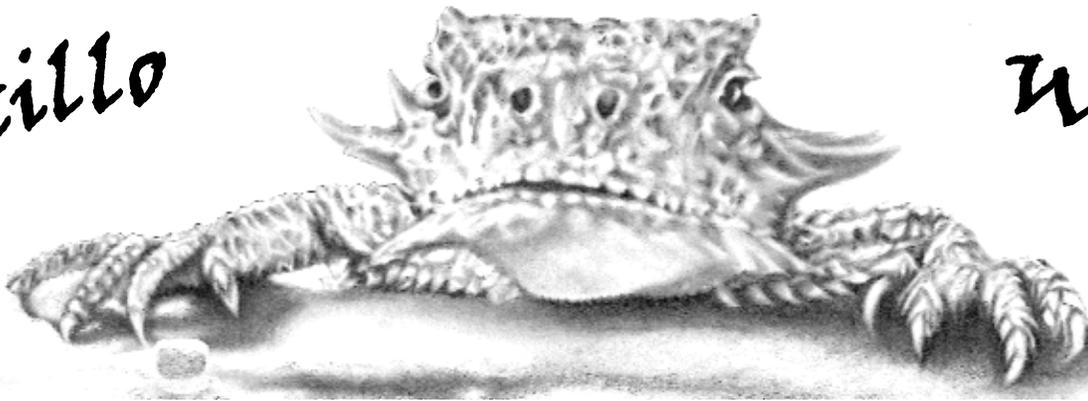


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Interpretive Schedule

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!

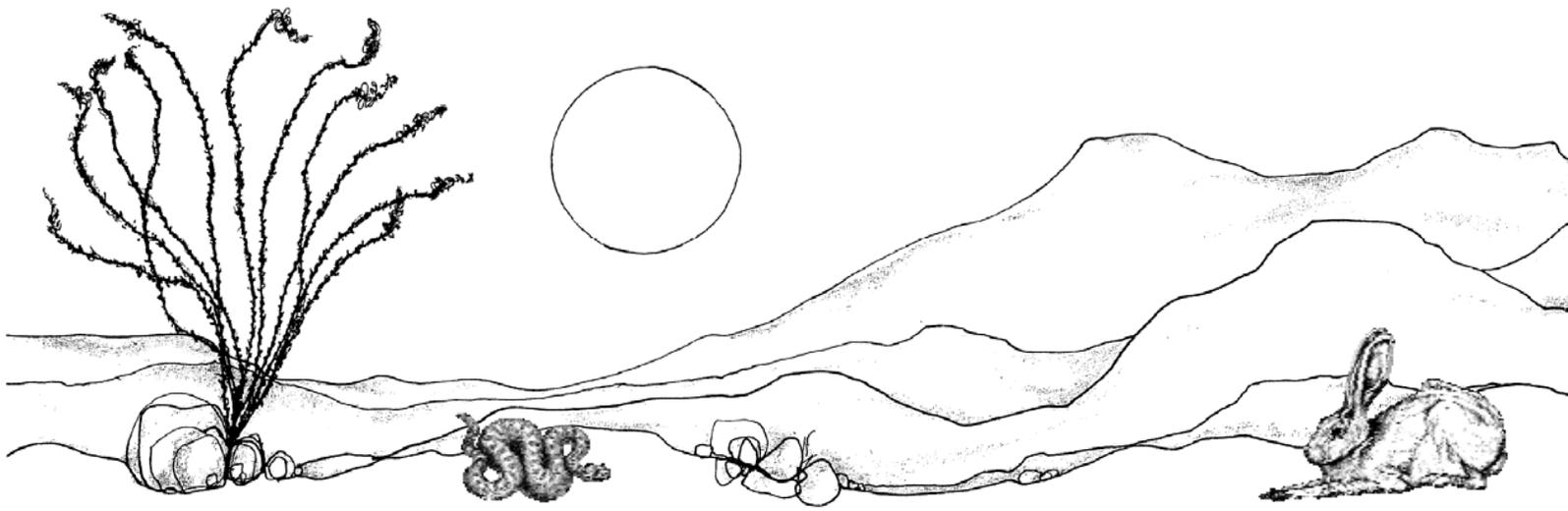
Saturday, April 16th, 2011

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.



About the size of a housecat, the kit fox weighs only 3 to 5 pounds! To survive in the hot, dry deserts this canid lives in underground dens year-round. Kit foxes are good diggers, and areas populated by them tend to be pockets with holes.



Saturday, April 16th, 2011

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 2:00pm 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.

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!

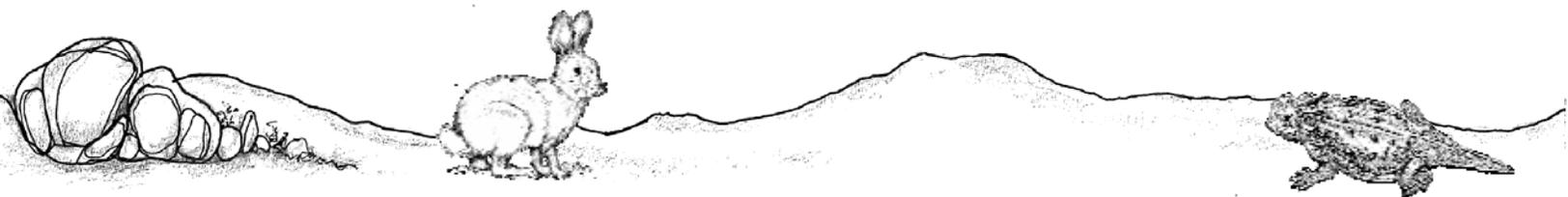
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Evening Program - Stargazing at the Amphitheatre

