

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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READING HEROES

WITH COACH DAWN STALEY



IMAGINATIONS RUN WILD, AS SOUTH CAROLINA COACH AND OLYMPIC CHAMPION DAWN STALEY TRIES TO HELP A GROUP OF YOUNG STUDENTS READ, AND WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM, SHARING HER INSPIRING STORY ON THE POWER OF BEING A...

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...READING HERO!

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SOUTH CAROLINA



Welcome to the **Literacy and Education** segment of the "Read with the Gamecocks" reading program! In its eleventh year, the program has significantly continued to promote literacy in elementary school children. Due to the success of last year's program, in which 103 schools and 4,395 students participated in reading over 1.9 million pages, South Carolina has extended the program by creating a three-part Reading Heroes comic book series. This new initiative allows students three opportunities to "Read with the Gamecocks!"

The **Literacy and Education** segment of the program took place January 4, 2010 through January 15, 2010. Each participant recorded the amount of pages read with his/her parent or guardian's approval. At the end of the contest, participants submitted their results to their teachers. Winners from each grade (K-5) were selected and will be honored at the **Literacy and Education** game on February 14, 2010.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Coach Staley and the University of South Carolina applaud you!

For information on participating in this program, please email Readgc@mailbox.sc.edu or visit www.gamecocksonline.com/readingprogram.

READING HEROES 2010 - CREATED BY STARBRIDGE MEDIA GROUP FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM.

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IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER READING ADVENTURE, AS OUR STORY BEGINS AT A LOCAL SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL...



This comic book created especially for University of South Carolina Women's Basketball by STARBIDGE

HEY, CHECK OUT THAT POSTER!

IT'S SOME SORT OF READING CONTEST!

THE RULES SAY WE NEED TO READ OUR FAVORITE TYPES OF BOOKS...

...AND COME UP WITH A STORY OF OUR OWN, INSPIRED BY THOSE BOOKS.



WELL, IF COCKY IS INVOLVED...

...COUNT ME IN!



GO GAMECOCKS!

YOU SAID IT, MAX!

IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

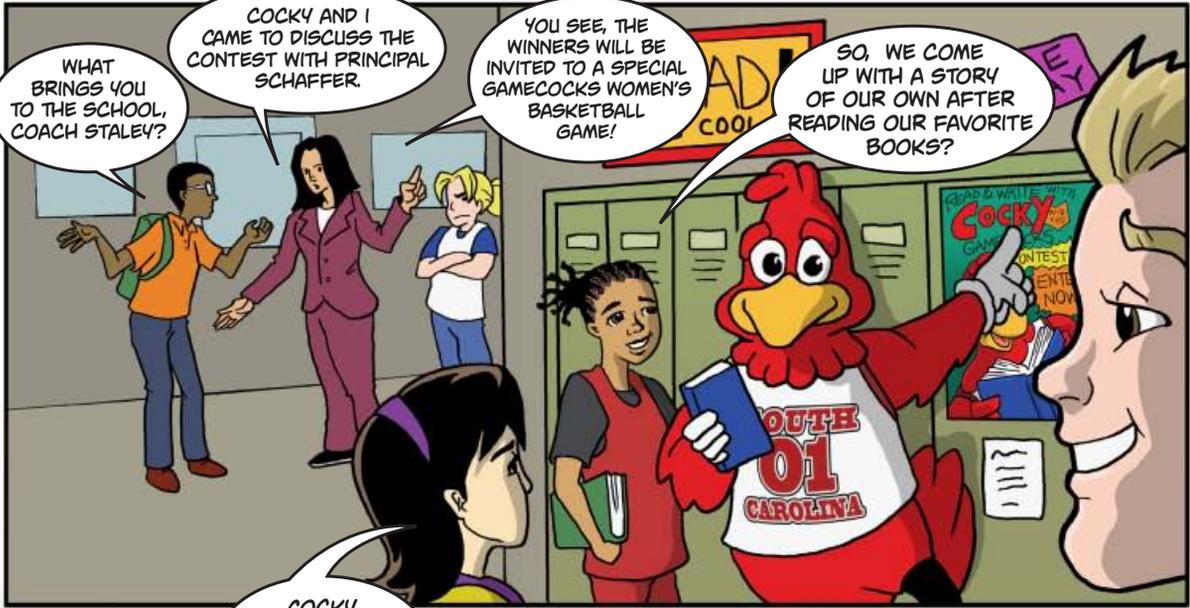
IT WILL BE AWESOME! RIGHT, COACH STALEY?

