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## Hoover's Tour Around USC

Reporters from the *Hoover Times* went on a tour around USC in February. On the tour there was a statue of a dog. This dog's name was George.

There were also a lot of pretty fountains. There were flowers surrounding them. Many of the flowers were red and yellow.

There is a tradition at USC where the seniors jump in the fountains a month before their graduation. This is one of many traditions.

Another tradition is that when USC plays against UCLA, the students camp the night before the game around

the statue of Tommy Trojan. This is so the students can make sure nothing happens to it.



On their tour, reporters saw of lot of flags from many places. One of the girls on the tour saw the flag from where her mother was born.

It was the Guatemalan flag. These are some of the many, many things they saw on their tour.

*by Allyson J.*

## USC is the Best

The group from Hoover went on a tour at USC, which was cool. The most interesting part of the tour was when the reporters learned about an old library that had nine levels.

They also learned that holding two fingers up is the USC sign for victory. Another fact they learned is that one month before graduation, the seniors go in every fountain on the campus of USC.

The tour guides told reporters about a dog named George. George always wandered

around USC and eventually became famous with students.

Every time USC has a football game against UCLA, students stay by Tommy Trojan in order to protect their mascot. They also kick a pole with their feet for good luck before football games.

USC is the best university that any one in the city could go to. A person has to have really good grades to be able to go there. The tour of USC was really fun!

*by Herberth G.*

### Hoover Times Reporters - Spring 2013



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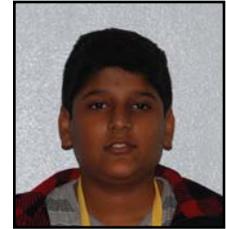
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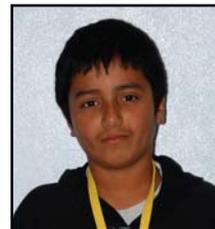
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Go Hawks!!

## STUDENTS' TRIP TO USC

The kids from Hoover went on a tour of USC. They saw a statue of a horse. The horse's name was Traveler.

There were a lot of fountains on the campus. Sometimes, the seniors will jump into the water.

Some of the flowers on USC have the colors of USC.

There was also a statue of a dog. The dog's name was George. When USC plays UCLA, they protect their Trojan statue.

There is also a library at USC that has nine floors. On the campus of USC there's an alumni house that was the first building of USC. This house looks the White House.

This building has been moved three times, and was where the first students slept and learned. There is also a building that has many flags from different places.

One of the students from Hoover said her favorite flag was the one from Guatemala,

because that is where one of her mom was born.

Those are the many things the students saw around the university of USC.

*by Audry B.*



### USC News

The reporters from Hoover went to the University of Southern California. They saw Tommy and his horse, other mascots.

At USC there are a lot of fountains. One of the traditions of USC is that when

you graduate, you jump into one of the fountains. Another tradition of USC is George the Dog.

He always came and went on the campus so he was made a mascot. The



dog came to the games in a limousine.

At USC, there is a pole that the reporters kicked for good luck. USC College is a very big college.

*by Joshua G.*

### Cardinal and Gold

In the tour of USC reporters learned about USC's history, including the history of buildings. They also learned about the mascots, traditions, and how USC athletes train.

On the tour reporters saw the first building of USC. The building held 52 students, all who slept and studied there. The building was somehow moved three times.



Also, when the seniors are going to graduate they jump in the fountains all around campus as a tradition.

USC mascots are Traveler the Horse, Tommy the Trojan, and George the dog.

George the dog was actually a regular homeless dog that wandered around campus so much he became a mascot.

Reporters also learned about the research library that had nine floors, five floors underground and four above ground. People saw art all around the campus including a big giant silver ball, fountains, statues, and benches.

There's also a training field, athletic center, and a second library, and a bookstore. A tradition of USC is that before the game against UCLA, USC students burns a wooden bear.

*by Joshua R.*

### Fountains of USC

On a tour of USC, one would see many fountains. One of the most beautiful fountains was the “Fountain of Youth.”

A famous USC tradition is that in the

spring of a senior’s year at USC, they jump from fountain to fountain. The marching band plays as the seniors jump in the fountains.

Some of the fountains were covered

with flowers. Some of the fountains were small and some were big, but all of the flowers had the gold and cardinal colors of USC.

*by Sandra P.*



### Going on a Tour

The reporters from Hoover went to USC. The students went a tour there. On the tour, the students saw mini pools, a statue of a dog, waterfalls, and even

some animals.

