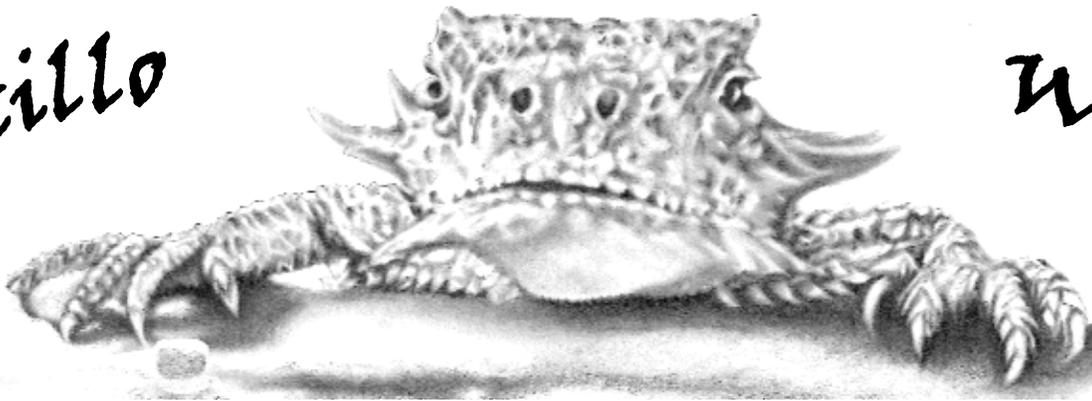


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## Interpretive Schedule

**Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!**

**This is your guide to an adventure-filled weekend.**

**Come see live glowing scorpions and discover why the domes bubble. View the night sky through a telescope and learn about the stars. Discover OW's geology on an exciting ATV tour. Meet the massive mega-fauna that used to call OW home at our new Gnarly Beasts of the Past Exhibit. There are even opportunities to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!**

**With winter rain comes spring wildflowers! Stop by the Discovery Center to discover this season's bloom.**

**Saturday, March 19th, 2011**

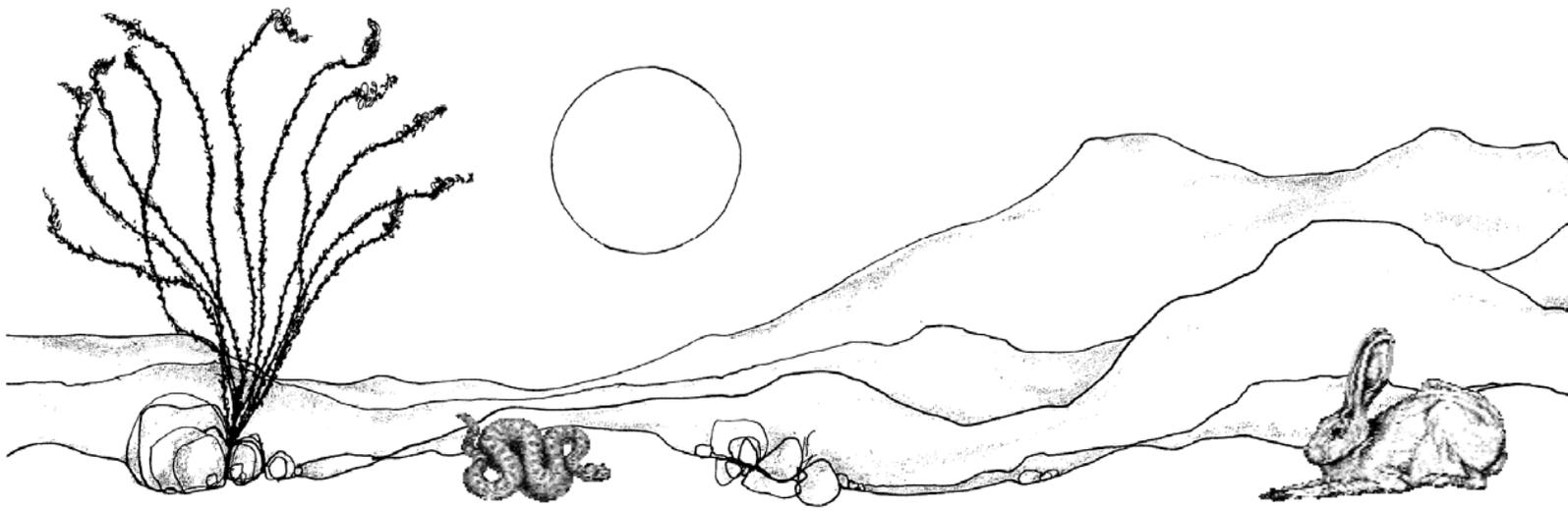
**8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**Coffee with the Naturalist at the Youth Track**

Join our Park Naturalist for a free cup of fresh-brewed coffee or hot chocolate before you head out on the trail! Stop by the Youth Track on Ranger Station Rd. to enjoy a hot beverage, great conversation, and find out what exciting interpretive programs will be offered throughout the weekend.



