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June 2025 Newsletter



FLI is now a member of the South Bend Regional Chamber

Spring Festival

SB Cubs Owner's Suite Experience

Greetings from FLI!

We wrapped up the spring semester on a high note with our End-of-Semester Festival! The event featured amazing performances, spectacular displays, delicious food, and meaningful conversations—truly a memorable capstone to our semester. Shortly after, we enjoyed a special trip to Four Winds Field to see the South Bend

Cubs. Experiencing the Owner's Suite on such a perfect day made the outing even more enjoyable.

This newsletter is packed with important updates, including information on upcoming new events and a class that can be registered for today.

Be sure to check our off semester hours below, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. We're here to help!

Warm regards,

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

"Summer in Full Swing"

Check out this 3 day class offered through St. Joe County Parks!
June 20, July 18, August 22

Registration for this class opens today!

[**Register here!**](#)

Off Semester FLI Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM – 1 PM
Friday: By Appointment

Catch FLI on Senior Talk Michiana's [Podcast!](#)

How Has Forever Learning Institute Changed Your Life?

You mean the world to us, and your stories are a powerful way to share the impact

of our mission with others! We'd love to hear how the Forever Learning Institute has made a difference in your life. Whether through a written note, video, photo, or any format that best expresses your experience, your story matters.

Please send your submission to george@foreverlearninginstitute.org or feel free to drop it off at our office. We can't wait to hear from you!

Forever Events



FLI Back to School Picnic

Forever Learning Institute
Friday, August 22, 2025
12 - 2 PM

We will celebrate the beginning of the fall semester with food, entertainment, games, and fellowship. Please plan on joining us! More details to come.

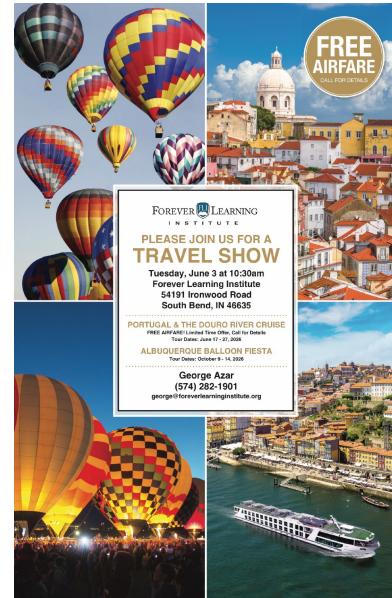
Forever Travel

Travel Show

Tuesday, June 3
10:30am @FLI

Come hear more about two of our upcoming trip opportunities:

Portugal and the Duoro River Cruise
Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta



South Bend

South Bend, One History Two Worlds Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10am

Join the Forever Learning Institute for an enlightening experience as we explore South Bend's history through a fresh lens. We'll visit The History Museum and the Civil Rights Heritage Center, offering a rare chance to discover local treasures that highlight the city's history from diverse viewpoints. Don't miss this opportunity to gain new insights into our community's past!

This excursion will include lunch at The History Museum and alternating presentations. Transportation provided by Cardinal Buses, picking up at FLI.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!

The cost is \$80.

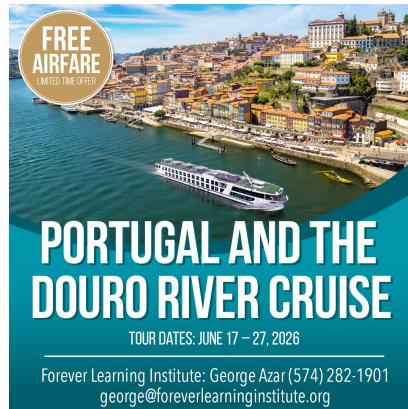
[Register Here](#)

NEW

Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown at Morris Performing Arts Center

Join FLI for premium seating
Thursday, October 16th 7:00 PM

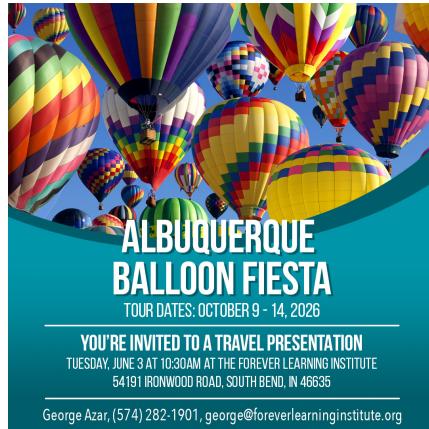
[Register Here](#)



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise Join FLI in June 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

Flyer Registration Form



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Join FLI for a high flying trip October 9th–14th, 2026

Founded in 1972, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta began with just 13 balloons and has since grown into a spectacular event featuring over 600 balloons from around the globe. Immerse yourself in the charm of historic Albuquerque, a city steeped in Native American culture, as you witness the breathtaking "mass ascension" of uniquely shaped balloons soaring into the sky at sunrise. Explore the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, stroll through the captivating streets of Old Town, and discover the beauty of Santa Fe, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the foothills of the Rockies. The tour also includes a visit to the Pecos National Historic Park, home to ancient archaeological ruins and 19th-century ranches, offering a rich blend of history and adventure.