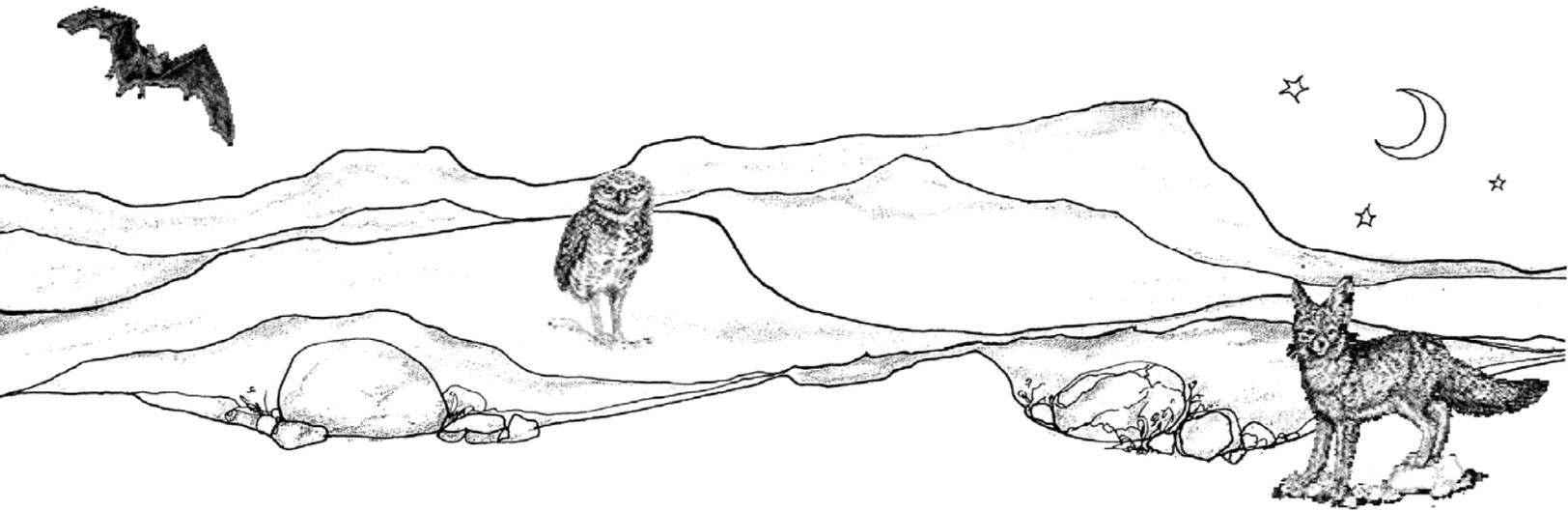
Join us at our Amphitheatre located behind the Ranger Station for an incredible look at our night sky. Our Park Interpreters will amaze you with views of stars and planets. You will revel in close-ups of the moon's craters and lunar seas. Bring a mug and enjoy hot chocolate at this wonderful family event.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

7:00 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 7:00pm 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.

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Sunday, April 17th, 2011

9:00 am to 1:00 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 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.

9:00 am to 1:00 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, including why the domes bubble.

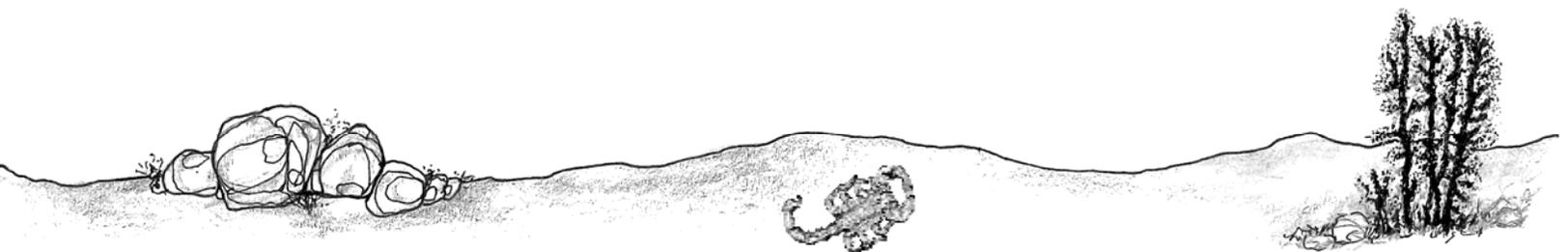
9:00 am to 1:00 pm **Junior Ranger Explorer Zone at the Discovery Center**

Join us at the Discovery Center anytime between 9am and 1pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!



The burrowing owl makes its home in the abandoned burrows of other animals, most commonly ground squirrels and prairie dogs. This small owl, measuring about eight inches, feeds on insects, lizards, and rodents. When feeling threatened, it may mimic a rattlesnake's rattle to ward off predators.

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Ocotillo Wells SVRA Presents ATV Safety Institute Classes!



Free Of Charge for Riders Under 18 Years Old

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You! Join us to learn to ride safely with our highly trained certified instructors!

What?

Riding safely makes recreating on your ATV safer for everyone, not only yourself! It is also the law that operators under 18 years of age must have a safety certificate, or be supervised by an adult who has one!

Where?

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When?

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How?

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