

STUDY of ANCIENT LIFEWAYS and TECHNOLOGIES

S.A.L.T. MISSION STATEMENT

S.A.L.T.'s primary goal is to understand, practice and share all life skills and arts of the ancient world. This is accomplished by regular Skills Meetings and informing the public through various Events.



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S.A.L.T. e-NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th

10 am – 2 pm

**MUSEUM TOUR and
ARTIFACT DISPLAY**

with Peter Huegel

S.A.L.T. SKILL #2 CORDAGE

Make a 3 ft. length of Cordage

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS Meet at 9 am

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

(Please bring a dish to share for the potluck Brunch!)

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, September 16th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL # 22 – WEAPONS – Make a Blow Gun / Darts with Bob Sizemore

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR S.A.L.T. SHIRTS
TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS!**

*All Members make sure Tamara has your name
on the membership list for free entry into SVM!*

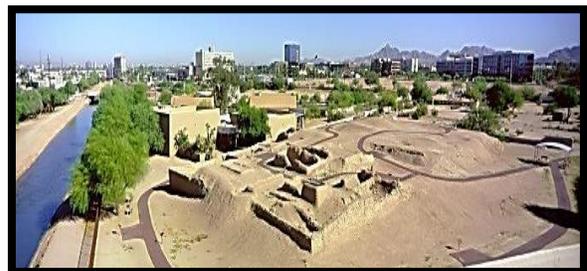


S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

in English it is "Central Platform Mound."



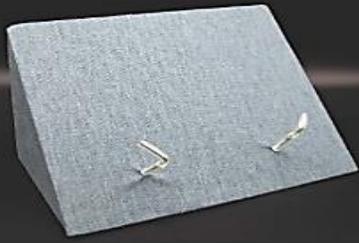
S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum (Pueblo Grande Museum) is an archaeological site once inhabited by the Hohokam culture, just east of downtown Phoenix, next to Sky Harbor International Airport. It's a National Historic Landmark and Phoenix Point of Pride accessible by the Sky Train and the Light Rail. Part of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department since 1929, it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix.



4619 E. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034 [\(602\) 495-0901](tel:6024950901)

**"Unless there is CONTEXT,
it's all arts and crafts." Steve Watts**

Sending Their Ancestors Home



Exploring the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, thirty years later and still striving for healing.

Exhibit Opens June 22, 2023 through May 2024

S'edav Va'aki Museum

Formerly Pueblo Grande Museum
4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034
(602) 495-0901 | www.pueblogrande.com
pueblo.grande.museum.pks@phoenix.gov



Save the Date! 2023

Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum
Indian Market &
Young Artist Market

December 9 & 10, 2023
Pueblo Grande Museum, Phoenix, AZ



ARTIST APPLICATIONS OPEN
MAY 15 – SEPTEMBER 15

www.PuebloGrande.org
480-667-8886 (Lorenzo)



Kevin Quannie
2023 Featured Artist

LOOK FOR OUR S.A.L.T. POSTER IN THE
MUSEUM LOBBY!



THE ZUNI WORLD

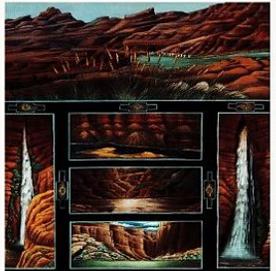
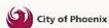
VIRTUAL PROGRAM SERIES
To register for the free programs, visit:
www.pueblogrande.org/events/events-registration

WED. JULY 26TH, 2023
12 - 1:30 PM (ARIZONA TIME)
Artists featured in the exhibit *The Zuni World*, *Ashiwi A'wan Ulohanne* will discuss their artwork and their involvement in the Zuni Map Project.

WED. AUGUST 16TH, 2023
12 - 1:30 PM (ARIZONA TIME)
Screening of the short film *Then, Now, and Forever: Zuni in the Grand Canyon*, followed by a discussion with Zuni artist, elder, and cultural advisor, Octavius Seowtewa.

WED. SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2023
6 - 7:30 PM (ARIZONA TIME)
Hybrid - in person and virtual!
Curtis Quam, Director of the Ashiwi A'wan Museum and Heritage Center, and Matt Peeples, Associate Professor with the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University will discuss the Zuni Mapping Project and modern methods of recording the land. This program is given in partnership with the Arizona Archaeology Society.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ANCIENT SKILLS?