The reporters laughed about a bird they saw. The bird was sliding in the dirt but one reporter scared him so the

bird went flying in the sky.

The Hoover reporters got to eat lunch on the campus of USC.

*by Yahir E.*



### A Mascot of USC

On a tour to USC, one would see a statue of George the dog. George “Tire-Biter” was a shaggy mutt, who for a few glorious years in the ‘40s and ‘50s, became a beloved Trojan mascot.

No one is quite sure when George wandered

onto campus, but his feisty personality made him a student favorite, as he chased cars and bit tires.

George was taken to football games in a limousine, where he led the Trojan marching band onto the field,

often wearing sweaters and odd little hats.

He once drew the cheers of USC fans when he bit the mask of the UCLA mascot, Joe Bruin, on the nose.

*by Millie B.*



### A Tour at USC

The reporters went on a trip to USC. They took a tour and saw mascots, buildings, and college students.

One mascot is Tommy the Trojan. Another is a dog that rode in limousines to the football games.

People should come and see these

football games. They should see all the events that USC has.

There are also traditions that the students at USC do. The students of USC sleep next to Tommy so the kids from UCLA don’t pull pranks on Tommy.

Another tradition is that seniors go in each

and every fountain on the campus.

People should come to this school for many reasons. The gym is huge. All the buildings are big and pretty.

There are many apartments around the school. The running track is very big.

*by Bryan D.*



### A Day at USC, a Great College

On Saturday Hoover Street reporters went to USC. The field trip was from 9:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Some reporters liked the school but some didn't. Hoover saw two mascots there.

YMCA went to the first building on the campus. The Hoover reporters learned about a tradition where they put bubble wrap on the Trojans statue and a

UCLA bear on the tip of the sword.

The USC students also burn a wooden UCLA bear.

There used to be a dog that came to USC almost every day. USC noticed the dog and made him a mascot.

The dog rode in a limo. The dog once bit the UCLA mascot on the nose.

There is a building at USC that has nine

floors. Five of them are underground. There was a horse statue Hoover Elementary School saw.

His name was Traveler. Traveler was Tommy Trojan's horse. USC's colors are cardinal and gold. There was a rose garden in front of the Science Center across the street.

*by Diego A.*



### The Amazing USC Tour

On a Saturday in February, there was a tour of USC. It was really cool. Reporters saw the statue of Tommy Trojan.

When they took pictures, the reporters did the USC sign by raising two fingers.

There was even a big bookstore. One library had 9 floors, four on top and 5 underground.

The Hoover Reporters saw a cool fountain by the library. They also saw a "White House", not Obama's

home, but a different white house.

Finally, the reporters saw a soccer field, football field, running track and a high jump.

*by Erick P.*



### A Trip to USC

When they are seniors, USC students run into every fountain on the campus before the night is over.

The campus was so big that it took a while to walk around. The

campus has a book store that was 3 floors high.

They also had an old library that was 9 floors high! 5 of those floors were underground full of stacked books.

Before USC plays UCLA, that week they sleep by the statue of Tommy Trojan.

*by Carlos O.*



### The USC Field Trip

On Saturday, the reporters from Hoover went on a tour at USC. The tour was awesome and cool.

On the tour, the kids saw a statue of a dog named George. The other statue they saw

was Tommy the Trojan. Even cooler than the statues were the tall buildings.

There was also a bookstore and a library that had nine floors. Some of the floors in the

library were even underground.

An exciting moment on the tour was when the reporters saw a man jump a trash can.

*by Angel M.*



### A Day in USC

One Saturday the Hoover reporters went to USC. They went on a tour. They saw many fountains.

They also saw a mascot that was a warrior. The reporters also saw a track field, a soccer field, and a football field. The reporters took pictures. There was also a lucky

pole. There were many trees on the campus.

There was a bookstore. There was a library that had nine floors.

There was one building that had many flags from different countries.

The reporters learned about a mascot

of USC that drove in a limousine.

There were many water fountains. USC has many benches. There was a big horse statue. Tommy Trojan, a USC mascot, rides a horse during USC football games.

*by Joshua M.*



### The Terrific USC Tour

The reporters from Hoover got to go on a tour of USC. The students saw a statue of a dog. They also saw the libraries.

One of the libraries had nine floors, four above ground and five underground. The reporters learned that the sign for “fighting on” is to put two fingers in a v-shape into the air.

The rival of USC is UCLA.

