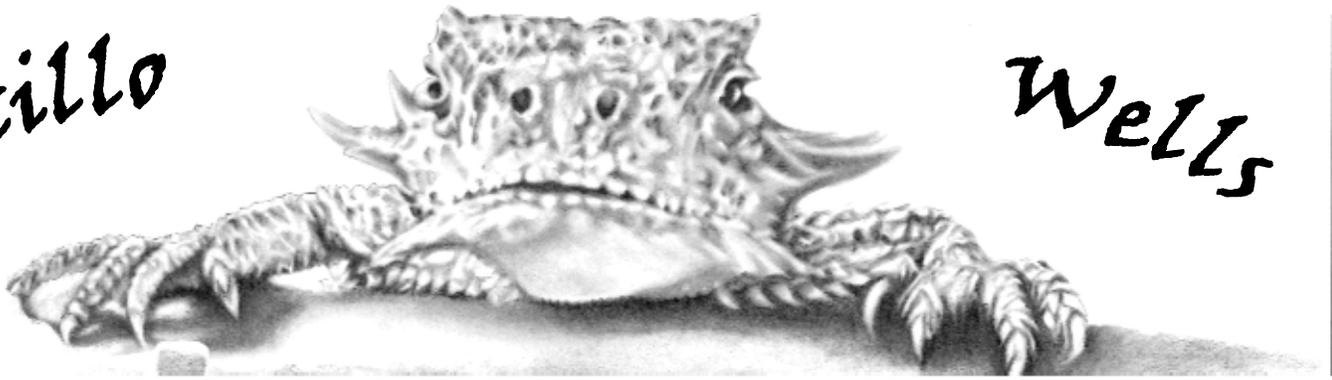


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Interpretive Schedule

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area.

This is your guide to an adventure-filled weekend!

Come see live glowing scorpions and discover how the “pumpkins” are formed. View the night sky through a telescope and learn about the night sky. Discover OW’s local residents at our Desert Animal Exhibit. There are even opportunities to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, December 18th, 2010

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 week.

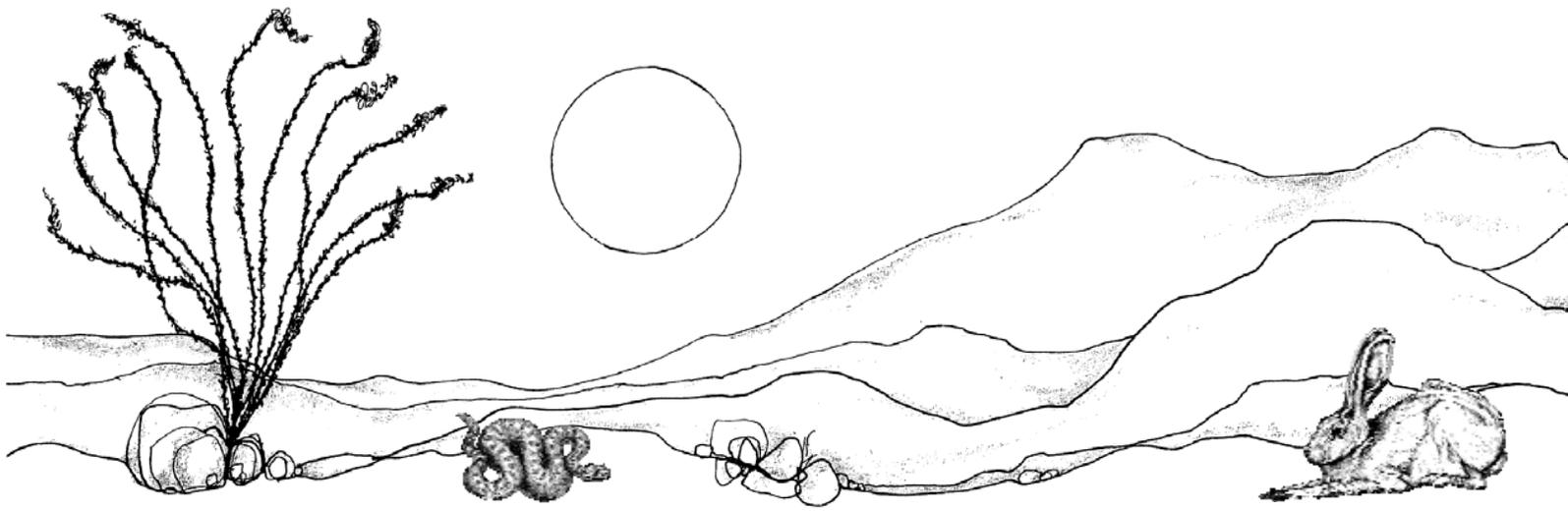
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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.



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.



Saturday, December 18th, 2010

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 am to 4:00 pm

Animal Skulls, Skins, Tracks, and Scat at Shell Reef

Want to know what animals have been poking around your campsite at night? Identifying their scat and tracks helps us to discover the wildlife that calls Ocotillo Wells home. Join our Interpreters at the Pumpkin Patch to learn about how these amazing creatures have adapted to survive in this harsh environment.

