake, ducks, and some neat restaurants. Lake Ella is small, but there are other much larger parks. Elinor-Klapp Phipps Park is a few miles north of Tallahassee. There are many kilometers of trails that you can walk

– just be sure to bring a map or smartphone! There's also the J. R. Alford Greenway which is a few miles east of campus. It is a huge open meadow with lots of places to picnic, hike, or just stroll around nature.

4 – The Tallahassee museum is an excellent place for people of all ages. It is located not far from the FSU Rez. There are animals, exhibits, and even a zip-line course where you can glide high above the ground in the trees.

5 – Every night there is live music playing in Tallahassee. No matter what type of music you like, you can find it. One of your CIES teachers, Rebecca Turk, often plays music. You can ask her and she can tell you some places to go and hear great music.

If you need more advice on things to do, be sure to buy the **Tallahassee Democrat** newspaper. In every Friday's issue, they print the *Tallahassee Limelight*, which lists dozens and dozens of events that are happening in Tallahassee. It is an excellent newspaper to buy because it will help you plan many activities.

## Language Question

*Question: I'm confused on when I can use 'ago', 'for', and 'since'?*

Answer: These words can be confusing for many CIES students, no matter what group you are in.

All of these words can be used to describe events that started or happened in the past. The first thing to remember is that you **only use one of these words in a sentence!**

Another great way to remember these words is by associating them with verb tenses. AGO is used with the simple past. FOR is used for both simple past and present perfect. SINCE is used with present perfect. Here are some examples:

**AGO:**

They lived in Canada six years ago. (SIMPLE PAST)

**FOR:**

I took piano lessons for five years when I was a child. (SIMPLE PAST)

I have lived in Tallahassee for two years. (PRESENT PERFECT)

**SINCE:**

I have been a student at CIES since January. (PRESENT PERFECT)

When you use FOR, you are looking for a specific period or duration of time. (one month, three years, eight days, etc.). When you use AGO, you are also looking for a period of time. When you use SINCE, you need a specific time, day, week, month, or year. (January 1, March, last summer, 3pm, etc).



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This week's vocabulary:

**springs (noun)** – a body of water that comes directly from fresh water underground

**trail (noun)** – a path that goes through a natural or scenic area

**seek (verb)** – to look for; to search for

**meadow (noun)** – an open grassy area, often an area where sheep or cows live

**live (adjective)** – something that is happening at the moment (not recorded)