*Snakes, coyotes, and owls are only a few of the animals that prey upon the desert cottontail. These rabbits are such an important food source in the desert, that most of them don't even make it through their first year! However, these prolific breeders can breed at three months of age and may have multiple litters in one year.*



## **Saturday, March 19th, 2011**

### **9:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Wildflower and Plant Display at the Discovery Center**

Did you know the Desert Lily is like garlic? Or that there are mini-Sputnik's on White Rhatany? That there's a rebel in the Sunflower Family? Come find out! Explore these blooming beauties and cool facts in our new Garden and Discovery Center Walkway with a Park Interpreter. Ask away, and learn all you want to learn about the blooms going on in the Park!

### **10:00 am to 4:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past at Shell Reef**

What is the most gnarly creature of Ocotillo Wells' past? Imagine a time when massive mammoths and ancient camels roamed OW and were hunted by hungry saber-tooth cats. Picture a shark the size of a bus chasing walruses through the sea above Shell Reef. Come check out a skull of the biggest bear that ever walked the Earth! Discover these mega-critters at the Gnarly Beasts of the Past exhibit.

### **11:00 am Junior Ranger Program at the Discovery Center**

This week our Junior Rangers will be talking about some of the fun and exciting things located right here in Ocotillo Wells. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

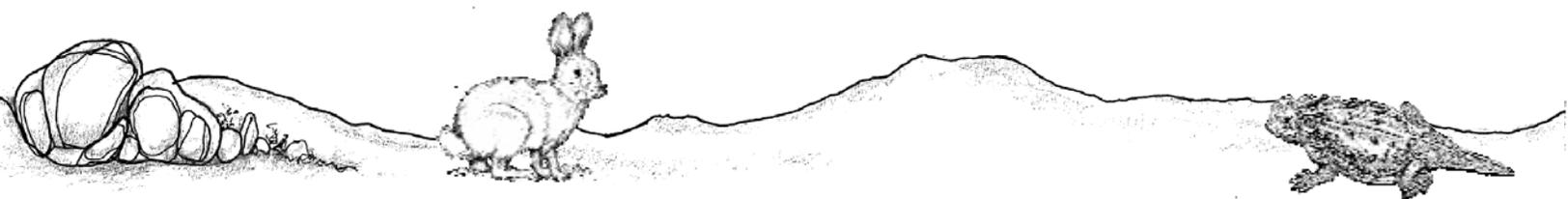
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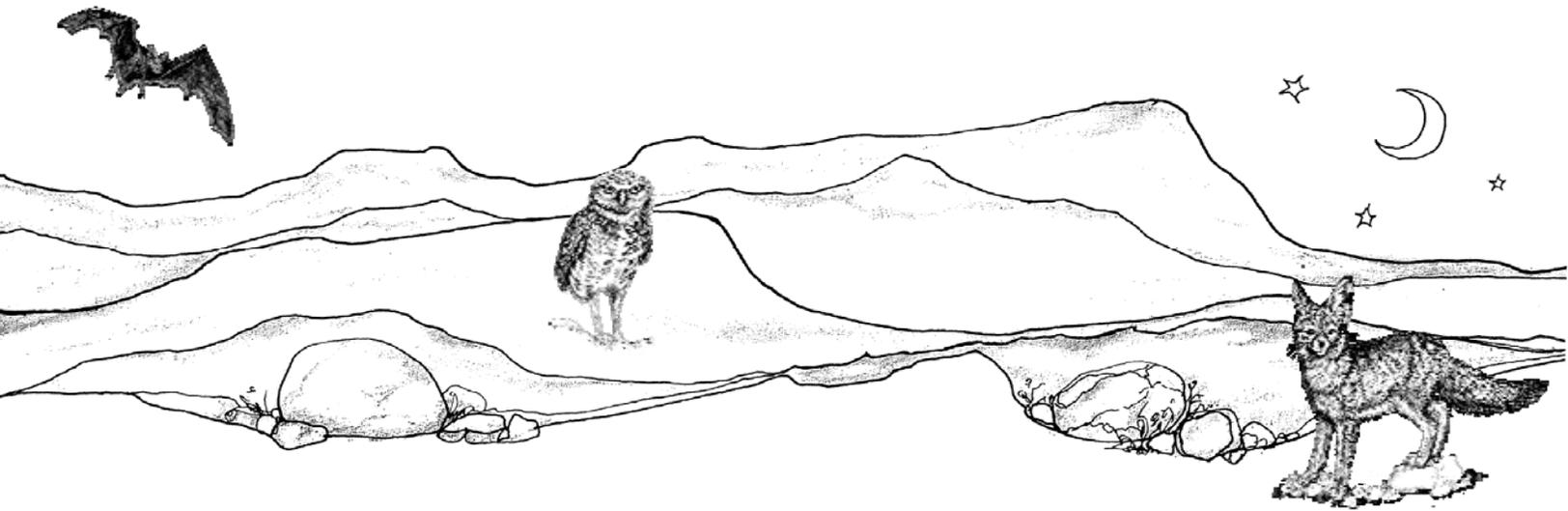
Join us at the Discovery Center anytime between 1pm and 3pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!

