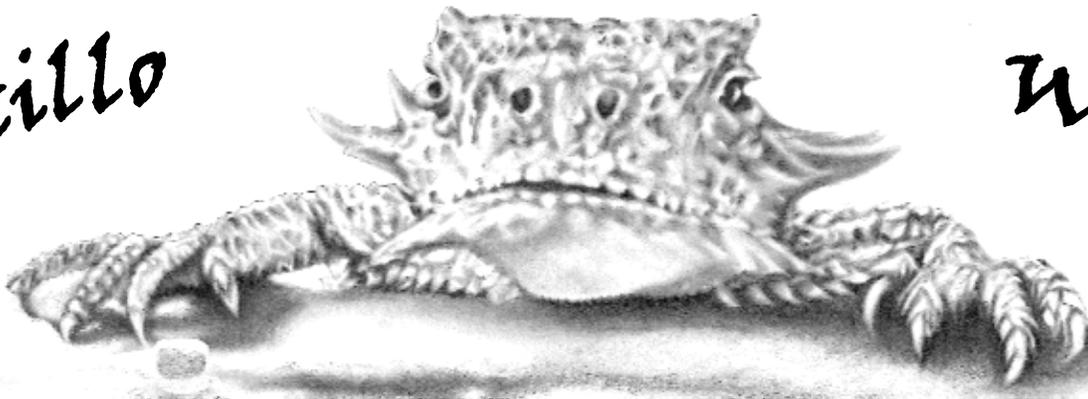


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Interpretive Schedule

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!

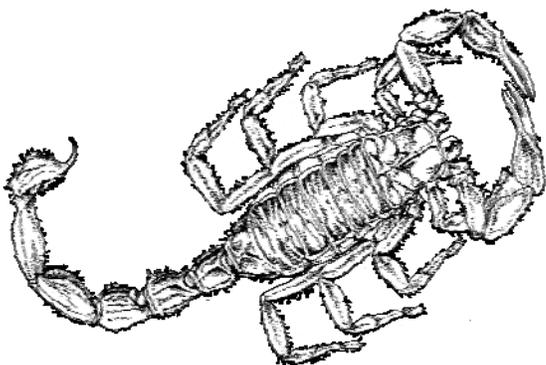
With winter rain comes spring wildflowers! Stop by the Discovery Center to discover this season's bloom.

Saturday, March 26th, 2011

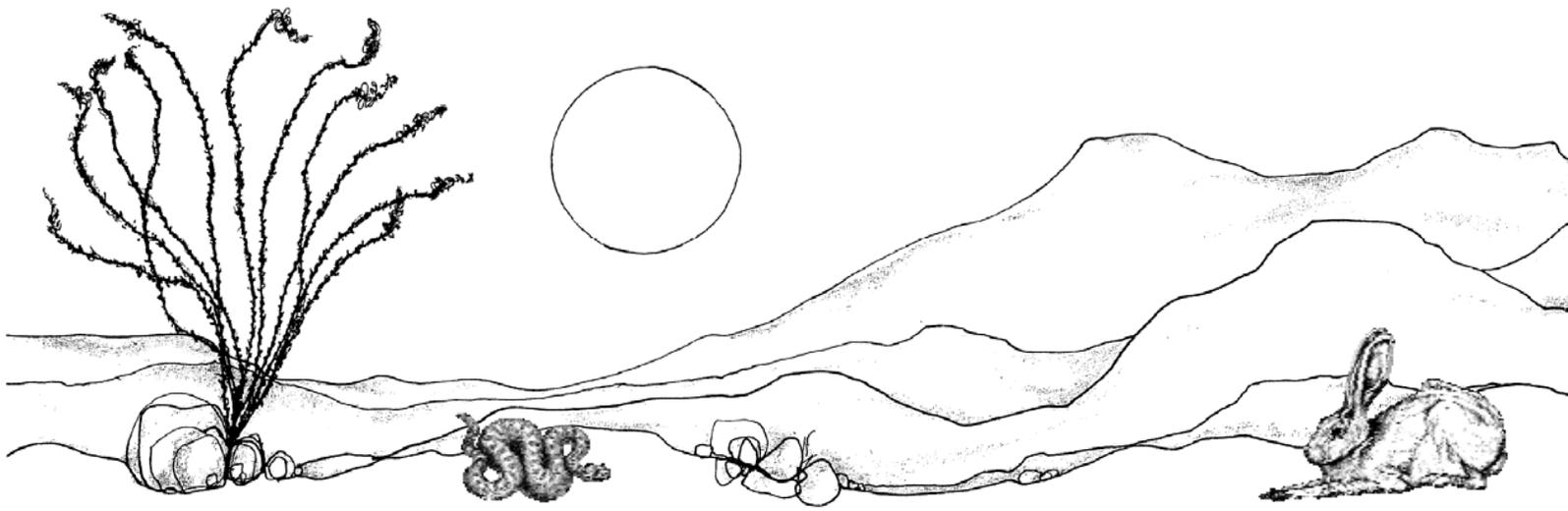
8:00 am to 10:00 am

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.