IT MOST CERTAINLY WILL, ZOEY!

COCKY AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL PARTICIPATE!

Ka Kaw!





WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE SCHOOL, COACH STALEY?

COCKY AND I CAME TO DISCUSS THE CONTEST WITH PRINCIPAL SCHAFFER.

YOU SEE, THE WINNERS WILL BE INVITED TO A SPECIAL GAMECOCKS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME!

SO, WE COME UP WITH A STORY OF OUR OWN AFTER READING OUR FAVORITE BOOKS?

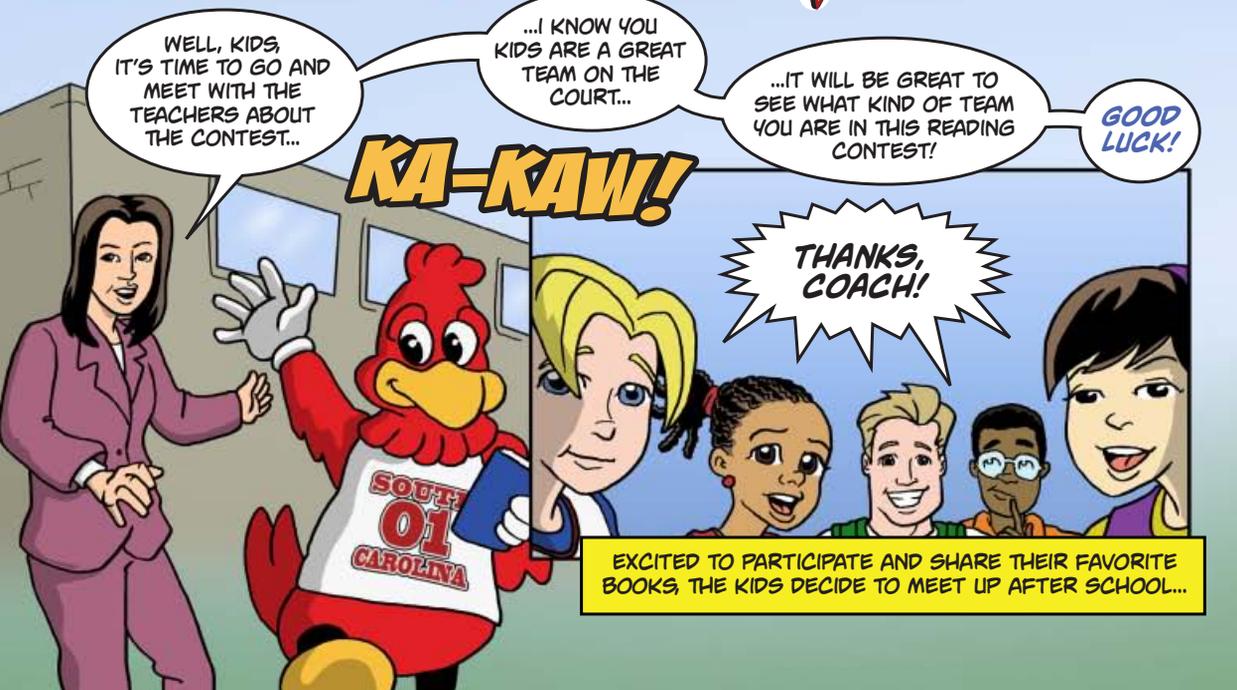
COCKY, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO READ ABOUT?...

...AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE THAT PART OF YOUR ENTRY?

KA-KAW!

HEY KIDS! IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE OF...

COCKY RAIDER OF THE GAMECOCKS



WELL, KIDS, IT'S TIME TO GO AND MEET WITH THE TEACHERS ABOUT THE CONTEST...

...I KNOW YOU KIDS ARE A GREAT TEAM ON THE COURT...

