

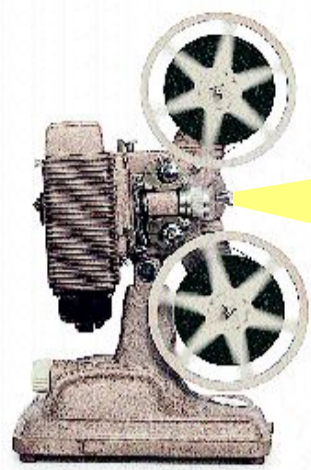


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SUMMER OF SEQUELS

Make way
for more pirates,
more Potter and, yes, more penguins

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"Shrek the Third"

May 18: Everyone's favorite green guy is back in "Shrek the Third," the latest adventure for the lovable ogre and his pals Fiona, Donkey and Puss In Boots. This time, Shrek could become the king of Far Far Away (a job he doesn't want!), unless he finds Fiona's long-lost cousin, Artie (voiced by Justin Timberlake). Sounds like a journey we don't want to miss! **Rated PG. Check out www.shrekthethird.com for more information.**

"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

May 25: If you loved the first two movies with Captain Jack Sparrow, you'll want to shell out some of your gold coins — make that cash — to see what happens next. In the third "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie, Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann are back in action, attempting to rescue Captain Jack and taking on the East India Trading Company to save the Seven Seas. It should be more swashbuckling fun. **Rated PG-13. Check out www.Disney.go.com/disneypictures for more information.**

"Surf's Up"

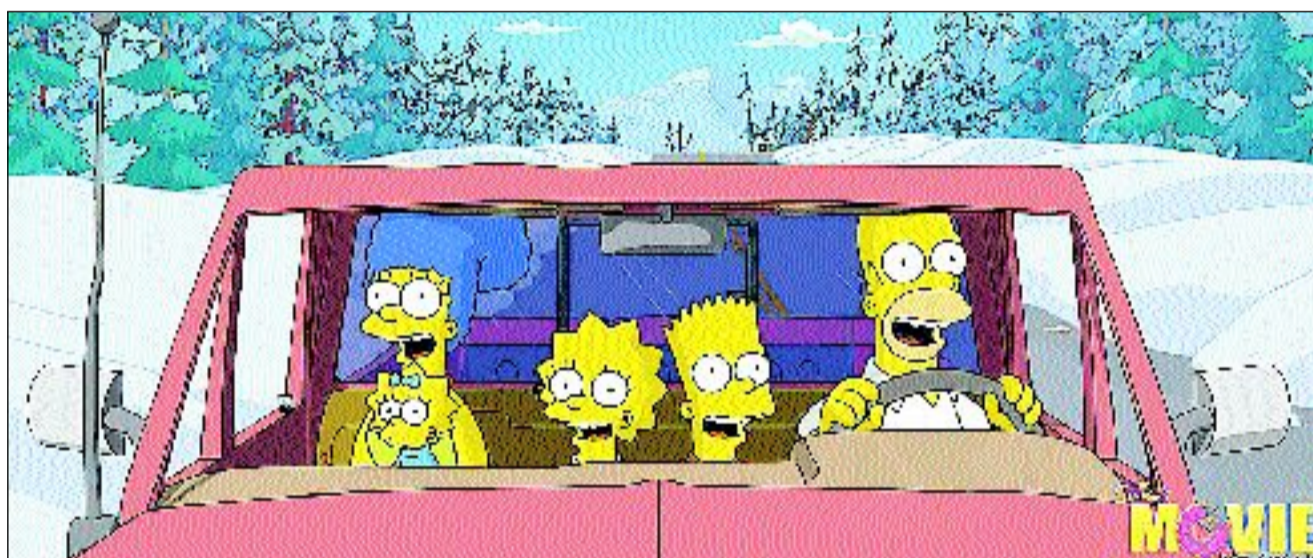
June 8: Penguins sure have been hot in recent years. Here comes another movie that stars a penguin — this one is named Cody Maverick. Cody is about to enter his first professional surfing tournament — that's right, surfing. Shia LaBeouf (the star of "Holes") is the voice behind Cody. Looks like the perfect summer movie for everyone in your family. **Rated PG. Check out www.sonypictures.com for games, activities and bios of the characters.**

"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer"

June 15: This is the other big superhero movie from Marvel Comics. In this sequel, the four superheroes have to battle a villain called the Silver Surfer. **Check out www.fantasticfourmovie.com for more information. This movie is not yet rated.**

"Nancy Drew"

June 15: Fabulous teen star Emma Roberts, star of Nickelodeon's "Unfabulous," takes on a dream role as detective Nancy Drew. Roberts says she loves the part because she gets to show so many different sides of the well-known book character. In this completely modern mystery, Nancy moves with her dad from River Heights to Hollywood where she's caught up in an unsolved mystery involving a movie star. Good news, too — Roberts has already signed on to make a second Nancy Drew movie. **Rated PG. Check out www.nancydrew-movie.com.**



"The Simpsons Movie"



"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

"Ratatouille"

June 29: Rodents have a long history of starring in books and films. If you liked "Stuart Little" or "An American Tail," this Disney-Pixar animated film is just for you. It's about a rat named Remy who wants to be the top chef in a fancy restaurant. Not all rodents are cute, but this one is. **The film is not yet rated. Check out www.Disney.go.com/disneypictures.**

"Transformers"

