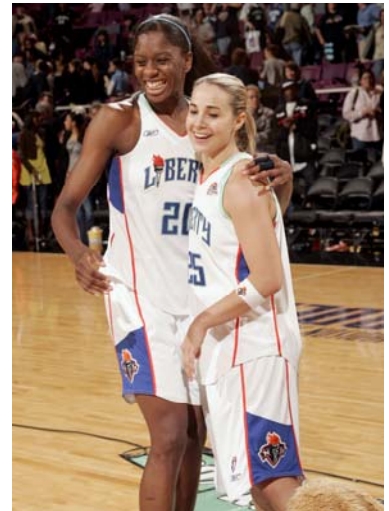


Game Day Workbook

2007 season



Learn and
have fun
with your
favorite Liberty
players!

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Welcome to the New York Liberty!

We are glad that you have chosen to take part in our second annual New York Liberty School Day. We know this field trip will be interactive, educational and filled with fun! This workbook will help prepare you for the day by teaching you about the New York Liberty and the sport of basketball. If you receive this workbook ahead of time, feel free to use it in class or look it over at home!

As you watch the game, you'll see how basketball relates to almost every subject you are studying in school. Today, you'll learn more about the sport of basketball and how it relates to math, geography, health, language arts and more!

And always remember-education is very important to your future. Getting a good education is the best way to accomplish your dreams!



Schedule IT

Using the schedule to the right, answer the following questions:

1. How many times do the Liberty play AWAY during this season?

2. How many different cities will the Liberty visit in during the month of June?

3. On which day of the week do the Liberty play the MOST?

4. What is the average number of games that the Liberty play each MONTH?

5. True or False: The Liberty's home court is in the capital of New York state.

6. How many HOME Friday games will the NY Liberty have during June and August?

7. What month(s) will the Liberty play the most AWAY games?

8. Which Liberty opponent is furthest way from New York City (refer to Geography map on page 10 for help)?

9. True or False: The Liberty's last AWAY game of the 2007 regular season is against Chicago.

10. How many regular season games will the Liberty play in the 2007 season?

May

Sun 20 Chicago 4:00pm

Thur 24 Washington 11:00am

June

Fri 1 @ Minnesota 8:00pm

Sun 3 Phoenix 4:00pm

Tue 5 Indiana 7:30pm

Fri 8 Detroit 7:30pm

Sun 10 @ Indiana 6:00pm

Tue 12 Washington 7:00pm

Fri 15 @ Chicago 8:30pm

Sat 16 @ San Antonio 8:00pm

Wed 20 @ Connecticut 7:00pm

Fri 22 San Antonio 7:30pm

Sun 24 Indiana 4:00pm

Tue 26 @ Sacramento 10:00pm

Fri 29 @ Los Angeles 10:30pm

July

Sun 1 @ Seattle 9:00pm

Fri 6 @ Detroit 7:30pm

Sun 8 Sacramento 4:00pm

Thur 12 @ Indiana 7:00pm

Wed 18 @ Detroit 12:00pm

Fri 20 Houston 7:30pm

Sun 22 Seattle 4:00pm

Thur 26 @ Connecticut 7:00pm

Sun 29 Connecticut 4:00pm

Tue 31 Los Angeles 7:30pm

August

Thur 2 Minnesota 7:30pm

Fri 3 @ Washington 7:00pm

Tue 7 @ Houston 8:30pm

Thur 9 @ Phoenix 10:00pm

Sun 12 Detroit 4:00pm

Tue 14 @ Chicago 8:00pm

Thur 16 @ Washington 7:00pm

Fri 17 Connecticut 7:30pm

Sun 19 Chicago 4:00pm

Who's on the Roster?

A Roster is a list of information about people in a group. Your teacher has a roster, your sports team has a roster and the Liberty has a roster! Take a look at the Liberty roster to answer the following questions.