...IT WILL BE GREAT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF TEAM YOU ARE IN THIS READING CONTEST!

GOOD LUCK!

KA-KAW!

THANKS, COACH!

EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS, THE KIDS DECIDE TO MEET UP AFTER SCHOOL....

...THE KIDS END UP AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS TO PLAY SOME B-BALL, AND TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA FOR THE CONTEST...

THE CONTEST RULES SAY WE NEED TO CREATE A STORY AS A GROUP...

...BASED ON SOMETHING WE LIKE TO READ!

...HERE IS WHAT I SUGGEST...



LONG AGO, AND FAR AWAY...

...IN THE MOUNTAINOUS LAND OF KAROLINIA, WHERE OGRES DWELLED, AND MAGIC FILLED THE AIR...

...A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WAS HELD PRISONER BY NASTY WITCHES...

...SHE COULD ONLY BE SAVED BY THE POWER OF COCKY THE WIZARD, AND THE HEROICS OF THE ELF WARRIOR KNOWN AS...

Reading Fun Fact:

J.R.R. TOLKEIN, WHO WROTE THE ACCLAIMED FANTASY NOVEL "LORD OF THE RINGS," WAS FRIENDS WITH C.S. LEWIS, WHO AUTHORED THE EQUALLY POPULAR "CHRONICLES OF NARNIA" SERIES OF BOOKS.

TEDDY!!





taylor and cocky

SOMETHING COOL, LIKE...

TIME FOR YOUR SCHOOL WORK, TAYLOR!



WE TOOK MY HOMEWORK ON OLD-TIME FRANCE...
...AND TURNED IT INTO AN INTERPRETIVE DANCE...

Reading Fun Fact:

AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN NORTHRIDGE, CA, LITERARY SCHOLAR CHARLES HATFIELD TEACHES CLASSES STUDYING COMICS AS GREAT LITERATURE.

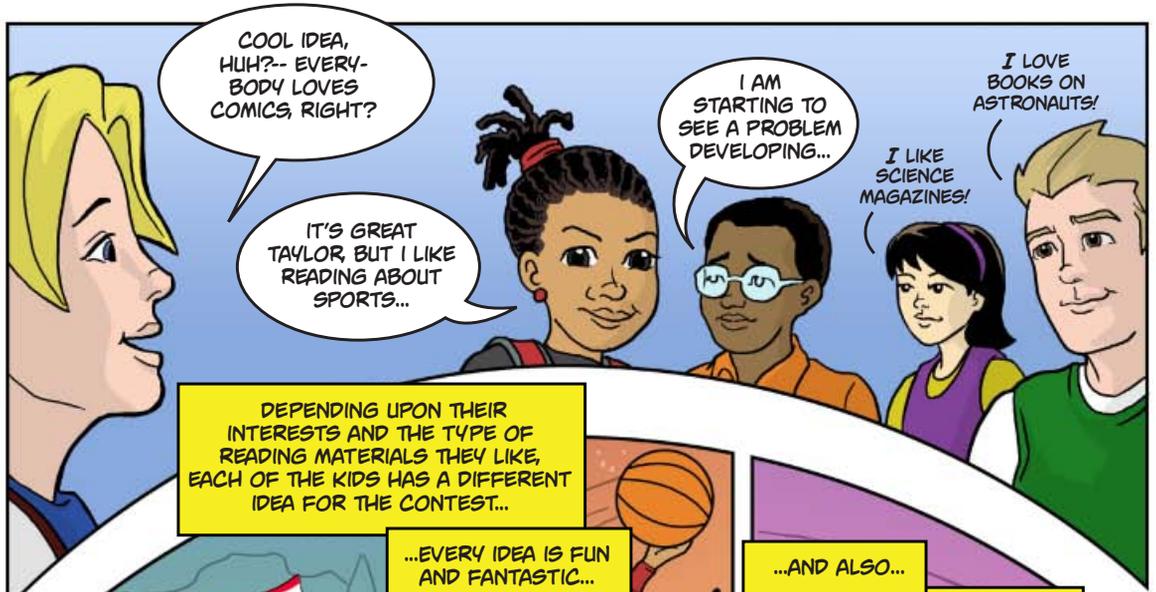
...WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA (OR PARIS) COULD POSSIBLY THINK...
...THAT COCKY AND I COULD MAKE OUR HISTORY HOMEWORK NOT STINK?...



