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# hoops&yoyo fan of the month...jessi!

some things about me and hoops&yoyo...

#### how i became friends with hoops&yoyo:

well, i first saw them on an e-card that was sent to me on my birthday (may 13th) six years ago! it was the birthday shout-out one...ever since then, I've been hooked on such a fun friendship!!

## why i'm happy to be the hoops&yoyo fan of the month!

oh my gosh! who wouldn't be psyched being the fan of the month!? when i am at work, I always go on their site to read their blogs and look at their photo gallery! i also send them e-mails and spread the fun to my friends!

anytime there's fun to be spread, we're on

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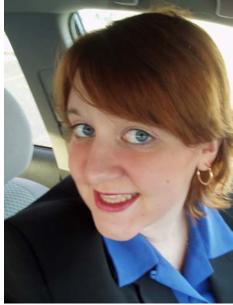
board with YOU, jessi!

#### what i like most about h&yy:

ooooh, that's just the word we like to use to describe you!!

#### my favorite things on the h&yy web site:

i like a lot of things on the hoops&yoyo web site...like the NEW e-cards ya'll have out, and the gifts!! i have the hoops&yoyo plushies!!



what a snazzy outfit!!!!

I'm going to get the picture iframe too! and the talking coffee mugs...and...well, a lot more hoops&yoyo stuff!

## some of the fun things I like to do (or have done) with hoops&yoyo:

well, my friend tracy and i took hoops&yoyo on a train to BOSTON! woo-hoo boston! you guys wouldn't leave the cake shop 'cause of all those yummy treats in the window. we are ALSO making a fun video! and hoops&yoyo are the stars! (\*thanks to the musical talents from the one doughnut a day cd!!\*)

know what we're hungry for, jessi? bostom cream pie!!! mmmmm...

#### a few things about me (& my friends &/or family):

well, besides being crazy-hyper and fun-loving, i love to sing! and dance in the hallways at my work, because i have nothing better to do...just don't tell my boss, peter! i also LOOOOVE watching movies!!

singing? dancing?? movies??? no wonder we're friends!!

## my favorite things about school or work or neither or both:

well, i don't go to school anymore...but at WORK i love being on break! ha-ha!! my job is basically to run errands all over the hospital, like bringing patients their belongings (if they are staying for more than a day and stuff)...and i love my outfit! it's spiffy looking!

#### my favorite fun things to do:

SING! singing is amazing!! i also make movies...most of them were from disney, when I did an internship working for mickey mouse for a year!



jessi with her pal mickey

#### my favorite foods!

spaghetti. definitely our family's homemade spaghetti!! also, I have a sweet tooth for my own homemade chocolate chip cookies...i make them really big!!

we have a sweet tooth for your chocolate chip cookies, too. got any? huh? and maybe a tall glass of milk?

more about jessi...



jessi and her niiiiiiice pals!

#### my favorite music:

anything with a good beat! i like acapella music, but I also like pop, jazz, oldies...but anything that will make me dance, I enjoy!

#### what makes me smiiile...

besides you guys? let's see...getting awesome hugs, being around great friends, BOWLING, (yes I love bowling), and of course, pay day! cha-ching!

thanks for those double lattes last cha-ching day, jessi!

#### something exciting or fun that i've done:

i have been swimming with dolphins in florida...it was AMAZING!!!

### I have a sweet tooth for my own homemade chocolate chip cookies...i make them really big!!



# other things i'd like to say about me or hoops&yoyo!!

on may 13th, 2008.... it was officially SIX whole years since I first met hoops&yoyo!! YAY! thanks for being awesome friends, you guys!! have a GREAT month!

ooooh, jessi, we are soooo happy you're our friend! thanks for all the smiiiiiles!!!



niiiiice pictures jessi took of hoops and yoyo



# hoops&yoyo fan of the month...lianna!



#### how i became friends with hoops&yoyo:

where do i start? first, my friend sent me an e-card. it's a typical story. most people's stories start out that way (with an e-card). anyway...i fell in love the moment i saw them. their spunky personality, childish charm, i love everything about them, and i mean EVERY-THING! (the day i got that e-card i showed it to everyone i knew. lol)

## why i'm happy to be the hoops&yoyo fan of the month!

ohhh. what an honor! i am so proud of this award and i want the world to know that I AM THE FAN OF THE MONTH!!