Before they play football together before the game, USC students burn a wooden bear, the mascot of UCLA.

There are many different fountains on campus. Some are clean and some are not.

The reporters also learned about a dog. It became a mascot of

USC because it wandered around USC and chased cars and bit tires.

The students will guard Tommy the Trojan just in case UCLA fans try to ruin it. The kids from YMCA got too see the track and practice area .

*by Anthony M.*



### The Tour Hoover Took

On the tour reporters saw two libraries. One of the libraries was noisy. Also the reporters learned that one of the mascots was a dog. How did the dog become a mascot?

It all started when the dog started wandering around USC and students could see it close to the classes. The students had the dog

take a limo to football games.

Also in the tour reporters learned where the bookstore was and that before football games fans come to the bookstore to buy t-shirts.

Reporters saw next that the students went to the bookstore to buy books. They also learned about the

libraries. They learned that some students come at 3, 4, or 5 in the morning.

The tour guides said that when you become a senior at USC you can swim in the fountains. Also in the tour, the guides talked about different sports people can do at USC.

*by Alfredo S.*



### Marcus Martin

The Hoover reporters interviewed Marcus Martin. His favorite team from the NFL is the 49ers.

His least favorite team is the Buffalo Bills. He thinks he is going to make the NFL. Also, he was born in 1993.

His favorite ice cream flavor is cookies and cream. His favorite animal is the lion. He also likes the cowboy team from the NFL.

He also likes to play golf. His hobby is to be on the computer. His favorite color is blue.

His favorite food is Subway. He wants to be like his dad. His favorite shoes to wear are his Jordans. He likes using the mini ipad.

*by Joshua M.*





### Football Player Marcus Martin

At USC, Hoover reporters interviewed a football player on the USC team. His name was Marcus Martin. Marcus Martin does not like the Jets. He likes the Cowboys team.

His birthday is November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1993. He said that he plans on making it to the NFL. He would like to be on the 49ers.

His favorite electronic is his mini

iPad. His role model is his dad. He told the reporters that he at first did not choose to play football, he was chosen for the football team.

*by Joshua G.*



### Standing Tall

Reporters from Hoover interviewed USC's very own Marcus Martin, the center for the USC Trojan football team. In the Sunbowl game, USC's football

team lost to Georgia Tech.

Marcus Martin would love to be drafted to the San Francisco 49ers, but if a team comes to Los Angeles he will stay here.

Martin is a sophomore at USC. He wears size 14 shoes. He likes football because he likes contact sports.

*by Carlos O.*



## MEETING MARCUS MARTIN

Martin’s dream is to play in the NFL. The reporters learned that he doesn’t like the Jets.

He roots for the 49ers, and Marcus also likes the Dallas Cowboys. His least favorite team is the Buffalo Bills. Marcus currently plays for



the USC football team. He plays defense.

Marcus told the reporters that he didn’t choose football; football chose him. He was born in 1993. He started playing football in high school.

His favorite animal is the king of the jungle, the lion. His hobby is surfing the Internet. His favorite color is blue. His favorite food is subway because Subway is a healthy food option. His favorite ice cream is Cookie’s and Cream. Lastly, Marcus’s role model is his dad.

*by Diego A.*

### A Football Player in High School

Marcus Martin attended the high school Crenshaw. He was born on November 29, 1993. His favorite team in the



NFL is the San Francisco 49ers.

He had an interest in football because he liked being on a team. His favorite color is blue. His favorite food is Subway because it has a lot of variety.

He hopes that he will make it in the NFL. His hobby is surfing the internet. His favorite ice cream flavor is cookies and cream. His role model was his dad.

Another sport he likes is golf. His favorite player in the NFL is Adrian Peterson. Another team he likes is the Dallas Cowboys.

The shoes that he prefers are Jordan's. His favorite animal is the lion because it’s king of the jungle. His favorite electronic is the Mini iPad. The team he doesn’t like is the New York Jets.

*by Bryan D.*

### Facts About Marcus Martin

- Marcus attended Roosevelt Elementary School
- Marcus is 6’ 3”
- Marcus will be playing center for USC in the 2013-2014 season
- Marcus’s cousin Tony Washington plays on Oregon’s football team





**Whale Aquarium**

There are many events at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. At the different events one would be able to see a lot of marine life, including fish and whales in the water.

One event is called the whale fiesta. At this event there are some games, arts and crafts, a puppet show, food and gift vendors, marine awareness organizations, guest lectures, and music.