1. How many players are listed on the Liberty roster? _____
2. How many players attended the University of Connecticut? _____
3. How many players are forwards? _____
4. Who is the tallest Liberty player(s)? _____
5. What is the average height of the team? _____
6. In which year were the most players born? _____
7. Who is the youngest player? _____
8. Who is the oldest player? _____
9. Which Liberty player's birthday is closest to yours? _____
10. Which Liberty player graduated college in 1998? _____

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NUM	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	College	Seasons in WNBA
10	Sherill Baker	G	5'8"	125	12/3/1982	Georgia '06	R
22	Ashley Battle	F	6'0"	183	5/31/1982	Connecticut '05	1
20	Shameka Christon	F	6'1"	170	2/15/1982	Arkansas '04	2
54	Barbara Farris	F	6'3"	195	9/10/1976	Tulane '98	6
25	Becky Hammon	G	5'6"	136	3/11/1977	Colorado State '99	7
33	Cathrine Kraayeveld	F	6'4"	180	9/30/1981	Oregon '05	1
4	Janel McCarville	F	6'2"	220	11/3/1982	Minnesota '05	2
21	Loree Moore	G	5'9"	165	3/21/1983	Tennessee '05	1
14	Christelle N'Garsanet	C	6'3"	168	6/23/1983	College – Missouri '06	R
17	Kelly Schumacher	C	6'5"	183	10/14/1977	Connecticut '01	5
5	Erin Thorn	G	5'10"	150	5/19/1981	Brigham Young '03	3

KEY: POS = position, HT= height, WT= weight, DOB= date of birth, R= rookie, G= guard, F= forward, C= center

Basketball Court on top of the Ice?

Believe it or not when you're watching a basketball game or most other events at Madison Square Garden the event is usually on top of ice. That's right, below the basketball court is the Rangers ice hockey rink! How is this possible? Let's find out...

Directly under the basketball court is *Arena Deck*, which separates the ice from the basketball court. *Arena Deck* is a lightweight material of fiberglass and plastic. *Arena Deck* is put over the ice and holds the cold air down while making sure the basketball court stays dry from any condensation.

Depending on the time frame of the back-to-back events in the arena the basketball court can be assembled over the ice in as little as three hours, using a staff of 35 to 50 workers to accomplish this tremendous task. The 94-foot long and 45-foot wide court is made up of over **200** pieces. That's one big puzzle!

The Garden can hold up to three events per day. These three events can be any of the following combinations.

- 2 concert showings and a Liberty, Knicks, or Rangers game.
- 2 Circus shows and a Liberty, Knicks, or Rangers game.

The hockey ice does not have to be melted for a Liberty game, but there are three events that come to The Garden that require the ice be melted. (1) Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; (2) the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show because the animals can detect the ice underneath the *Arena Deck* and will not go on the floor, and (3) tennis matches, because the ball will not bounce properly with the ice underneath.

Questions:

1. If the basketball court needs to be put over the ice immediately, how long until the court is up and running? _____
2. If the basketball court needs to be assembled over the ice immediately, how many people would it take? _____
3. If the basketball court is 94 feet long and 45 feet wide, what are the dimensions of the court in INCHES? _____
4. How many pieces does the Liberty's court consists of? _____
5. What is the material called that is placed between the hockey ice and the basketball court? _____
6. Up to how many events can be held in Madison Square Garden Arena in one day?

Scrambled Players

Unscramble the last names of some of the Liberty players. Then you can unscramble the shaded boxes according to the numbers so you can figure out the cheer at the bottom of the page for today's game!