The giant hairy scorpion is the largest scorpion found in the United States and can measure up to six inches in length! Their name is derived from the hairs on its legs, which can detect the vibrations of prey up to one foot away. Because of their large size, these scorpions can feed on small lizards!



Saturday, March 26th, 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 **Desert Animal Extravaganza at Shell Reef**

Join us at Shell Reef 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.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Talking "Pumpkins" with the Geologist**

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. Located at the Pumpkin Patch you will find us set up to tell you how the "pumpkins" were formed. Polish your rock identification skills with "*Rock-otillo*" and win an excellent prize.

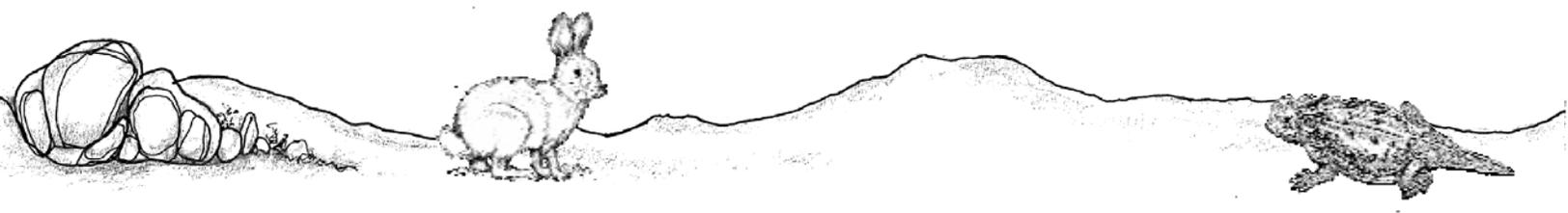
11:00 am **Junior Ranger Program at the Discovery Center**

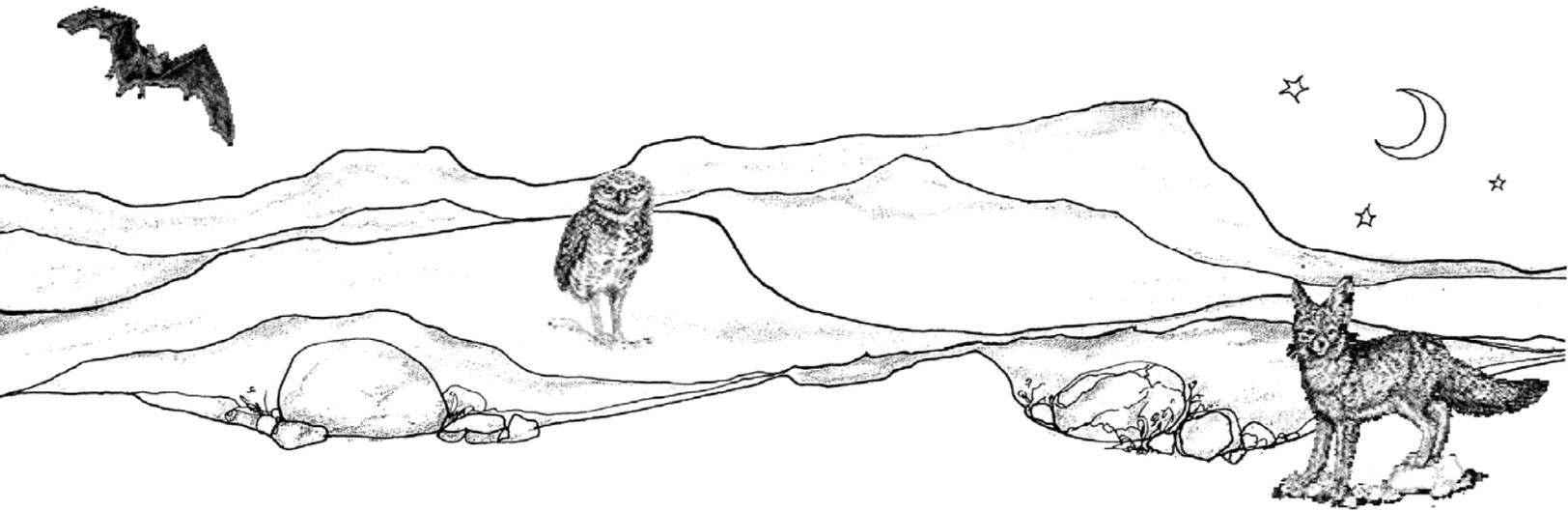
This week our Junior Rangers will be talking about some of the fun and exciting things located right here in Ocotillo Wells. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm **ATV Geology Tour**

Join our Park Naturalist for an exhilarating tour through the park's geologic past. From Blowsand Hill through Devil's Slide and beyond, you will experience how geology has affected our past, present, and will eventually affect our future. This tour is designed for ATV's, Rhinos, and Jeeps. Meet at the fenced-in area of Shell Reef by the interpretive panels.