#### what i like most about hoops&yoyo:

what's not to like?!?!? why even ask that question? okay, first of all they are the funniest little creatures on the face of this earth. i mean... who wouldn't like them? a green bunny and a pink cat...you guys are so adorable! they also make the funniest e-cards. (i've watched every single e-card) it took like 5 or 6 hours. yes, i love you THAT much!!

wow, lianna, no wonder we like you so much! you're niiiiice!

just chillin' with lianna

## my favorite things on the hoops&yoyo web site:

my favorite thing about the hoops & yoyo website is the calendars and the fan of the month (i love that you honor the adoring fans). i use the calendars every month. even though it uses soooo much ink to print it out...i don't care. even though my mom gets mad sometimes... lol.

## some of the fun things I like to do (or have done) with hoops&yoyo:

i take tons and tons of pictures with them with my dog (buddy) he loves being photographed and i think it's so funny that he stays still while i take the pictures. i move his head while he's sleeping and then take the pictures. in some of the pictures of him his eyes are still closed.

buddy's a gooood dog. he's very soft and snuggly. not to mention cah-yoooot!

#### some things about me!

#### a few things about me:

i am an only child, so really my only friend at





Ilianna is our fan of the month!!!

home is my dog. he is a rat terrier, (i know that sounds gross but he's really cute) i have soooo many friends at school though. i love my friends so much. they are ammmmazinng. i couldn't ask for any better. my family is also amazing. my parents have been there with me every step of the way with school, friends, sports, and just when i need a little cheering up! my dog is my brother... i don't think he even knows my real name. he knows me as 'sissy.' my mom is 'mamma,' and my dad is 'pappa.'

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my favorite things about school or work or neither or both:

my favorite thing about school is FRIENDS!! i love them!

same here, lianna! and our second favorite thing is RECESS!!!

#### my favorite fun things to do:

i do tae kwon do. i love it! (i don't have anger problems or anything. lol.) i have only been doing it for a year and a half but i've gotten pretty far, i think. i actually used to do gymnastics before (for 4 years) but i stopped because i wanted to do a sport that i could carry with me for the rest of my life. trust me there's a guy that i know that's 57 and he still does it. \*(we support you bill!!) i also started because of the flexibility. (the gymnastics helped a lot with that) i compete state-wide (i got 2nd and 3rd out of the state) and next year i should be going to the national competition. GO RLMA!!! i've trained and worked so hard for all of this, and hoops and yoyo (and my parents especially) have been there for every step along the way.

that's right! we're always there to yell out the hiiiiiiii-YA part!

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#### my favorite foods!

i love mostly all foods (especially pasta! i love pasta!) except for sea food. i don't like eating food that you can see what animal it looks like. weird, huh? i don't like mushrooms either.



Ilianna and buddy are so niiiice!

#### my favorite music...

hmmmm. i like the stuff on the top 40. but I don't like country, (with a few exceptions) or opera (except when piddles does it).

piddles is giving you a special smile right now, lianna...



#### what makes me smiiile...

my dog, my friends, and doing tae kwon do.

something exciting or fun that i've done: i've gone skydiving. no i haven't. but i did

do this sky diving simulator thing where they put you in this tube and air blows up really fast and you just float and it feels like you're skydiving. the experts use it to train for the real thing.

we'd like to go skydiving with you, lianna. no we wouldn't. hahahahaha!! seriously, lianna, the simulator thingy is enough for us!! at least until someone makes a parachute in our sizes!

# other things i'd like to say about me or hoops&yoyo!!

i also volunteer at the humane society and help out the animals. but i do all the dirty work like cleaning out the cages (ewww, right?) but... after they let me play with all the dogs and cats.

see why we think lianna is so awesome??? she is good to critters, and that's waaaay cool.

hoops & yoyo rock!!!! thanks for brightening up my day when i need it!

hey, lianna, thank YOU for being our friend. you rock AND roll!!!

#### be the next fan of the month

Hey, do you dress in pink and green, like, all the time? Do you and a friend ever pretend to be us? Do you send a bazillion hoops&yoyo e-cards? Maybe you should be our fan of the month!! C'mon, let us know if you'd like to get in on this!