The Cabrillo whale watch program is going to be daily during December 26-March 2013. Go to the sea any day of the week through the end of

March to search for migrating Pacific grey whales and a host of other marine life such as dolphins, seals, and sea lions.

At the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium people can also see research about whales that is presented by The American Cetacean Society/ L.A.

*by Yahir E.*



**Under the Ocean**

At the aquarium exhibit the Hoover reporters saw parts of mammals. The first thing they saw was a small jellyfish. They learned that some whales have kind of rough hair in their teeth that helps them catch krill.

Krill get stuck in the hair, and the whale puts their tongue on the hair to catch the krill. Next, they learned about how sharks eat their prey with their three rows of shark teeth.

Their teeth are so strong that they could break through bones. Then they learned about a fish that's size is 0.01

inches or centimeters. These fish eat each other. They learned there are thousands and thousands of those animals.

Also, they saw parts of eggs of animals. The egg was a shark egg, and they put it in alcohol and another chemical to make it fresh.

*by Alfredo S.*



**Check this Kid Out!**

Hoover reporters interviewed Sarah Collins, who is helping the endangered orangutans. Their habitats are being destroyed for their palms.

Their palms produce oil. This oil could be oil for cookies and other stuff. By estimate there are almost 7,000 orangutans left living in the world today. Sarah, is 18 years old. She started to fight for the orangutans 5 years ago and is a Youth Ambassador for the Orang Utan Republik.

*by Luis M.*

**Krystin Schilling**

Krystin Schilling is a Miss America High Outstanding Teen. She is very beautiful.

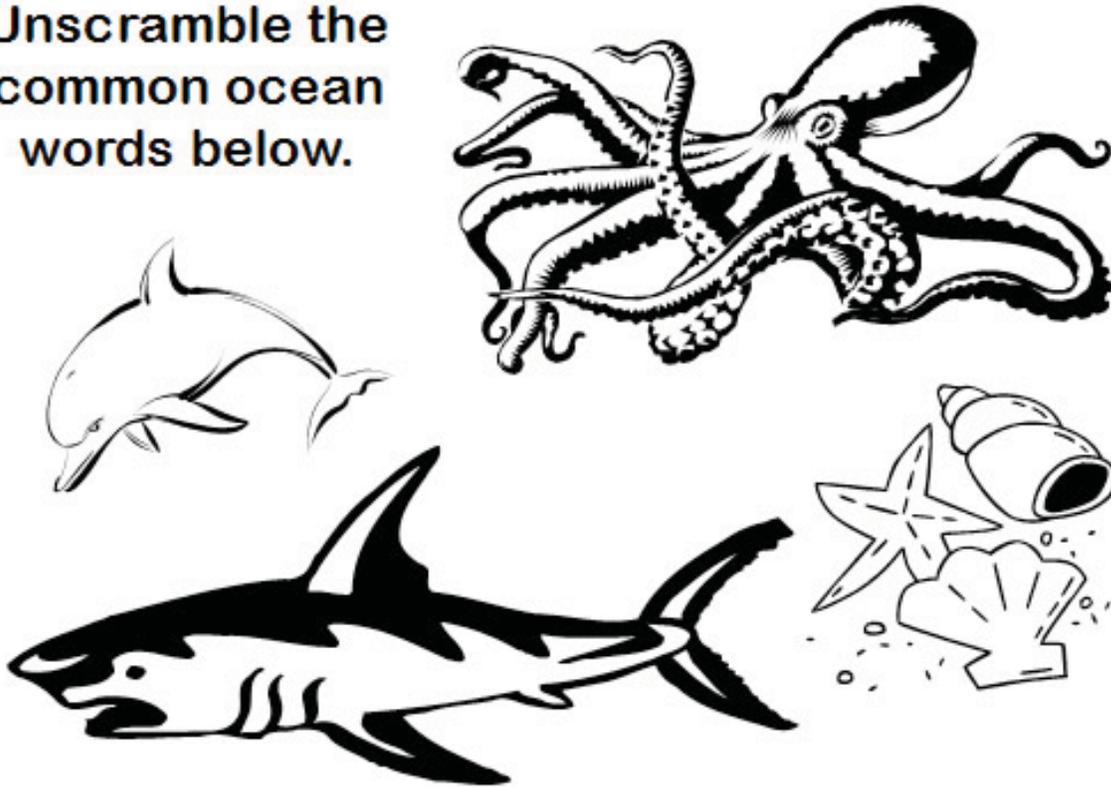
The pageant is here in America. In the pageant the contestants have to perform a talent, model, and do an interview. Krystin helps her community out.