SO FRIENDS, WHAT DO YOU THINK?



COOL, TAYLOR!



DEPENDING UPON THEIR INTERESTS AND THE TYPE OF READING MATERIALS THEY LIKE, EACH OF THE KIDS HAS A DIFFERENT IDEA FOR THE CONTEST...

...EVERY IDEA IS FUN AND FANTASTIC...

...AND ALSO...

...COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!



MY FAVORITE BOOKS ARE ABOUT...

...A DARING SPACE EXPLORER ON AN ALIEN PLANET!...



...I'M READING ABOUT GREAT SPORTS FIGURES LIKE BABE RUTH, MICHAEL JORDAN, AND OF COURSE, DAWN STALEY!



...I'M READING ABOUT SCIENTIST, WORKING TO CURE A DISEASE...



Reading Heroes Brain Booster:

EACH OF THE KIDS ENJOYS READING, BUT HAVE DIFFERENT INTERESTS. WHAT KIND OF THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO READ ABOUT? FICTION? BIOGRAPHIES? NEWSPAPERS? COMICS? SOMETHING ELSE? **BELOW, WRITE DOWN YOUR FAVORITE THING TO READ:**

WHO HAS THE BEST IDEA, BASED UPON WHAT THEY LIKE TO READ? NO ONE CAN AGREE...

SPACE EXPLORER!

COMIC STRIP!

scientist! ⚡

ATHLETE!

HMMM...

...THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SOLVE THIS CONUNDRUM!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, KIDS?

Ka-Kaw!

COACH STALEY! COCKY! THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE HERE!

WE CAN'T AGREE ON ANYTHING!

I HEARD YOUR HEATED DISCUSSION!

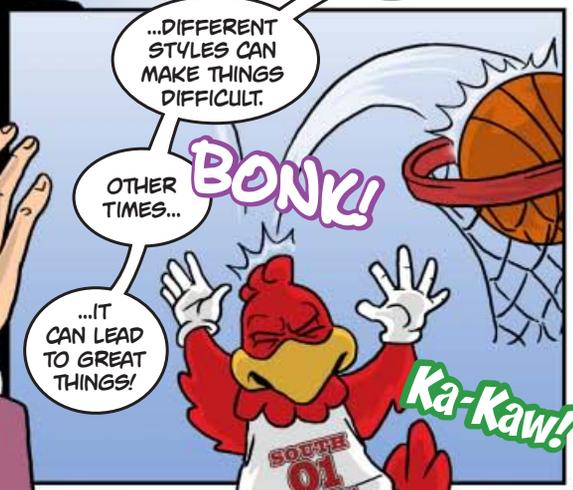
ZOEY, PLEASE PASS ME THE BALL!



THANKS! COCKY-- GO LONG!

SOMETIMES WHEN YOU WORK AS A TEAM...

Ka-Kaw!



...DIFFERENT STYLES CAN MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT.

OTHER TIMES...

...IT CAN LEAD TO GREAT THINGS!

BONK!

Ka-Kaw!





SORRY ABOUT THAT, COCKY!

I'VE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF READING...

...EATING RIGHT...

...AND WORKING HARD.

THESE ARE ALL THINGS MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS TAUGHT ME. BECAUSE OF THAT, I MADE IT TO THE OLYMPICS AS A PLAYER...

...AND A COACH.



BUT, COACHING IS DIFFERENT FROM PLAYING, AND TO BE A BETTER COACH, I'VE HAD TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO LEAD A TEAM...



TO BE A COACH, YOU NEED TO BE WELL-READ ON FITNESS AND CONDITIONING...

...MOTIVATION AND DISCIPLINE...

...STRATEGY AND PERSEVERANCE...