#10 KAREB



9

#22 TATLEB



2

#21 ROMEO



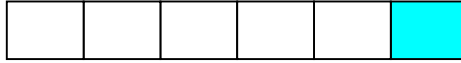
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#5 ROHNT



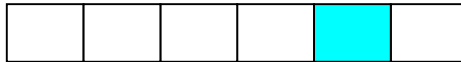
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#54 SARRIF



4

#25 MAMHNO



6

#20 HRISTNOC



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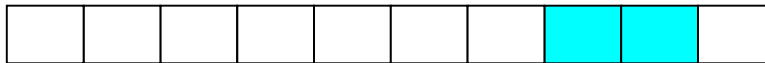
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#33 EVRYDAKAELK



13

#4 IELARCMLCV



1

7

#14 NETRASNAG



5

#17 HMAUSCERHC



11

_____, _____ !!!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Basketball 101

- A. WNBA basketball games are divided into four ten minutes periods. Halftime is fifteen minutes long.
- B. The goal of each team is to get the basketball into their opponent's basket more times and therefore score more points than their opponent. There are three different shots a player can make to score points. Any shot within the three-point arc earns the team two points. If a shot is made outside of the three-point arc, the team receives three points. If a player has been fouled and makes their unguarded foul shot the team receives one point for each made basket.
- C. Basic skills include dribbling, which is how a player moves with the ball; passing, which is how players give the basketball to another player; shooting, how a team is able to get points, by throwing the ball in the air towards the basket.
- D. Each team starts with five players on the court.
- E. There are three basic positions in basketball: guard, forward, and center.
 - Point guard is the player who is able to control the basketball and moves the ball up the court to then execute plays. The shooting guard assists the point guard in running the team up the court and normally can shoot well from far away from the basket.
 - The center is typically the tallest player on the court. They are able to receive the basketball from a teammate and are proficient at making baskets from only a few feet away.
 - The forward can shoot the ball well and is able to create movement on the court.
- F. Basketball is a non-contact sport, therefore, if a player places force on their opponent a foul is given. Each player is only allowed six fouls per game before they are expelled.
- G. Two main violations: traveling and double-dribbling. Traveling is when you move illegally with ball and a double dribble is when a player is dribbling, picks up the ball and then dribbles the ball again without passing it to another player first.
- H. There are two types of defense: man-to-man and zone. Man-to-man defense is when each defensive player is responsible and sticks to their assigned offensive player. Zone defense is when the defense splits up the court into sections and each player has a section that they are responsible for guarding.

Questions:

1. CIRCLE the nouns in lines A and D.
 2. Put a LINE under the verbs in lines F and H.
 3. How many TOTAL players are on the court at one time? _____
 4. How many basic positions are there in basketball? _____
 5. Look at your Roster. List a name of one center, one Forward and one guard for the Liberty.
Center: _____ Forward: _____ Guard: _____
 6. True or False: A player can dribble the ball and then pick it up, and then dribble one more time.
Circle one: TRUE FALSE
 7. How many personal fouls can a player be charged with in one game before they are expelled? _____
 8. What is the highest amount of points a player can score in one shot? _____
 9. There are four ten minute quarters and a fifteen minutes halftime in a WNBA basketball game. So, how many total minutes would a game be if the clock never stopped? _____
 10. In your opinion, which position is the most important in basketball and why? _____
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Be Hip, Be Fit!

Read the following statements. Circle **YES** to the statement if it is something you do on a regular basis.

Circle **NO** if it's something you don't do on a regular basis.

I participate in activities and sports at least three times a week.	YES	NO
I get between 8 and 10 hours of sleep at night.	YES	NO
I eat at least two fruits and vegetables a day.	YES	NO
I eat a healthy breakfast every day.	YES	NO
I stretch before and after I exercise.	YES	NO
I practice good posture when I sit, stand and walk.	YES	NO
I drink at least 8 glasses of water or juice a day.	YES	NO
I usually eat a healthy snack after school.	YES	NO

Health Goal

Look at the no responses you circled. Which ones would you like to improve? Below, write down a personal health goal that you can work towards this week. At the end of the week, read the goal you wrote down again to see if you've accomplished it.

Remember to keep health and fitness a part of your daily life so you can Be Hip and Fit!

My personal health goal:

How I achieved my goal:

Math Time!