She liked the pageant because she was always confident about being on stage.

*by Natalie C.*

# UNDER THE SEA WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the common ocean words below.



BBLSUBE \_\_\_\_\_

VAEWS \_\_\_\_\_

NEAOC \_\_\_\_\_

OESRH \_\_\_\_\_

CAHEB \_\_\_\_\_

LDNOPHI \_\_\_\_\_

HIFS \_\_\_\_\_

RCOAL \_\_\_\_\_

HIPS \_\_\_\_\_

ARHSK \_\_\_\_\_

EWALH \_\_\_\_\_

MAEBUSRNI \_\_\_\_\_

SLSLEH \_\_\_\_\_

COTOSUP \_\_\_\_\_

SLIADN \_\_\_\_\_

FRSU \_\_\_\_\_

### Adventure at the Aquarium



On Sundays the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium opens at 8:30. Many people have a lot of fun at the aquarium. One fun thing to do is whale watching.

The great thing is that you don't have to

pay to get in. There are many celebrations at the aquarium, and you can do things such as art, and watch the many tide pool presentations.

People at the aquarium even give tours. If you go, you

will get to see little animals with a microscope. Since they are really little, you need to use a microscope.

There are also shark fossils on exhibit.

*by Angel M.*

### The Trip to Aquarium

Any day of the week you should go to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. It's the best. At the aquarium you can watch whales, but only in winter. That's the only time when you can see them.



At the aquarium there is all kinds of sea animals. It would be the best experience you could have.

There are many different kinds of animals: sharks, fish, manta rays, and sea horses.

While you are there you can also visit the beach. You may discover many different creatures, including animals you have never seen. Glow fish, little fish, big fish, regular fish, and strange fish are all fish you can visit at the aquarium.

You could also do activities like going outside, and catching fish. The aquarium is free for everyone, and it is for all ages. At the aquarium, you will have the best day ever.

There are 35 species of sea horses which range from 6 inches to almost 14 inches in length.

These are also fish that belong to the genus Hippocampus, and there are fish that are the most rare and exotic of marine fishes.

There are even crabs in the Aquarium. All of this makes the aquarium that much better. It is the best aquarium.

*by Erick P.*



**In the Sea**

At USC, there was a Cabrillo Marine Aquarium exhibit. At this exhibit, the Hoover kids met Joey and saw the teeth of a shark.

The people from the Cabrillo Aquarium told the reporters that the teeth of a shark could bite and break a bone.

The teeth were as small as a hand. One tooth was that of a blue shark. The reporters also

saw the teeth of a real gray whale and the food that gray whales eat.

Their food gets stuck to the teeth. Whales eat krill, little shrimp. They are the size of a thumb.

Using a microscope, the reporters also looked at little jellyfish, which are animals that can sting. Reporters also saw brine shrimp through the microscope.

The students learned that the shrimp live in very salty water. The people from the aquarium gave out folders that had a lot of stuff inside, like a calendar and a map of the Aquarium.

All in all, the students had a lot of fun learning about the aquarium.

*by Herberth G.*



**Under the Sea**

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has underwater workshops that help teach grades (5-12) about marine life. The aquarium welcomes kids to join their staff in whale watching.

The times are 8:30-1 pm. You can go any

weekend. Pack a snack and go to the aquarium. Join to volunteer to help educate kids.

At the aquarium there is a crawl under a tank. There are also sea animals that you can touch.

One staff member, Joey, told the reporters that he started to volunteer at the aquarium when he was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He also talked about whales and jellyfish.

*by Anthony M.*



**Sea Life**

At USC, Hoover reporters met Joey. Joey is a worker at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

He sees exotic fishes and saves fish that are in danger. At the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, there are a

bunch of sea animals.

Sea animals can be both big and small. You can find the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at the Cabrillo beach in California.

At the Aquarium, there are different tanks

for the different animals that live there.

The aquarium is open from noon to five pm on Tuesday through Friday and ten to five pm on Saturday and Sunday.

*by Millie B.*



## Two Amazing Teens

Kai George is a knitter. Her favorite color is pink. Her dream is to go to USC College, or a New York College. She likes to travel around the world.

She lives in California. Who showed her how to knit? It was an older lady.

She is seventeen years old. She donates her knitted scarves to people with cancer.