...AND MOST IMPORTANT, **TEAMWORK.**

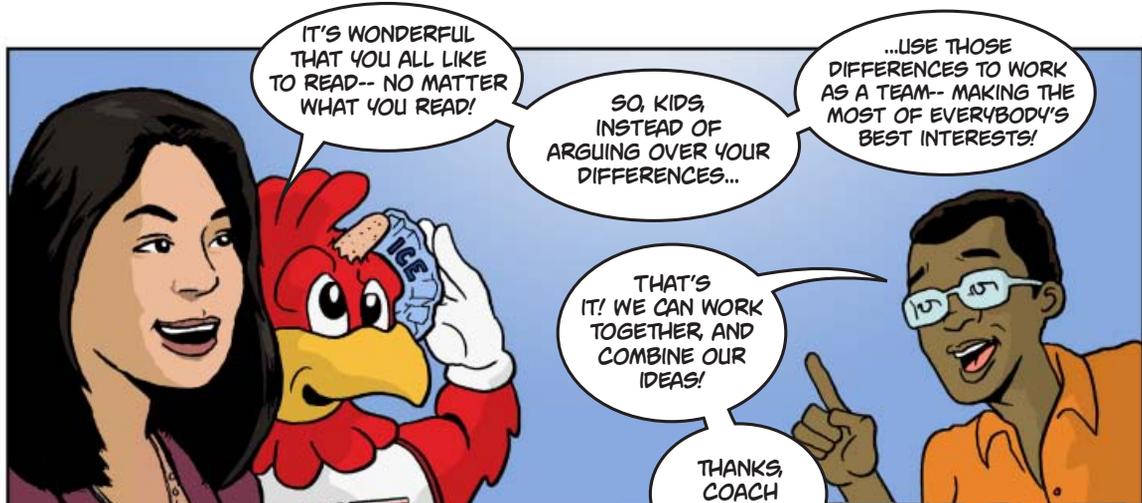


MY PLAYERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COME FROM ALL DIFFERENT PLACES, AND ALL HAVE DIFFERENT STYLES.

MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB AS THEIR COACH IS TO GET THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE DIFFERENCES...



...AND TO USE THEM TO WORK AS A TEAM!



Reading Heroes Brain-Booster

HELLO READERS! NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PART OF THE READING HEROES STORY! PUT ON YOUR GAMECOCK THINKING CAPS...

PART A:

Write down three different books, stories, or articles you have read:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PART B:

Now, ask a friend, or someone in your family what types of things they like to read, and write two of those things below:

1. _____

2. _____

PART C:

Now is the fun part! Pick one item from PART A, and one item from PART B (Try to pick very different items). Try to come up with a story idea combining those two items, for example:

SPORTS + OUTER SPACE = **BASKETBALL GAMES ON THE MOON!**

Now, it's your turn! Remember, there are no wrong answers, or bad ideas! You can do it!

_____ + _____

PART A: PART B:

=

Your combination idea! Way to go-- you are a reading hero!

A FEW WEEKS LATER, AND A HALFTIME CELEBRATION IS TAKING PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY...

...AND NOT JUST BECAUSE THE GAMECOCKS ARE WINNING!



Go Gamecocks!

WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HONOR THE WINNERS OF THE READING WITH COCKY CONTEST!

Hurrah!

TOGETHER, THEY SHARED THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS AND STORIES WITH EACH OTHER...

...THEN THEY COMBINED THEIR INTERESTS, AND WORKED TOGETHER...

I'M SURE IT WASN'T THE EASIEST TASK FOR THESE YOUNG STUDENTS...

...THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A VERY ORIGINAL STORY, BASED ON THEIR READING...

THE MAGICAL BASKETBALL JOURNEY OF TAYLOR COCKY, AND THE ASTRONAUT SCIENTIST

WAY TO GO, KIDS!

AND REMEMBER...

...READING SPARKS YOUR IMAGINATION, TEACHES NEW THINGS, AND HELPS YOU IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, SO...

...KEEP READING!

THE END!



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRATULATES THE...



READING HEROES

WINNING READERS!

KIDS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA WERE ASKED TO READ AS MANY BOOKS AS THEY COULD IN THE FALL OF 2009-- HERE ARE THE WINNING READERS FROM EACH CLASS.