July 4: Moviemakers are hoping to transform a favorite toy into a big summer hit. If you love Transformers, you might want to check out where they stand in the summer movie battle. Shia LaBeouf and Bernie Mac are among the big stars in a live-action movie made by Dreamworks and Paramount. This movie has some violence and isn't for younger viewers. **It's not yet rated. Check out www.transformersmovie.com for more movie information.**

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"



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July 13: What else can you say about Harry? This movie is sure to be a bit darker, scarier and more frightening, just as J.K. Rowling's book is. Look for your favorite actors — Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson — to be casting their magical spells and working wonders during the suspenseful adventure. You'll also see lots more battling, as the wizards need to defend themselves against the powers of You-Know-Who. **The rating is not yet official but is expected to be PG-13. Check out www.Harrypotterorderofthephoenix.com for more information and trailers.**

"The Simpsons Movie"

July 27: You won't have any trouble dragging your parents to this cartoon. The Simpsons hit the big screen for the first time as Bart, Marge, Homer, Maggie, Lisa and all the characters you love have a film adventure. You can count on plenty of the usual clever and crazy Simpsons fun from creator Matt Groening. **This movie is not rated yet. You can find a trailer and more information on www.simpsonsmovie.com.**



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"Underdog"

Aug. 3: Ask your parents about "Underdog." They likely watched the caped canine when they were kids. In this film, the brave beagle is a real dog, not a cartoon. This sounds like a perfect show for the dog days of summer. Jason Lee is the voice of the dog in this live action film (mixed with special effects). As the dog says, "There's no need to fear. Underdog is here." **The film is rated PG. Check out www.disneydisney.go.com/disneypictures.**

"Daddy Day Camp"

Aug. 8: Remember "Daddy Day Care"? Cuba Gooding Jr. is the star dad in this sequel to that movie. This time, the dad who doesn't know much about camps or outdoor stuff is packing up to take charge at a camp in danger of closing. Camp movies are just the ticket for summer, although we bet this camp will be crazier and wilder than the real ones we've visited! **It's rated PG. Check out www.sonypictures.com for more information.**

"Bratz: The Movie"

Aug. 10: Calling all "American Idol" fans who also are fans of the trendy dolls. Paula Abdul is in charge of the Lionsgate movie that brings the fashion dolls to life. In the movie, each of the four girls starts out in a different high school clique or group. Jon Voight (remember him in "Holes"?) plays the high school principal. **Check out www.bratz.com for games, activities and a peek at a movie poster. It's not yet rated.**

"Mr. Bean's Holiday"

Aug. 31: This goofy British comedian has laugh-out-loud lines and stunts that bring on great giggles from kids and grown-ups alike. It's his first big-screen film in 10 years. Rowan Atkinson plays the mostly silent and clumsy Mr. Bean. In this adventure, he is going off to the Riviera in the south of France just before the Cannes Film Festival starts. **The film is not yet rated.**

Ogre
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Shrek heads out
on an exciting journey in his
third big-screen adventure

By CLAUDIA ATTICOT
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Once upon a time there was a lovable green ogre named Shrek. He lived in the swamp with his wife, Fiona, and went on adventures with his pals Donkey and Puss In Boots.

But Shrek doesn't get a chance to live happily ever after. Before King Harold of Far Far Away dies, he chooses Shrek to succeed him. Shrek, however, has no desire to rule.

In "Shrek the Third," which hits the big screen on Friday, Shrek and his buddies seek a new king. Shrek wants Fiona's cousin Arthur to take the throne. Why Arthur? "King Arthur" has got a nice ring to it," Shrek told Time For Kids. "King Shrek" does not ring. It just sort of sits there like a half-eaten swamp rat."

Loads of adventures lay ahead for Shrek as he sets out on a trip to find Arthur. Why is Shrek so afraid to be king? Will he ever find Arthur? Will he and Fiona finally live happily ever after?

Time For Kids caught up with the green ogre himself. Here's what he had to say.

TFK: What scares you most about being king of Far Far Away?

SHREK: Having to wake up every-day and squeeze into those tiny outfits.

TFK: Why do you think Artie should be king instead of you?

SHREK: The kid's got smarts. I've seen them. He's got a whole bunch of them in this school backpack. He'll be fine.

TFK: Of all the people you came across on your way to find Artie, who was the weirdest? Why?

SHREK: Every day it's the same answer — Donkey, Donkey, Donkey. Why? Because he's Donkey.

TFK: Why are you and Prince Charming always at odds with each other?

SHREK: I think it's jealousy. Come on, how's he gonna compete with my good looks?

TFK: When you left Far Far Away, Prince Charming took over the throne. What are you going to do to punish his underhandedness?

SHREK: I'm going to take a ruler and smack him on his underhandedness. That's what my teachers used to do to me when I was "underhandy" in school.

TFK: If you were king, what would be your first order of business?

SHREK: I would make a new law, outlawing me from being king.

TFK: Merlin tried to send you back to Far Far Away using magic, but it didn't work as it should have. Do you still believe in magic?

SHREK: I believe in that case we would have been better off taking the bus! However I would recommend Merlin for birthday parties.

TFK: What's next for you and the gang?

SHREK: I'm feeling like we should start a band and hit the road.

TFK: Who would you say is your favorite, Puss In Boots or Donkey?

SHREK: I'm really partial to that Gingerbread Man. He's a cute little confection.