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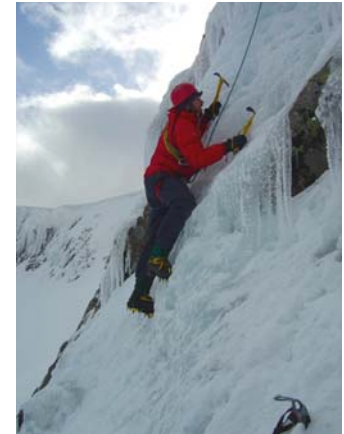
Outdoor Disaster Movie Night!



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Also known as **“AKAC Training Videos,”** these educational films underscore the power and horror of nature and circumstance and what can go wrong any time you leave the comfort of your own home.

Past films in this series included “Touching the Void,” subtitled, “When Mountain Climbing, Don’t Cut Your Friend’s Rope and Leave Him to Die”;



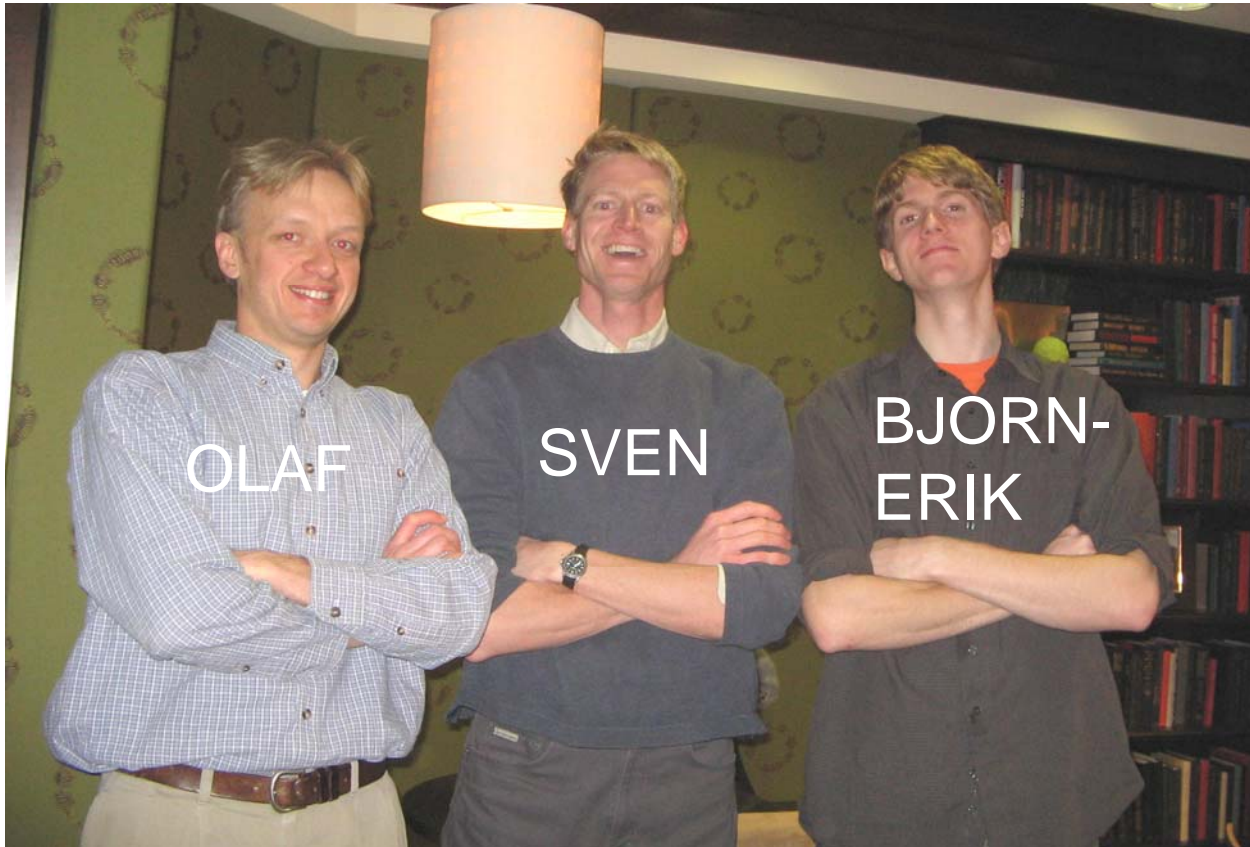
and “Deliverance,” also affectionately known as “Tips for Dealing With Genetically Challenged, Sodomy-Crazed Local Inhabitants Whilst on Canoe Trips.”