5TH GRADE
FOSTER PARK ELEMENTARY
TEDDY WALKER

Teddy Walker is a fifth grade student at Foster Park Elementary school. His favorite book is "The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan. He loves playing baseball outside of school. The one thing he likes about school is learning new things. His favorite movie is "The Blind Side." When he grows up he wants to be an architect or a pro baseball player. He loves his golden retriever named Blondie. Teddy has two brothers and one sister.



4TH GRADE
BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY
ALEXIS TOMLIN

Alexis Tomlin is a fourth grade student at Bluffton Elementary school. She loves to laugh and her favorite comic book is "A Long Way from Chicago." Outside of school she loves playing basketball with her dad, even though he always wins. Her favorite part of the school day is going to Ms. Sparks' classroom because she makes learning fun! Her favorite movie is "A Wonderful Life," a holiday tradition in her family. She dreams of being a doctor or a scientist when she grows up. Alexis has an older brother, twin younger brothers, and a younger sister that is an excellent reader!



**3RD GRADE
BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY
HANNAH HOMA**

Hannah Homa is a third grade student at Bluffton Elementary School. Her favorite book is "Lauren the Puppy Fairy." The main thing she likes about school is writing. Hannah loves riding her bike outside of school. Her favorite movie is "Hotel for Dogs." Hannah pays close attention to her teacher Mrs. Theiling because she wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Hannah has two sister and one brother.

**2ND GRADE
MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY
JOHN CROOM**

John Croom is a Second grade student at Meadowfield Elementary School. His favorite book is "Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty" by Nick Bruel. His hobbies include hiding out and playing with nature. Both reading and writing are his favorite subjects in school. John plans to be an architect when he grows up. His favorite movie is "The Terminator." John has one sister.



**1ST GRADE
BLUFFTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
HOPE HOMA**

Hope Homa is a first grade student at Bluffton Early Childhood Center. Her favorite book is "Hannah Montana." Her favorite part of the school day is recess and outside of school she loves to play tag. Her favorite movie is "Hotel for Dogs." She plans to be a teacher when she grows up. She has two sisters and one brother and she loves going out to eat with her family.

**KINDERGARTEN
MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY
SARAHLYN ROY**

Sarahlyn Roy is a Kindergarten student at Meadowfield Elementary School. Of all the books that she has read, her favorite is "Alice the Fairy" by David Shannon. Her favorite part of the school day is recess and outside of school she loves to practice her cheerleading. Her favorite movie is "Tinker Bell." She has dreams of becoming a princess when she grows up. She has two sister and two brothers.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS, AND A HEARTY HIGH FIVE
TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED THE CONTEST!**

**WANT TO BE A READING HERO TO YOUR SCHOOL, AND TO YOURSELF?
THEN START READING NOW, AND FOREVER-- YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**