E-mail us at hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com

naptime with buddy





# OUR COMIC-CON ADVENTURE



BY hoops&yoyo

# we went to comic-con in san diego, california, in july, and we had a fantastically good time! here, we'll show ya!



first, we got on a humongously big airplane. we pretty much said "WHEEEEE!" the entire flight. there were a few people who gave us "the look," but when you are having THIS much fun, you gotta say, "WHEEEEE!" you can't NOT say it!! we looked out the window for almost the whole flight except for when the captain made us put our seatbelts on.



when we weren't looking out the window, we were reading up on stuff to help us in our jobs. (we think bob was very proud of us.)



when we got to san diego, we were sooooo hungry!! and all we wanted was breakfast. boy, did we get it!! oooooh, this makes our mouths water all over again!! it's so beautiful...



and then, there were were!! we actually made it to comic-con!!! and looky-looky what we found!! there were hallmark peeps there showing off OUR stuff!! we stopped and told them how niiiiice everything looked. and then we walked away quickly before they asked us to work or something.



ooooh, we met some zany people, people!! we made so many friends that we're gonna have to order a lot more Christmas cards this year! wanna meet some of them? huh? huh? they're reeeeal nice characters!

















and this is our new friend diva, and her dad, who we just bumped into in the packed crowed, and they knew us!! oh, it's so good to know you're beside a friend when everyone around you is sweaty. once we got into the big, sweaty crowds, we were superhappy we brought our anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, which we used allll over us. by the way, diva and her dad weren't sweaty. they were cooool cucumbers!!



while we were there, we got to play, too!!



and we saw some great big water!!





and just looky how our trip ended on our last night...fireworks!!! and look, they match hoops! sooooo cool.

thank you, san diego, we'll be back next year!!! and we're gonna have a whoooole bunch of stuff there, so watch out, people, here we come!!!

# Shout Outs big shout-outs in non alphabetical order-

#### e-mail shout-outs!

big shout-outs to some of our biggest # 1 fans--

lauren, negi, david, addison, simona, taylor, kiyana, greg, becca, gerry, hanatea, noah, kerry, zach, katherine, jordan, brooks, jessica, cassie, jess, tanner, jonathan, our distant cousin-in-law charlie, joy, amelia, ed, carolyn, john, monserrat,martinez,medellin, shea, danielle, elijah, ashley, alec, mayely, riley, elsa, katie, eric, kim, tina, nat, marielena, nick, anna, faith, samantha, leiley, lesli, holly, isabel, priscila, julia, grace, ingrid, nicole, haley, hayley, hailey, hailee, and hey - lee!!!!

**sharon** - we totally appreciate that you have bought at least one of each of our products and made a major contribution to our profit sharing!!!! ((deepbows))

meesa - we are a big fan of yours, too! thanks for building a fan club site just for us!!!!

taya - we hope the move to your new place goes well - remember - bend at the knees, please!!!

**krista** - you are in our thoughts every day - along with your fellow soldiers! stay safe and thanks for the awesome job you are doing!!!

**ashley** - how is that poster coming along? did you finally decide on just the right shades of pink, green and blue???

**rebecca** - happy third anniversary of loving us - cheers!

**hannah** - be sure to tell grandma sharon thanks for introducing us to you - we're loving all the laughs!!!!

**avery** - remind us again how to sign up for the 'nacho cheese of the month club' - sounds like something we would really enjoy dipping our paws in to!!!

babs - bob said 'thank you very much!' for the hug you sent to him!!! we think he even blushed a little!!!

alivia - oh wow - we forgot to mention - angel food cake with strawberries & whipped cream - yuuuummmy!!!

caty - how is the room decorating going? did you go with a neonpink or neongreen comforter???



# Shout outs



# big shout-outs in non alphabetical order -

**lexi** - halloween is just around the corner - remember to share a picture of your hoops&yoyo costume with us when you have it ready!!

vassor - you have great taste in cyber-friends and pizza - we love extra crispy, too!!!

**lauren** - did you un-bore your summery day today with a little slip-n-slide?!?!



fun with friends!!!

Kirlin's

#### a surpriiiise visit from bob!

bob had heard rumors about the biiiig hoops&yoyo fans at the kirlin's hallmark store in willowick, ohio. so when he was in the neighborhood he decided to stop in and see for himself! he met connie and nicole and denise, who were, like, "what, it's really you? the creator of hoops&yoyo???" after bob showed them his driver's license and official hallmark id badge, they all had a great time talking and laughing and telling stories. hey, connie and nicole and denise, thanks for being so niiiice to our main man, bob! keep your eyes peeled, people...bob might walk into YOUR store one of these days!