Tonight's feature was:

- a) A Disney movie about doggies
- b) A heart-wrenching true story of survival under nature's harshest circumstances
- c) Vindication for Lee's preference to stay in the lodge and drink hot chocolate
- d) All of the above



If you answered d), give yourself 5 points and go top up your hot chocolate :)



Security for the VIP Viewing Room was provided by three tall and mirthful Scandinavian mercenaries.

Ari, get in the picture!

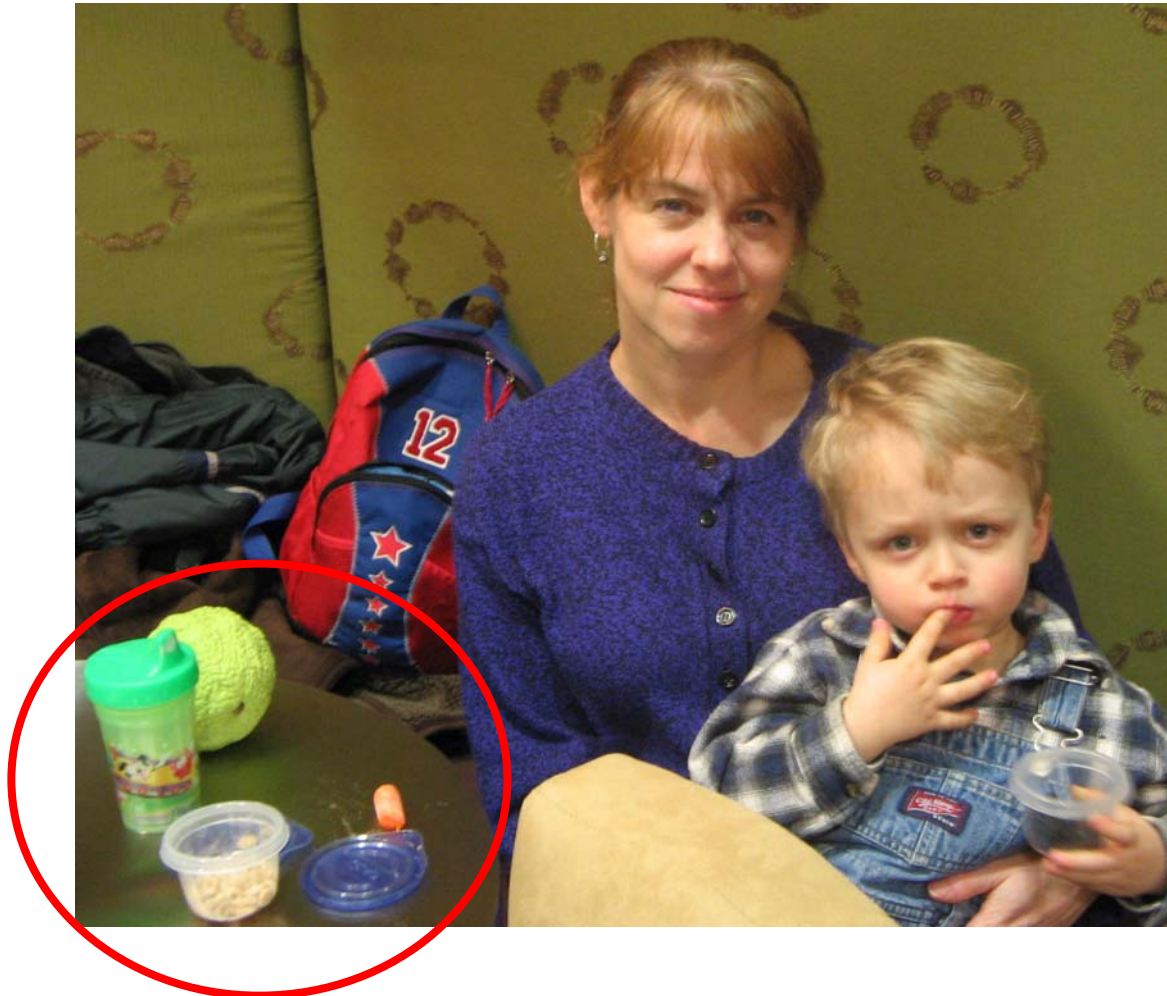
No!

Why not?

Because, I'm not tall and I'm not blond!

Suit yourself...

