

Nicknames of 2012 NCAA Teams

<u>Supernatural</u>		
Mississippi Valley State	Delta Devils	
Detroit	Titans	
<u>Acts of God</u>		
Alabama	Crimson Tide	
Iowa State	Cyclones	
<u>People with Swords or Guns</u>		
Duke	Blue Devils	Not a real devil, it's a name for a WWI French fighting group (note the thin mustache and cape)
New Mexico State	Aggies	They could be unarmed, but the mascot is "Pistol Pete"
Kansas	Jayhawks	Name of pre Civil War era free state fighters from Kansas
West Virginia	Mountaineers	
UNLV	Rebels	
North Carolina	Tar Heels	Civil war reference
Missouri	Tigers	Also the name of a group of armed men in Civil War who defended Columbia against guerillas
Virginia	Cavaliers and Wahoos	
Xavier	Musketeers	
Michigan State	Spartans	
Norfolk State	Spartans	
<u>People with Simple Weapons</u>		
Florida State	Seminoles	
San Diego State	Aztecs	
Notre Dame	Fighting Irish	
Iona	Gaels	
Saint Mary's	Gaels	
<u>Large Carnivores</u>		
Baylor	Bears	
Belmont	Bruins	
Vermont	Catamounts	
BYU	Cougars	
Florida	Gators	
California	Golden Bears	
Montana	Grizzlies	
Memphis	Tigers	

<u>Unarmed People</u>		
Long Beach State	49ers	Part reference to 1849 gold rush (which I don't think was a big deal in Long Beach); more of a reference to LB State founding in 1949
Wisconsin	Badgers	Name for lead miners who lived in homes dug into the hillside
Purdue	Boilermakers	
Vanderbilt	Commodores	A reference to Cornelius Vanderbilt
WKU	Hilltoppers	Old nickname: Pedagogues
Indiana	Hoosiers	
Wichita State	Shockers	People who shock wheat
Michigan	Wolverines	Michiganders who fought Ohio over location of the border.
Large Herbivores		
Colorado	Buffalo	
South Florida	Bulls	
Texas	Longhorns	
Murray State	Racers	Racehorses
Smaller Carnivores		
Cincinnati	Bearcats	
Ohio	Bobcats	
Gonzaga	Bulldogs	
UNC-Asheville	Bulldogs	
Loyola (MD)	Greyhounds	
Georgetown	Hoyas	I'm treating this like a bulldog since no one knows what a Hoya is
Connecticut	Huskies	
New Mexico	Lobos	
Davidson	Wildcats	
Kentucky	Wildcats	
Kansas State	Wildcats	
North Carolina State	Wolfpack	
Raptors		
Marquette	Golden Eagles	(Trustees once considered "Gold")
Southern Miss	Golden Eagles	
Lehigh	Mountain Hawks	
Temple	Owls	
Birds and Smaller Herbivores		
VCU	Rams	
Colorado State	Rams	

Long Island	Blackbirds	
Creighton	Bluejays	
Louisville	Cardinals	
Lamar	Cardinals	
South Dakota State	Jackrabbits	
Inanimate Objects		
Ohio State	Buckeyes	
Saint Louis	Billikens	Former football coach looked like a billiken, a good luck doll famous in the early 1900's
Colors and other adjectives		
St. Bonaventure	Bonnies	Nickname, but an improvement over "Brown Indians" (1927-1992)
Harvard	Crimson	
Syracuse	Orange	