Everyone is welcome to join our S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETINGS
at SEDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
on the third Saturday of every month for free instruction of ancient skills!



"You are here today because YOUR ancestors knew these things."



**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
1. Cutting Tool	Make a flake and Discoidal Blade	Make flakes from three different rocks and refine the tools	Demonstrate a use or project with the tool
2. Cordage	Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage	Process three different fibers and make cordage	Demonstrate a use or project with the cordage
3. Friction Fire	Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting	Forage for materials, construct hand drill or bow drill and make fire	Make a complete Fire Kit to use and display

**DON'T MISS THE AUGUST 2023
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!
Saturday, August 19th 10 am - 2 pm**

**QUARTERLY S.A.L.T. BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS
(Don't forget a dish to share for the potluck brunch!)**

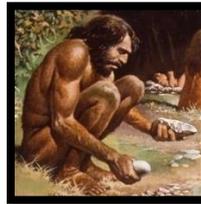
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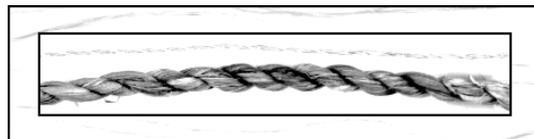
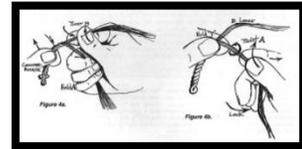
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SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
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SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I
Make a flake and discoidal blade.



SKILL #2 CORDAGE: Level I
Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage.



SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE: Level I
Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting.



(Beads will be given out to new members when Level I of all three of the above Membership Requirement Skills are completed and dues are paid.)

Remember to bring your own primitive tools and materials to the Monthly Skill Meetings, if you have them. Materials for the Membership Requirement Skills are provided at each meeting for guests and new members.

Also, you are responsible to sign in at meetings and events to be included in the newsletters, etc. and note on the sign-in sheet each level of each skill you complete to be awarded your beads. You need to make a Personal Bead to receive the leather thong for your Skill Beads. Thanks!



JULY 2023 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Board Members in attendance: Laura Robins, Bob & Carol Sizemore, Tom Wax, Jennifer Ahumada, Peter Huegel

Members in attendance: Diane Wax, Carlos Acuna, Luis & Noah Ahumada, Susan Jeffay, Tom Adkins, Russell, Jodee, Calvin, Wesley & Bingham Hortin, Sylvia Lee, Rocky Hettinger, Carol Schroeter and Linda Jolle

Welcome New Member: Justin Sowden

Guests: Mari & Dalen Townsend and Robin & Nick Risner

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS MEET BEFORE OUR SKILLS CLASS at 9:00 am

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
5. Flint Knapping	Demonstrate Core Reduction by Percussion	Use Percussion to produce Bi face Preform	Make primitive tools such as Southwestern Points



Jennifer and Tom taught an awesome class!

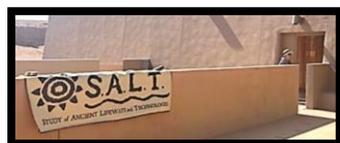


Some of Tom's Basketry

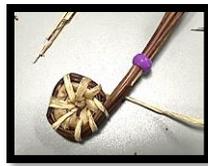


S.A.L.T. SKILL #14 BASKETS Make a small Pine Needle Basket with Tom Wax & Jennifer Ahumada

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
14. Baskets	Take a class and make a simple basket	Take a class and make a large basket or pack basket	Forage for materials and make a basket on your own



Our meeting was held in the classroom due to the AC not working in the Community Room.



Because of limited time, Laura decided to make a Pine Needle Pendant!



As always, a delicious Potluck Brunch! Thank you to everyone who brought food!