Optimal movie viewing requires tasty snacks. Here we see Deborah and Sage, age 3 1/2. Let's turn to the next slide to get a closer look at the snacks on offer at tonight's showing.



We zoom in for a closer look...

Item 4:
Osage orange.

What is that, you may ask?
(see next slide)

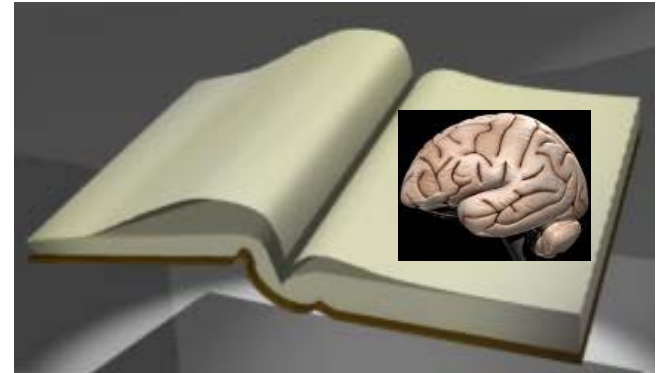
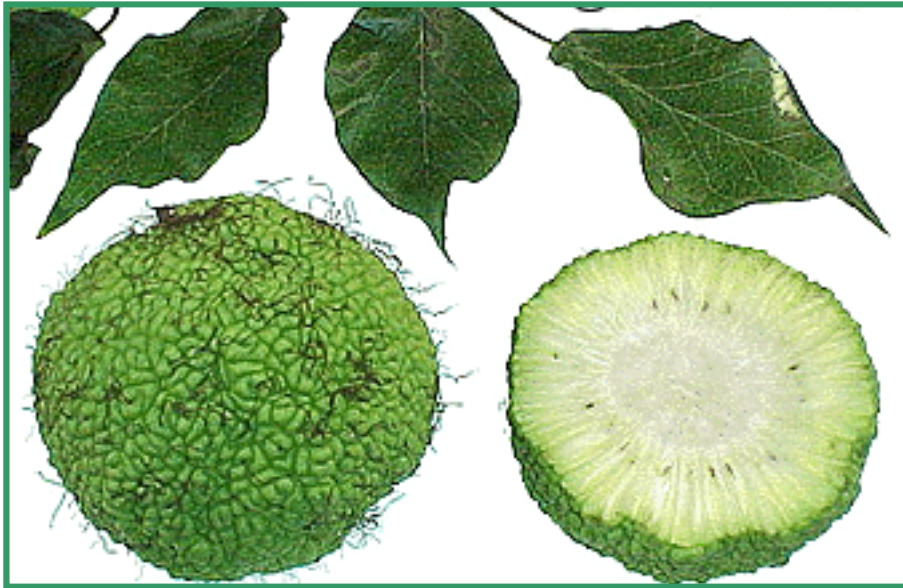


Item 1:
Carrot stick-
High in beta
carotene;
good for
vision

Item 3:
Sippy cup
with juice -
Healthy hydration!

Item 2:
Small bowl of
Cheerios -
classic kid food!

Let's check the **AKAC Guide to Fruits With Brainlike Appearance**, page 397:



"The **Osage-orange** (*Maclura pomifera*) is a plant in the mulberry family Moraceae. Common slang terms for the fruit include **monkey brain**, **monkey ball**, **monkey orange**, and **brain fruit** due to its brainlike appearance."

"The Osage-orange fruit has a pleasant and mild odor. **Although not strongly poisonous**, eating it may cause vomiting. In ancient times, this fruit was eaten by a giant ground sloth that became extinct shortly after the first human settlement of North America. Today, the fruit is sometimes used to deter spiders, cockroaches, boxelder bugs, crickets, fleas, and other insects."*

*this information is 100% corroborated by Wikipedia. See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osage-orange>

Meanwhile, Katie was the mastermind behind the liquid refreshments, proffering both hot and cold varieties.



So anyway, we grabbed our “not strongly poisonous” snacks and our drinks of choice, and after a brief remodeling of the room’s lighting system, settled down to watch the movie.



THE END!

Yep, that's about it. We watched the movie, sat around afterwards analyzing the meta-themes and pseudoallegorical implications, deconstructing the underlying textual features and their hierarchical binary oppositions,¹ and then we all headed home.

Catch you at the next A Kicking event!!**

¹See, for example, Jacques Derrida, 'Signature Event Context.' *Glyph I* (1977): 172-97