Use the table and information below to answer the following questions:
2006 Regular Season Statistics

Player	G	GS	MIN	TOT REB	AST	STL	BLK	PTS
Shameka Christon	34	34	985	120	44	20	42	423
Becky Hammon	22	20	677	66	81	29	3	323
Cathrine Kraayeveld	34	13	901	158	32	16	15	298
Barbara Farris	34	34	943	178	51	21	5	261
Sherill Baker	34	16	614	56	35	46	2	251
Loree Moore	34	29	950	144	122	61	10	208
Erin Thorn	27	1	379	38	33	6	1	166
Kelly Schumacher	21	21	536	116	23	3	25	163
Ashley Battle	33	2	459	62	29	31	3	143
Christelle N'Garsanet	15	0	91	18	5	5	2	27
Emilie Gomis	2	0	14	0	0	1	0	3

KEY: G= Games played; GS= Games started; MIN= Minutes played; TOT REB= Total Rebounds; AST= Assists; STL= Steals; BLK= Blocks; PTS = Points

- How many points did these players score last season?
Loree Moore: _____
Becky Hammon: _____
Barbara Farris: _____
- Who had more total rebounds?
a. Cathrine Kraayeveld
b. Barbara Farris
c. Becky Hammon and Loree Moore combined
- Since Shameka Christon played 985 minutes, how many assists did she have per minute (round to the nearest whole number)?

- Of the following, which statistic does the combined Liberty roster have the highest total?
a. steals
b. assists
c. blocks
- Which player(s) started the most games in 2006?

Sportsmanship

Like any good sports team, the New York Liberty relies on good teamwork and sportsmanship everyday. The team works together and depends upon each other to arrive to practice on time, be at every game, and to represent the New York Liberty on and off the court in a positive manner.

Sportsmanship is defined as:

- playing fair
- following the rules of the game
- respecting the judgement of the referees and officials
- treating opponents with respect

Some people define good sportsmanship as the “golden rule” of sports – in other words, treating the people you play with and against as you’d like to be treated yourself. You demonstrate good sportsmanship when you show respect for yourself, your teammates, and your opponents, for the coaches on both sides, and for the referees, judges, and other officials.

Sportsmanship isn’t just reserved for the players and coaches on the court. Cheerleaders, fans and parents must be aware of how they behave during competition. Sportsmanship is a style and an attitude, and it can have a positive influence on everyone around you. Even if you are not involved with a sports team, sportsmanship is a part of your life – are you a poor sport when you lose a game of cards or when your classmate gets a better grade than you on a test? Good sportsmanship is a great trait to have on and off the court!

1. Describe a situation below where you were a part of or observed GOOD sportsmanship. What made you feel that there was good sportsmanship taking place. How did the good sportsmanship affect the outcome of the situation?

2. Describe a situation where you were a part of or observed POOR sportsmanship? What made you feel that there was poor sportsmanship taking place? How did the poor sportsmanship affect the outcome of the situation?

3. What is one way that you think YOU can be a good sport?

Basketball Word Search

S C A P T A I N B R M Q R P B
G R R R S R L Q L E Z I E E A
Y M E T E U E D O T M S E T S
X E E K O F R L C N J C H A K
Z A S F A I E T K E T D C M E
L G Y R B E S R D C Y D F M T
T I U B E I N E E T L M O A B
M R L A S J F S R E N H R E A
Q E U S R E E E S H O T W T L
M W A O N D B L A Y U P A Y L
G N I S C I H C A O C B R Q I
Y E I N L E S N E F F O D C O
Z V S Y A R M Q L G N N A E H
E U M C O W W D Z E I Y J A F
K T D R A O B K C A B U P O Y

ASSIST
BLOCK
CHEER
DEFENSIVE
FOUL
LAY UP
REFEREE
STEAL

BACKBOARD
CAPTAIN
COACH
DRIBBLE
GUARD
LIBERTY
SHOT
TEAMMATE

BASKETBALL
CENTER
COURT
FORWARD
JERSEY
OFFENSE
SNEAKERS

notes:

Follow up Quiz

Questions:

1. What was the final score of today's game? _____
2. What was the difference in the scores of each team? _____
3. What is the name of the Liberty's mascot? _____
4. Who is the captain of the New York Liberty? _____
5. What player did you like watching today? _____
6. How many time-outs did the New York Liberty take during today's game?