S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT / INFO GALLERY

**EVEN THE SO-CALLED EXPERTS
CAN GET IT WRONG...**

by Peter Huegel

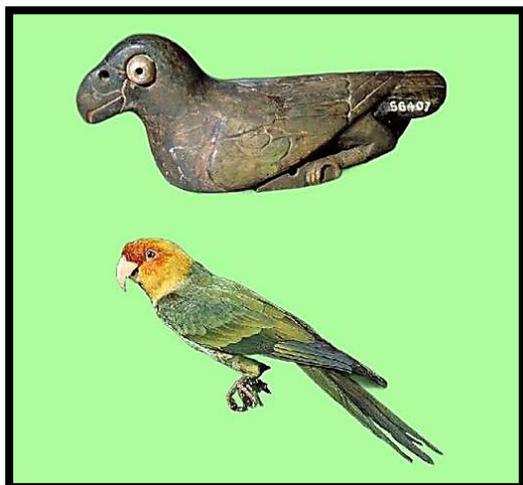
At the last SALT skills meeting at S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande Museum) we talked about ancient effigies and looked at why they were made, as well as learning about the animals they represented.

I wish I had had this information for the presentation.

This shows how even the so-called experts can get it wrong. A prehistoric work of art from the Hopewell culture (1-400 AD). This effigy was excavated from a Hopewell Mound and was a part of an excavation to gather artifacts for the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

It was documented by the Chicago Field Museum as being a "raven" or "crow" figure.

The core of the figure is carved bone and covered in copper which hints it is not a Raven or a Crow. It has a freshwater pearl eye.



Look at the beak. It more likely represents a Carolina Parakeet given the hooked beak. Now consider that the body was covered in copper. What color does copper turn as it ages? Green comes to mind, not black.

The now extinct Carolina Parakeet a green-bodied bird with yellow heads and red faces, once thrived between the U.S. east coast and what is now Colorado.

It was the only indigenous parrot within its range, as well as one of only three parrot species native to the United States. The last confirmed sighting in the wild was in 1910.

It was called puzzi la née ("head of yellow") by the Seminole and kelinky in Chickasaw.

Carolina parakeets were probably poisonous! The species adapted to live off the toxic cockleburs, which did not injure the birds but often proved fatal for predators.

In this case we have to take it "at face value" that this effigy is NOT what the "experts" declared it to be and they must indeed "eat a little crow".

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

**FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
CHICAGO, IL 7/5/23
with Laura Robins**

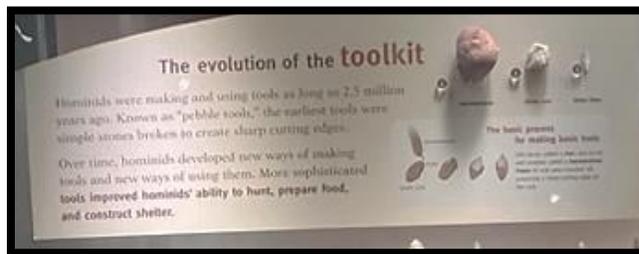
During a trip to see my family in Illinois, we decided to take Sienna and Saige to Chicago's Field Museum to see the mummies and dinosaurs! I remember many fieldtrips there when I was growing up. It would take a week to see it all!



Sienna, Laura, and Saige



Lucy



The Discoidal Blade!





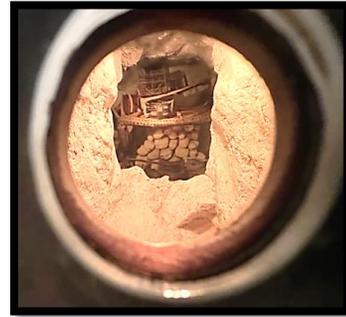
Shell Necklace and Ancient Art



First sight Carter sees of Tut's Tomb!



Mastodon and Mammoth



Mummies



Stegosaurus



Sue the T-Rex found in South Dakota in 2010

"Knowledge is not complete until it is passed on."
Steve Watts

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 Independent Living Skills ... More Important Now Than Ever
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Intern Dates & Focus Topics for 2023

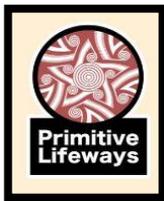
AUGUST 8 -24
 High Altitude Food & Fruit Growing, Horse & Buggy Transport, Tipi Living, Natural Water Catchment, Plasters & Pigments, Home Butchering, Fire Making, Traditional Hide Tanning, Preserving Meat & Eggs, Adobe Horno Baking

AUG. 12- 13 Fire! Fiber! Flint! Survival Basics with Ivan Lakish

OCT. (dba) Homestead, Blacksmith & Butcher Tools Repair and Maintenance with Papa Dean Smith

Robin Blankenship, Founder, Owner and Instructor of Earth Knack School
 Author: How To Play In The Woods (Gibbs Smith, Publisher 2016)
Earth Knack: Stone Age Skills for the 21st Century (Peregrine Books - Gibbs Smith 1996)

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Visit the Primitive Lifeways Store!