Flyer Registration Form

Forever Learning

Summer Semester 2025

Mark your calendars as Forever Learning Institute will now be offering a six week long summer semester this year in collaboration with Holy Cross Village and Elks Lodge.

All classes will be held at either Holy Cross Village, St. Joseph County Parks, Elks Lodge, or Zoom.

We are excited to be able to offer this!

Registration will begin June 16!

Summer Semester 2025 Class Schedule:

- 1 (July 7-11)
- 2 (July 14-18)
- 3 (July 21-25)
- 4 (July 28-August 1)
- 5 (August 4-8)
- 6 (August 11-15)

Teach Your Passion!

We are always looking for instructors. Please have them reach out to George at george@foreverlearninginstitute.org.

We are also looking for instructors to teach at Hamilton Grove in New Carlisle, Southfield Village, and the St. Joseph County Public Library.

Forever Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, June 3: Travel Show at FLI
- Saturday, June 14-24: Forever Travel Danube Delights River Cruise SOLD OUT

- Monday, June 16: Summer Semester Registration Opens
- Monday, July 7: Summer Semester Begins
- Friday, August 15: Summer Semester Ends
- Monday, August 18: Fall Semester Registration Opens at 9AM
- Friday, August 22: FLI Back to School Picnic
- Tuesday, August 26: Forever Travel South Bend, One History Two Worlds.
[**Register Here**](#).
- Monday, September 8: Fall Semester Begins
- Thursday, October 16: Beatles Vs. Stones at the Morris Performing Arts Center. [**Register Here**](#).



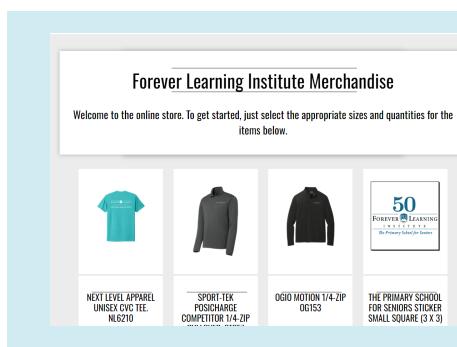
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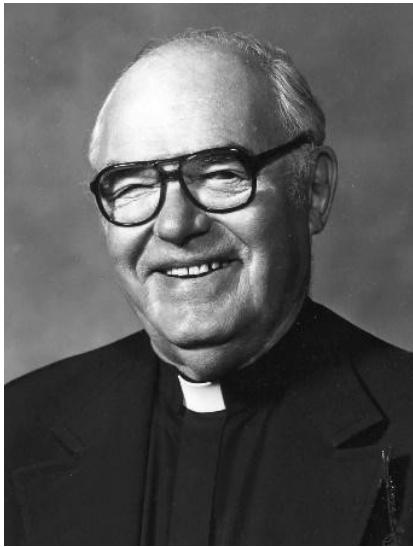
FLI Spirit Wear

Forever Learning Institute hosts an online store where you can purchase t-shirts and jackets with our logo. Show all your friends your love of lifelong learning!

[**Forever Store**](#)



The screenshot shows a website for 'Forever Learning Institute Merchandise'. It features a header with the text 'Forever Learning Institute Merchandise' and a sub-header: 'Welcome to the online store. To get started, just select the appropriate sizes and quantities for the items below.' Below this are four product categories with images and descriptions: 1. 'NEXT LEVEL APPAREL UNISEX CVC TEE. N6210' (image of a teal t-shirt). 2. 'SPORT-TEK POSCHARGE COMPETITOR 1/4-ZIP ODT33' (image of a dark grey zip-up jacket). 3. 'OGIO MOTION 1/4-ZIP ODT33' (image of a black zip-up jacket). 4. 'THE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SENIORS STICKER SMALL SQUARE (3 X 3)' (image of a small square sticker with the number 50).



Our Founder, Fr. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "*Service adds years to your life and life to your years.*" He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50 years.

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