### **7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Evening Program - Stargazing at the Amphitheatre**

Join us at our Amphitheatre located behind the Ranger Station for an incredible look at our night sky. Our Park Interpreters will amaze you with views of stars and planets. You will revel in close-ups of the moon's craters and lunar seas. Wear warm clothing and be prepared to enjoy hot chocolate at this wonderful family event. Indoor activities will take place inside the Discovery Center in the event of inclement weather.

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## **Saturday, March 19th, 2011**

### **1:00 pm to 6:30 pm Wildflower Photography Workshop at the Discovery Center**

Join us at the Discovery Center for classroom instruction followed by a drive to a scenic overlook to shoot flowers as part of the desert landscape. Later, photographers will download and process the afternoon's pictures. Bring a 4 wheel drive vehicle and expect to hike about 1 mile.

### **6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! Program at the Discovery Center**

Come explore the wild and wonderful world of nocturnal bugs! Stop by the Discovery Center any time between 6:30pm to 9:30pm to discover some of these amazing nighttime residents. You will also get an opportunity to see a glowing scorpion. So come on by and have fun with the bugs.

## **Sunday, March 20th, 2011**

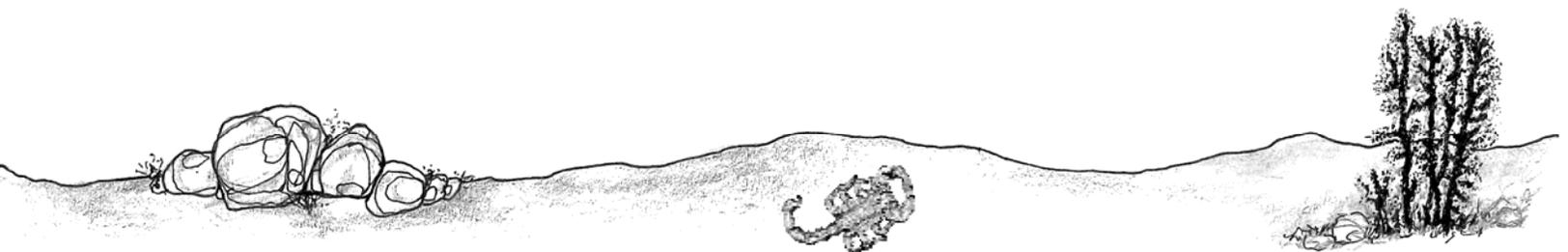
### **9:00 am to 2:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past at Pumpkin Patch**

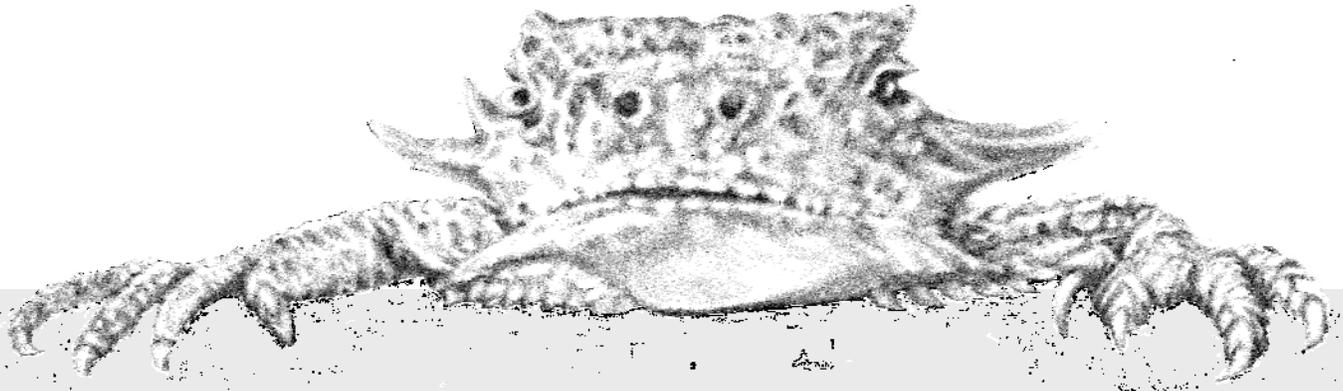
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### **9:00 am to 2:00 pm Desert Animal Extravaganza at the new 4x4 Area near Holly Rd.**

Join us at the new 4x4 Area for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells' year-round residents! Take a close-up look at a live glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Also, make sure you play the hit trivia game, "Who's Scat is That" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.

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*The wonders of Ocotillo Wells are here for your discovery. While visiting us, take time to enjoy the subtle things around you, they are worthy of your exploration.*

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Discover the unique relationship between bugs and desert wildflowers. Stop by the new 4x4 Area to learn more about these creepy crawlers and desert beauties.

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm Adventure on the Go at Gas Domes**

Calling all kids! Stop by the Gas Domes to discover all of the fun and adventure that Ocotillo Wells has to offer.

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## *Upcoming Events*

**Take a look at Ocotillo Wells Off-Road Tour Series:  
Colorful Desert Characters Tour 3/25/11**



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