Another famous person is Krystin Schilling. She can sing very well; her favorite singer is Alicia Keys. She doesn't speak another

language. Her favorite color is blue. She has four dogs.

Krystin's favorite food is Green Tea. Her role model is her Grandmother.

*by Sandra P*



## Hoover Hawks Rock!

Hoover Elementary School is a public school. The school has three after-school programs: LA's Best, E.Y.S., and YMCA. YMCA is a fun program where you get to play outside, do your homework, and do arts and crafts. There are a lot of activities at the school. The school has assemblies and tells the students

many announcements.

Every time before the students are about to take the big standardized test for the school, the principal does a little show about how to take the test.

The show includes dancing, singing, and lots of fun. The faculty gives out the candy Smarties. the students play in many

places. One place is the jungle gym and the soccer area. Two is the basketball court. The third place is a pretty big one, it is where students play baseball or kickball

The teachers teach very well. And that's the school Hoover!

*by Melanie E.*



## Hoover School

At Hoover Elementary the teachers are nice. There are many after-school programs: L.A.'s Best, Ready Set

Go, E.Y.S., and the YMCA program.

Many students like a teacher named Mrs. Morales.

Many kids enroll in Hoover every year. There are up to 900 students! Hoover is the most coolest school.

*by Luis M.*



## A Great School

Hoover Elementary School is a public school. The grades range from Preschool to fifth grade. The teachers teach math, language arts, and art.

After school you can go home or stay at a program like the YMCA, E.Y.S., and LA Best.

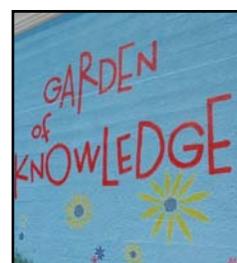
Many kids like the YMCA because they have been going to it for many years.

The school has a big cafeteria with 8 tables, 4 on one side and 4 on the other.

Classes sit together at their very own table but when the table is not full

half of students from another class come and sits with each other. The cafeteria serves milk, vegetables, and ice cream.

*by Natalie C.*



# Recipes

## APPLE SMILES

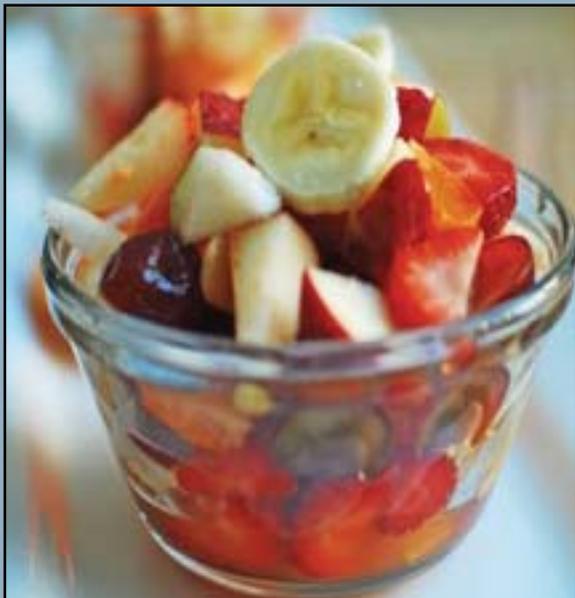
This recipe is from [disneyfamily.com](http://disneyfamily.com).  
Serves: 4

### Ingredients

- Smooth peanut butter
- 1 red apple
- Miniature marshmallows

### Instructions

1. Cut the red apple into eight slices
2. Spread peanut butter on one side of each apple slice
3. Place four miniature marshmallows on one apple slice and then lay another apple slice



## FRUIT SALAD

This recipe is from [bestrecipes.com](http://bestrecipes.com).  
Serves: 2

### Ingredients

- 1/2 Honeydew Melon
- 1/2 Rockmelon
- 1 Large banana
- 1 Large Apple
- 1 Large Orange

### Directions

1. Chop melons into tiny blocks
2. Slice banana and apple thinly
3. Peel orange and slice thinly
4. Place all fruit into a large bowl

**PERFECT FOR AN AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK!**

## Words From the YMCA After-School Program Director

Great job YMCA Hoover for taking the time to try something new. For some of you this will be the beginning of a future career. For the rest of you it will help you develop great writing skills.

This newspaper gave you the opportunity to meet great people who really care about your future. All of your articles in the newspaper are very fun to read. Thank you all for working so hard on this paper!

*Jose Rivera*

*Associate Program Director*



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