#### julie, you're a real treat!

know what one of bob's favorite things is in the whole wide world??? CHOCOLATE!!! so you can imagine the biiiig smile on his face when he opened this deliciousness. and then he put big smiles on OUR faces when he shared it.

you rock, julie! you really do!

fun with friends!!!



#### thanks, mr. mmmmmmmm!!

oh, the fun we're having with THIS box of goodies!! you can look at this pic, like a hundred million times and STILL see something new every time! piddles is especially liking the pool table that is just her size. and look at all her new friends! yoyo has claimed the chuckles and fireball candies, and hoops is planning a strategy for getting those jawbreakers into his mouth. mr. mmmmmm, you have given us happy-smiley hearts!! THANK YOU!!!



#### bob's new assistant

when julie k. sent this little bear to bob for his birthday, we wonder if she knew he would get put right to work!! bear just loves doing things like answering bob's phone and telling people bob can't come to the phone right now, but bear hugs are free if they'd like to stop by later. bob was wondering yesterday why so many people were stopping by his desk. (luckily, no one from human resources has stopped by yet.) thanks for the awesome BEAR-TH-DAY gift for bob, julie!!!!



# suh-weeeeet, barbie and beansprout!

know what we were saying the whole time we were gobbling up these treats? NOTHING!!! we were too busy eating!!! but afterwards, we said stuff like, "hey remember those amazingly delicious treats that barbie and beansprout sent?" and bob would say, "you mean the ones you JUST ate???" and we would say, "yeah, remember how gooood those were???" and bob would just smile and shake his head. THANK YOU, barbie and beansprout!!



write us at hoopsandyoyoblog@hallmark.com with a caption.

# what's up? what's new

we have been very, extremely busy making some new e-cards that we hope you will like. hey, if you DO like 'em, you can let us know by sending them to all your friends,

#### like a hundred jillion times!!



this one has the super-cool birthday song from our album with our bestest friend, parry gripp! now, we don't know how to make this any clearer to you...you'd BETTER send this e-card. or ELSE!! (hee hee, just a little e-card humor there.)



#### coffee shot 2...the decaf crisis

no, yoyo, no!! whatever you do, do NOT enter the room with the coffee. listen, buddy, we mean it. you don't know what horrors await!!!



noooooo!! it CAN'T be the first day of school. it's impossible!!! pleeeeease say it's a dream! or a nightmare! anything but the first day of school!!!



# hey, have you seen our official facebook page??

it's fun, fun, fun!!! please come sign up and be our facebook friend! c'mon, pleeeeease!!! we'll be waaaaiting.

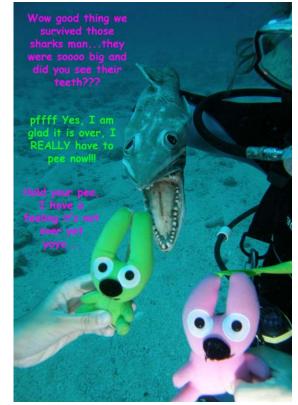
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niiiiiice pic!!!

# creator's fave pic of the month-

this one is from our biiiig adventure going on the famous shark awareness dive in st. maarten, netherlands, antilles! thanks for taking us, sandra and whitney! sharks are a whole lot more fun than we thought they'd be. (except for their scary teeth!)





put on a fantastical show by making a stage and using hoops & yoyo & piddles for your actors! try these fun ideas to get you started...or make up your own!

hide behind a sofa or a table or a chair or something else you can hide behind.



# hmmm, how do i make a little stage?

eat a box of donuts and then use the box for a

hang up a sheet or beach towel that you can stand behind (don't use dirty ones! ewwww.







## we'd love to see your videos!!!

post them on youtube or our facebook page,

(http://www.facebook.com/pages/w wwhoopsandyoyocom/20683218927)

be sure you e-mail us to tell us where they are so we can let the whole worldwide web know about 'em!!

# now, for the actors!

carefully cut around the hoops tyoyo to piddles on the dotted lines. (kids, get help from an adult with this!)



eat some popsicles, then clean the sticks and glue the characters you have cut out onto the sticks.



\* start the fun!!!

# but what about marshy???

ooooh, does poor marshy want to be an actor, too? you can make a marshy with lots of different things. how 'bout an extra-large marshmallow?? (chaaaa.) or a paper bag? or a mitten? or draw him yourself!! use your imagination!!!