The Primitive Lifeways store is up and running. This month we are featuring new merchandise including beautifully crafted prehistoric replica pottery and jewelry. We are still selling stickers for less than a cup of coffee at Starbucks. By purchasing our new merchandise, you are helping us educate

the public on archaeological preservation and the sharing of free information.

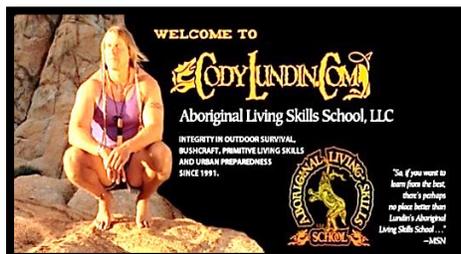
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35TH RABBITSTICK
 in Rexburg, Idaho
SEPTEMBER 10 - 16, 2023

• **Online Registration:** After registering through Pay-pal, please print and fill out the **Registration and Release** forms for each adult who will be attending the event (**FORMS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT - Children can be added to adult forms**).



PDF

Return forms ASAP via e-mail - backtracks905@gmail.com - or snail mail.

• **Register by Mail:** Forms need to be completed and submitted by August 15th.

(FORMS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT)

• **Late Registrations:** There will be no late registrations at the gate.

• **Adult Early Registration - 2023 - \$340.00 (Ends Aug. 1st, 2023)**

• **Adult Registration Adult - Late for 2023 - \$425.00 (After Aug. 1st, 2023)**

• **Teen Registration - ages 13-15 - \$185.00**

• **Youth Registration - ages 9-12 - \$160.00**

• **Kids Registration - ages 4-8 - \$70.00**

• **Cancellation Fee** - Due to the fact that there are transaction fees that apply via Paypal, there is a \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee for adult registrations prior to August 1st. After August 1st registrations are not refundable, but may be transferred to someone else or, with approval, held over for one year. We have raised this fee due to the inordinate number of last-minute cancellations all events are starting to experience - if you register, you take a spot from someone else who would like to attend.

• **We will be serving only one meal (Dinner at 6pm) each day.**

• **Day Rate** - We have discontinued a day use rate. All participation will be limited to guests who will be in camp all week.

Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, held the 3rd week of September in ID, is the premier Backtracks event. Rabbitstick is the oldest of all of the modern primitive skills events and has been the model for most of the events currently running worldwide. Each year we host nearly 150 instructional and support staff who provide a camp with hands-on classes that run 9am-5pm for 5 days for about 400 registered participants. This is an unparalleled opportunity to learn skills and get to know teachers that you can trust. Visit our new website - rabbitstick.com - for complete event and registration details.

Backtracks has assembled one of the largest and most complete rosters of primitive skills teachers and practitioners available anywhere. Backtracks is your source for the best instructional staff you'll find at any event. Join Us!

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《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

FALL CAMP October 12-15, 2023

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency



Email Mullein [HERE](#) with any further questions

May 27th - June 1st, 2024

Between the Rivers Gathering is a week-long educational workshop for learning skills that originated in the stone-age all the way up to modern homesteading. We are an annual event located in Washington State about an hour north of Spokane. We will have a multitude of instructors offering a broad-range of classes all week long. Included will be wilderness survival skills of all kind, basic and homespun living, preparedness and skills of a practical and archeological nature.

We offer hands-on classes in ancestral living and survival, and we also focus on the skills of self-sufficiency and sustainable living to minimize our impact on this planet we all share. Come join our community and experience for yourself what an ancestral skills gathering is all about!

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency
Sponsored by Bridges to the Past 501(c)(3)
Northeastern Washington State Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact us: patrickf@bridgestothepast.org

betweentheriversgathering.com

BTR LOGO HATS ARE AVAILABLE!



Kandis Larson is making Between the Rivers Gathering Logo Hats and making them available to you! Each hat has a leather patch branded with our BTR logo that we have all grown to love, no two are alike, and have a primitive touch to them.