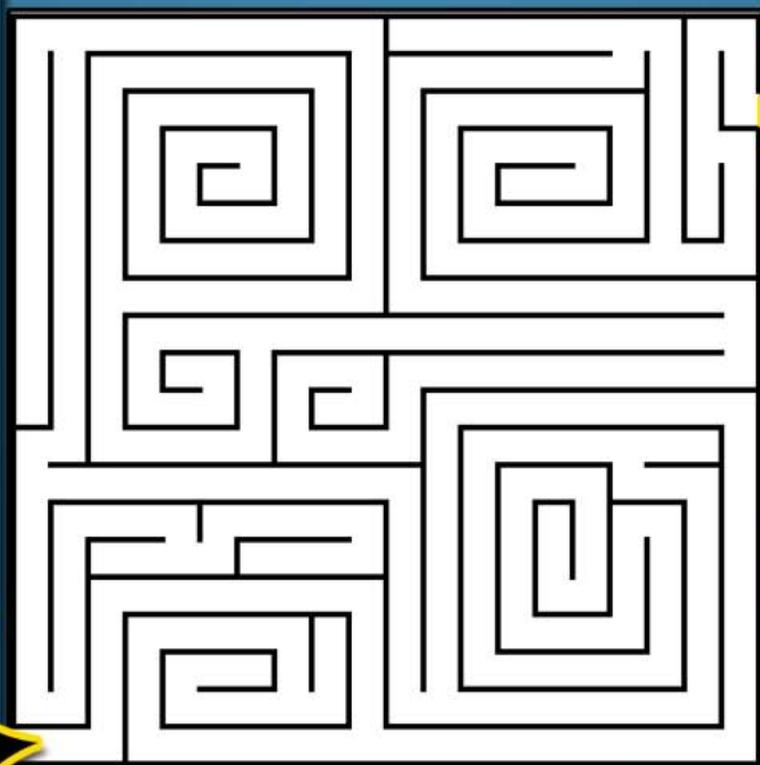
COCKY MAZE GAME



FINISH



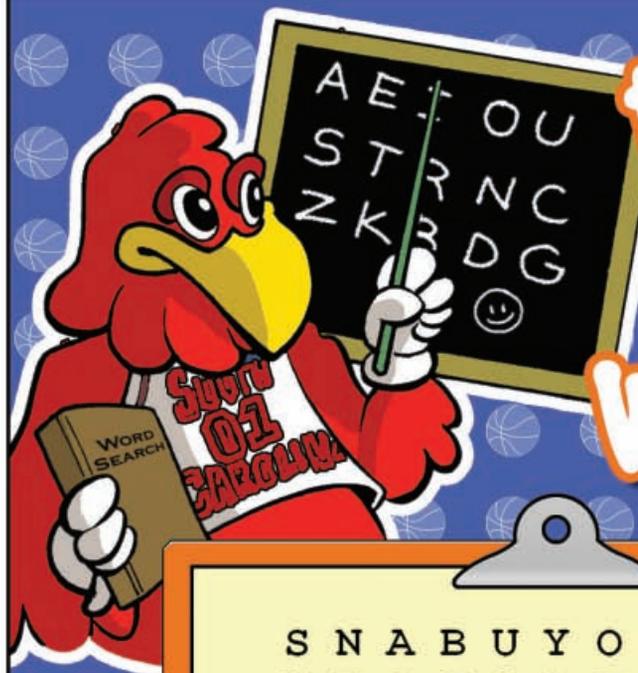
START



**HELP COCKY FIND HIS WAY
THROUGH HIS FAVORITE BOOK!**

Look for the solution on the back cover!

FIND -A- WORD



S	N	A	B	U	Y	O	Y	L	B	T
K	E	J	J	E	R	Z	Y	K	U	E
P	O	N	T	G	O	E	S	V	Y	A
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HELP COCKY FIND
THESE WORDS!

Ka
Kaw!



BASKETBALL - BOOK - COCKY - HOOP
LETTER - READ - SENTENCE - SPELL
STORY - TEAMWORK - WORD - WRITE

Look for the solution on the back cover!

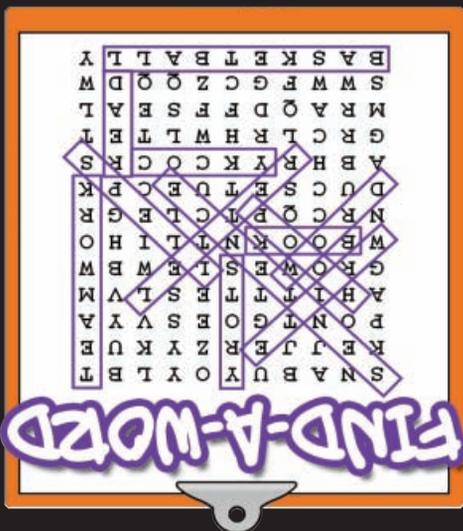
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SOUTH CAROLINA



PUZZLE ANSWER ZONE



Cocky Maze Game



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SOUTH CAROLINA



**FREE
 ADMISSION**

University of South Carolina
 Women's Basketball

VS.

University of Arkansas

FEBRUARY 14, 2010
 COLONIAL LIFE ARENA
 3:00 PM



COME
 JOIN THE
 FUN!

THIS TICKET VOUCHER
 IS VALID FOR ONE CHILD
 AGE 12 AND UNDER AND
 ONE ADULT.

COACH DAWN STALEY