7. Who performed at halftime? _____
8. Which quarter did the New York Liberty Torch Patrol dance to our "Gotta Get Up" theme song? _____
9. In your opinion, who was the Most Valuable Player of today's game?

10. What was your favorite part of today's game?

Thank you for attending today's
New York Liberty Game!!!

Answer Key

Schedule IT (page 2)

1. 17
2. 7
3. Sunday
4. 8.2
5. False
6. 3
7. June
8. Los Angeles
9. False
10. 34

Who's On The Roster (page 3)

1. 11
2. 2
3. 5
4. Kelly Schumacher
5. 6'0"
6. 1982
7. Christelle N' Garsanet
8. Barbara Farris
9. Closets to your B-Day
10. Barbara Farris

Basketball Court On Top Of Ice? (page 4)

1. 3 hours
2. 35 to 50 workers
3. 1128 inches long and 540 inches wide
4. 200
5. Arena Deck
6. 3 events

Scrambled Players (page 5)

- #10 Baker
- #21 Battle
- #5 Thorn
- #54 Farris
- #25 Hammon
- #20 Christon
- #33 Kraayeveld
- #4 McCarville
- #14 N'Garsanet
- #17 Schumacher
- Secret cheer - Lets Go Liberty!!!

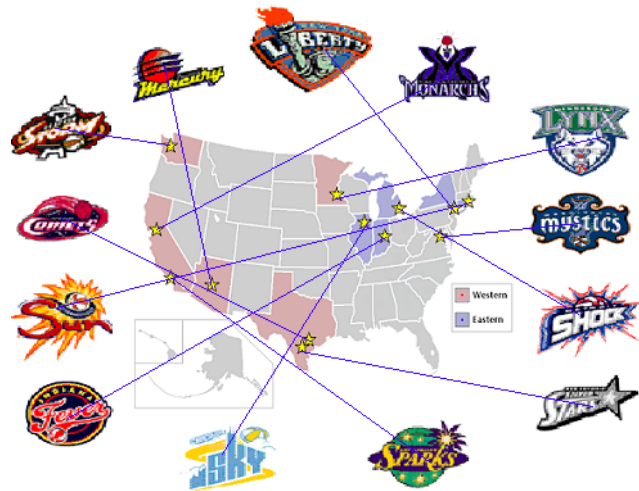
Basketball 101 (page 6)

1. A.) WNBA, basketball, games, halftime
B.) team, players, court
2. F.) is, places, is, given, is, allowed, are
H.) are, is, is, sticks, is, splits, has, are
3. 10
4. 3
5. See roster for multiple answers
6. False
7. 6
8. 3
9. 55
10. Opinion

Math Time (page 8)

1. Moore 208, Hammon 323, Farris 261
2. C
3. 22.38
4. B
5. Shameka and Barbara

Geography (page 10)



1. 11
2. 17 days
3. 2801
4. 3
5. 3
6. 1
7. opinion

Basketball Word Search (page 11)

S C A P T A I N B R M Q R P B
G R R S S R L Q L E Z I E E A
X M E T E U E D O T M S E T S
X E E K O F R L C N J C H A K
Z A S F F I E T K E T D C M E
L G Y R E S S R D C Y D F M T
T I U E E I N E E T L M O A B
M P L A S J F S R E N H R E A
Q E U S R E E E S H O T W T L
M W K O K O B L A Y U P A Y L
G N I S C I H C A O C B R Q I
Y E I N L E S N E F F O D C O
Z V S Y A R M Q L G N N A E H
E U M C O W W D Z E I Y J A F
K T B R A O B K C A B U P O Y