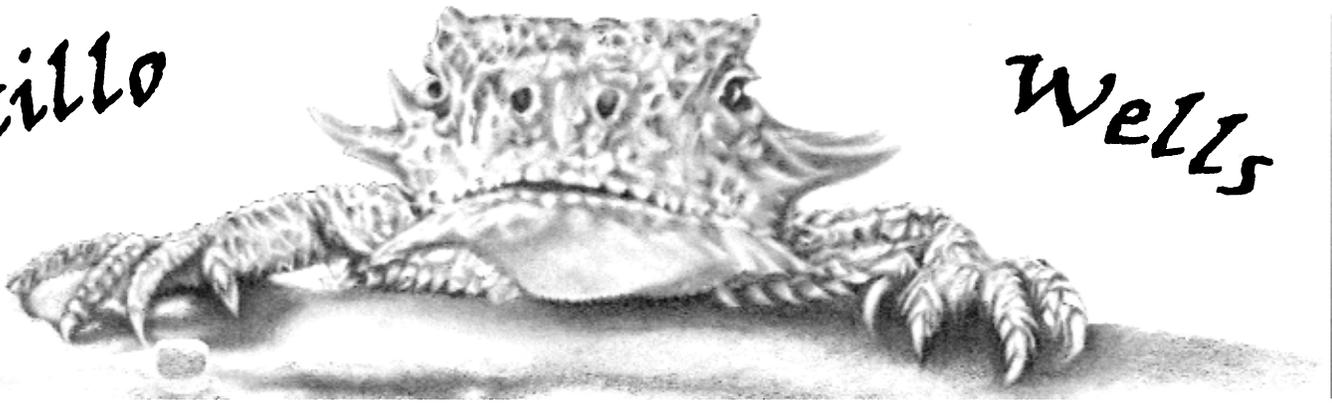


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Interpretive Schedule

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. There are even opportunities to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, April 23rd, 2011

10:00 am to 3:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past at Pumpkin Patch

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.

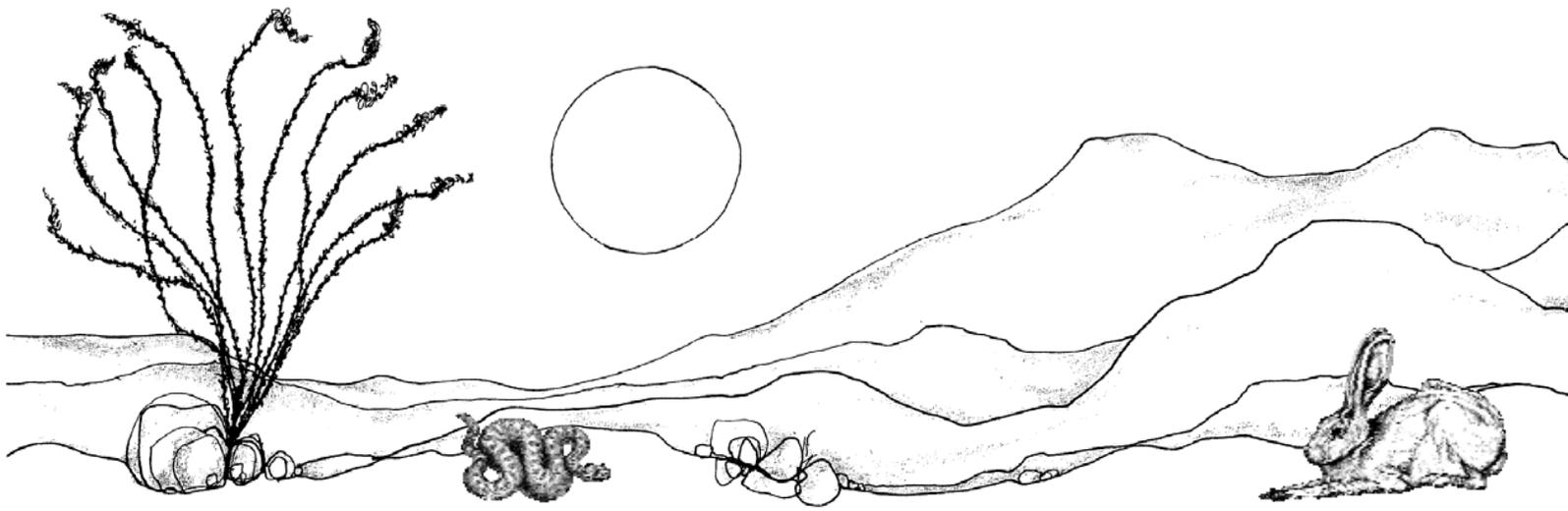
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Junior Ranger Explorer Zone at the Discovery Center

Come celebrate Spring! 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.

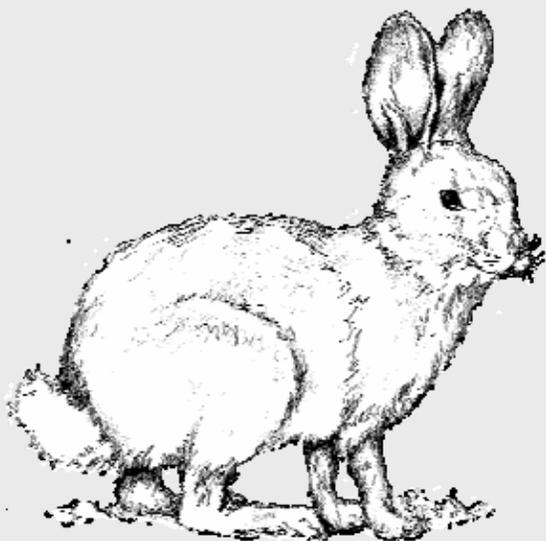
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Sunday, April 24th, 2011 Happy Bunny Day!

9:00 am to 1:00 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.

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.



Bunnies are a symbol of Spring! Our resident is the desert cottontail. Cottontails are prolific breeders; females can breed at three months of age and may have multiple litters in one year. An herbivore, the desert cottontail feeds on grasses, forbs, mesquite beans, and cacti. Twigs bitten off by cottontails have a rough, nibbled appearance.

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