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1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Junior Ranger Explorer Zone at the Discovery Center

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!

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 27th, 2011

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past at the new 4x4 Area near Holly Rd.

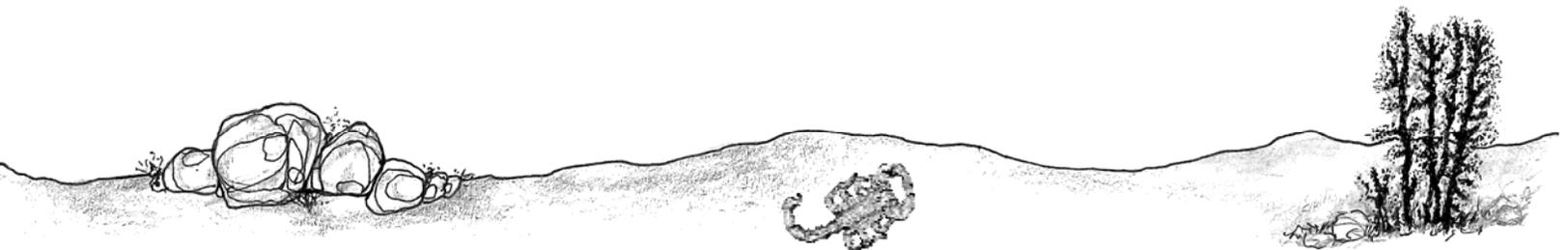
What is the most gnarly creature of Ocotillo Wells' past? Imagine a time when massive mammoths and ancient camels roamed OW and were hunted by hungry saber-tooth cats. Picture a shark the size of a bus chasing walrus through the sea above Shell Reef. Come check out a skull of the biggest bear that ever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

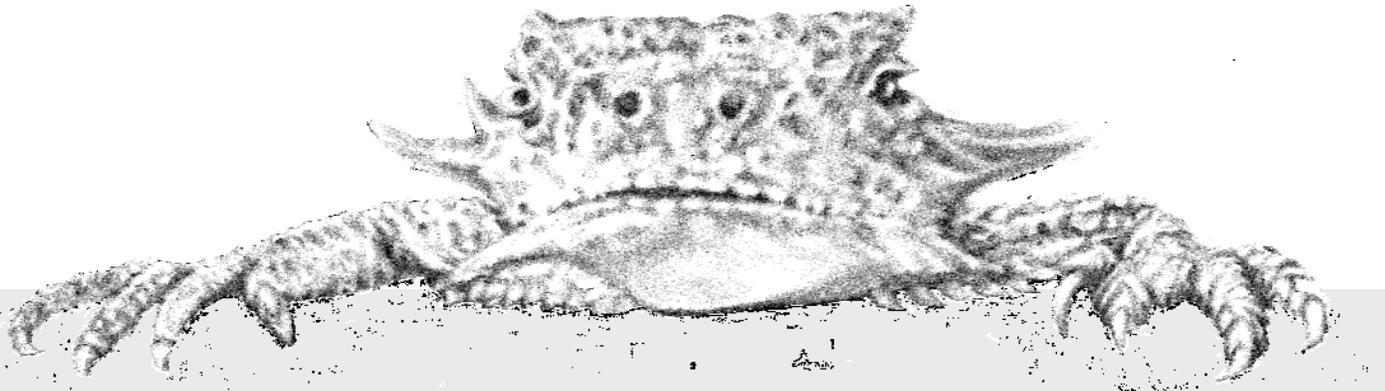
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9:00 am to 2:00 pm Animal Skulls, Skins, Tracks, and Scat at the Discovery Center

Do you want to know what animals have been poking around your campsite at night? Stop by the Discovery Center to discover the wildlife at Ocotillo Wells. Check out our Skulls, Skins, Tracks, and Scat exhibit. Play the hit trivia game "Who's Scat is That?" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.





*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.*

Sunday, March 27th, 2011

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Talking Bubbles at Gas Domes

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time talking about this geological feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area. Come find out why the domes bubble!

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: Creepy Crawlers of the Night Tour 4/6/11 5pm-9pm

Meet-up: OWSVRA's Discovery Center at the headquarters compound off Highway 78.

*** Must be comfortable with night driving and have working lights.***



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