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adventure
#48:



How to enjoy a

Monster Truck Rally

in 13 easy steps!

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Step 1. Don event-appropriate clothing, including jeans, boots, obnoxious t-shirt or something flannel and ear plugs. Lee says, “I’m dressed so American, I’m embarrassed to be seen in Dupont!”

Note – if the event is more than six weeks away, grow a mullet hairdo. For extra points, dye it!



Step 2. Meet your a** kicking friends at an obscure coffee shop near the event and proceed to guest star in a documentary on Africa. Then torment the filmmakers with dozens of pertinent (impertinent?) questions.

Hmm, I wonder if I could get their phone numbers...



Step 3. Get strip searched by Verizon Center security and briefly incarcerated for bringing in outside food and drinks. Ok, just kidding. You can skip this step.

Step 4. Climb and climb and climb to the highest reaches of the stadium to your nosebleed seats and get settled. Sit through 10 minutes of heart-lifting, pride-inducing, red, white & blue patriotic songs and our nation's great anthem. Look down upon the Monster trucks, which appear more like angry little ants from this distance.



Step 5. Get kicked out of your seats and perform major acrobatic feats to reach your new seats. At least they're slightly farther down (ok, well only by one row).

Step 6. Insert ear plugs, rendering yourself instantly deaf. You try to recall the sign language you learned in school so you can communicate with your friends. Inadvertently you insult some Gallaudet students sitting near you. They give you a sign of their own and shoot you dirty looks for the rest of the rally.

Here's Volkan modeling the oh-so-stylish Sound Eliminator 6000 ear plugs.



Those trucks are big but they're so quiet...

Step 7. Watch in awe and amazement as the ant-sized Monster Trucks painstakingly position themselves at the starting line, rev their engines, and then drive 100 feet over 4 cars to the finish line.



Oh man, I think it's too late to go the bathroom now.





Step 8. Rate each stunt by holding up the appropriate number of fingers above your head and screaming. (“That was a 7!” “No way!”) Try bribing the judges with foot-long hot dogs (\$9.95 each, mustard extra).



Step 9. At intermission, either rush to the concession stand to buy massive quantities of overpriced greasy snacks (ah, now that's America) and record mullet sightings (493), OR stay in your seat for the half-time spectacular: The Great American MONKEY-ON-DOG RODEO!!!!

Yee-haa!



Step 10. Return to your seats for more...wild Monster Truck Action!



Switch on
your monster!

Step 11. After the show, take advantage of all photo opportunities until you are forcibly ushered toward the lobby.



Turks and trucks, always a winning combo!

Somebody
call security,
quick!



Step 12. Wait in a long, long line with lots of cranky kids so that Bogo can get his helicopter toy. Bogo manages to shock all parents in a 15-foot radius with X-rated comments regarding redheads and also random outbursts of salty curse words. The parents and the offended Gallaudet students band together to have us ejected from the arena.

Step 13. Complete the corny word games in the back of the program (appropriated by Megan; some poor little kid is going to be missing his Official 2007 Monster Jam Yearbook - \$79.95 at souvenir booth) and then bid farewell to your friends until the next a** kicking event.



A special award for this event goes to Cansu for being the most enthusiastic new Monster Truck fan, despite her handicap of wearing way-too-stylish clothing.