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Dear RMS family & friends,
~ Live What You Love ~



All classes held at Reevis Mountain School include hearty meals fresh from the homestead, class supplies, hot showers, and campsite. Camping is free, or stay in a yurpee (\$10 per night per person), single cabin (\$25 per night, sleeps 1), or double cabin (\$50 per night, sleeps 1-2+), availability permitting. We provide complimentary shuttle service from Roosevelt, AZ, or caravan in your own 4X4. Shuttle pickup is at 4 p.m., first day of class. Please see our [website](#) to enroll and to get more information

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Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns

PRESCOTT PRIMITIVE LIVING SKILLS

Prescott, Arizona

Check out Kiowa Sage on Facebook!

Hello friends! It's Kiowa Sage! I started a local meetup group to teach courses on primitive living skills, nature awareness and outdoor survival skills - all of which I've been training in for many years. All classes ranging from two hour workshops, day long classes and multiple day immersion courses. Skills and knowledge bases such as making fire with sticks, edible and medicinal plants, animal trapping and tracking, fiber arts and weaving, basic outdoor survival skills and how to do more with less in the outdoors. Right now I only have a couple classes listed until I acquire more traffic. Check out some of the listings that are available! www.meetup.com

Watch for new listings of classes that are offered, and there will be more to come!
-Kiowa Sage



WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
FEBRUARY 18-24, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2023!

Winter Count, (started 1995), is part of a family of gatherings that strive to reconnect people with old ways of making fire, tanning hides, forming metal, weaving baskets, hunting, gathering and much more. We teach ancestral skills that were essential to the survival and well-being of all cultures, no matter what continent your ancestors came from. Through the understanding and mastery of these skills, people find that they can connect not only to a simpler way of living life but also to the roots of their heritage and to a pathway to interact more deeply with the natural world.

We provide a camp with some of the best instructors in their fields, teaching what they have learned through experience, experimentation and through source materials. Some of the instructors have spent many years perfecting their crafts. Some have managed archeological sites while others have lived deeply among the wild places, hunting, raising their own food and making their own clothing and tools from the most basic elements. We are a diverse group of people from many experiences, opinions, and family backgrounds, who come together to share what it is that makes us excited about life.

Winter Count is a drug, alcohol, and firearm free event.

Winter Count 505-570-9484

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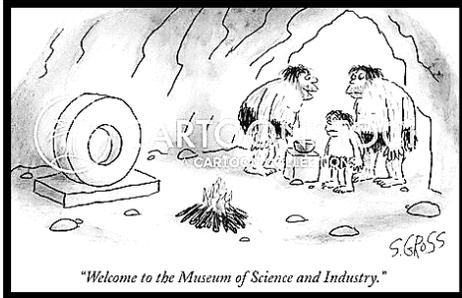
NEED YOUR HELP!



Jax's Project has been growing by leaps and bounds! He has had the opportunity to touch the lives of 185 Veterans who are transitioning from homeless to healing. If you would like to help, put bags together, supply items, or donate money for supplies, you can partner with Jax in honoring these Veterans.
Please call Tamara if you can help at 602-920-8228.
The website is:

www.americanveteransranch.org
Jax and the Veterans

“Primitive (first) skills are our shared inheritance. It is the shared thread which links us to our prehistory and binds us together as human beings.” Steve Watts



ATTENTION

S.A.L.T. Members and Associates!

Please send in pictures and articles for this newsletter! Send in information on projects you are working on, information you have found on primitive skills, pictures from trips to archaeological sites, etc.

Send it to saltskills@gmail.com



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS

ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES!

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !

SINGLE \$12.00 & FAMILY \$24.00
(New memberships are pro-rated throughout the year)

Please mail them to S.A.L.T. Treasurer,

TAMARA TADANO
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Please make the check out to
Tamara Tadano

S.A.L.T. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

The Tan “Fishing Shirt” Style S.A.L.T. Membership Shirts are available by pre-order. Please contact Charlie Tadano to order your Shirt at 602-524-6910

NEW BLACK S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS, HOODIES



and S.A.L.T. PATCHES are available!

(Special pricing for members) S.A.L.T. PATCHES \$5.00 each
(Memberships receive one free)

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