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Junior Ranger Explorer Zone at the Discovery Center

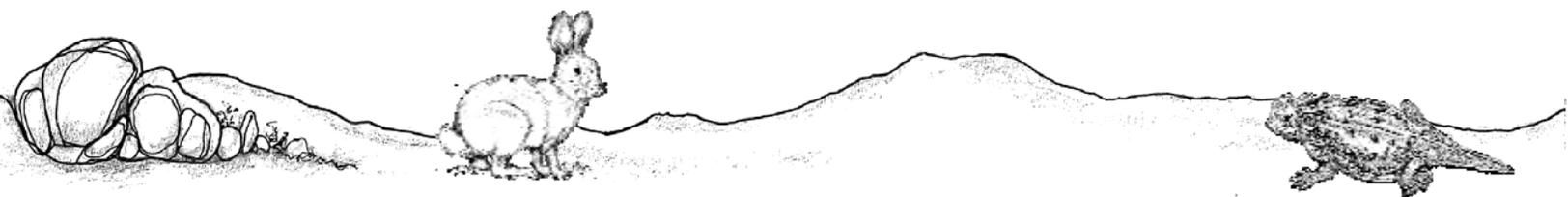
Join us at the Discovery Center anytime between 1pm and 3pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!

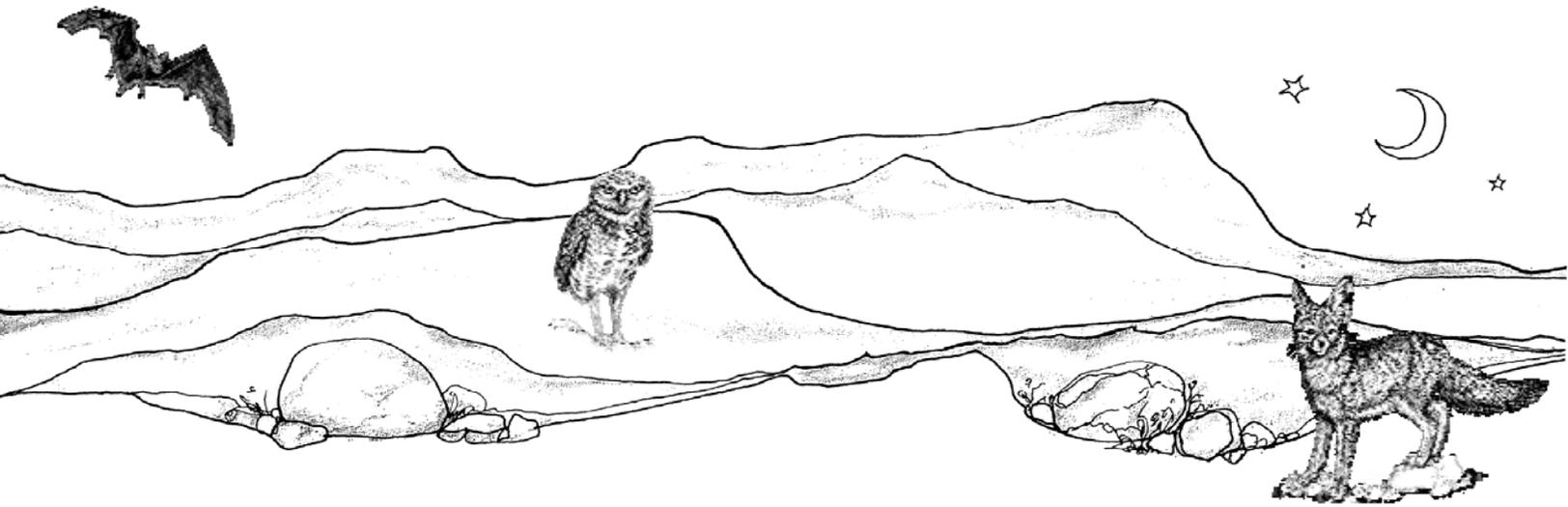
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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.

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Sunday, December 19th, 2010

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

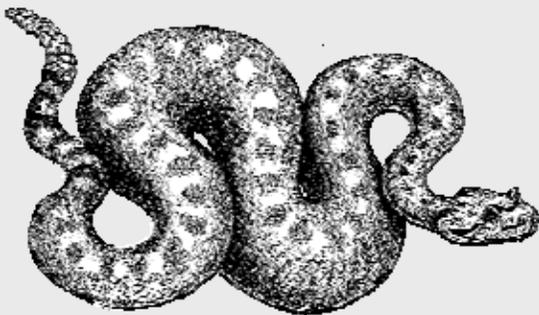
Desert Animal Extravaganza at Crossover Trail

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 2:00 pm

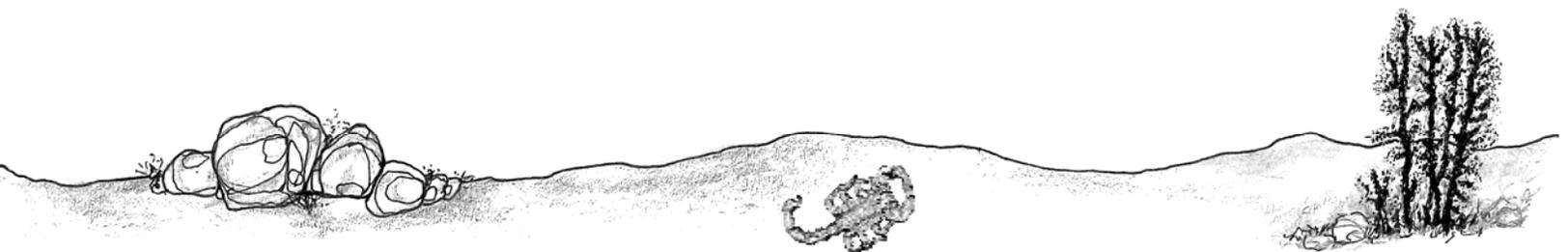
Adventure on the Go at Gas Domes

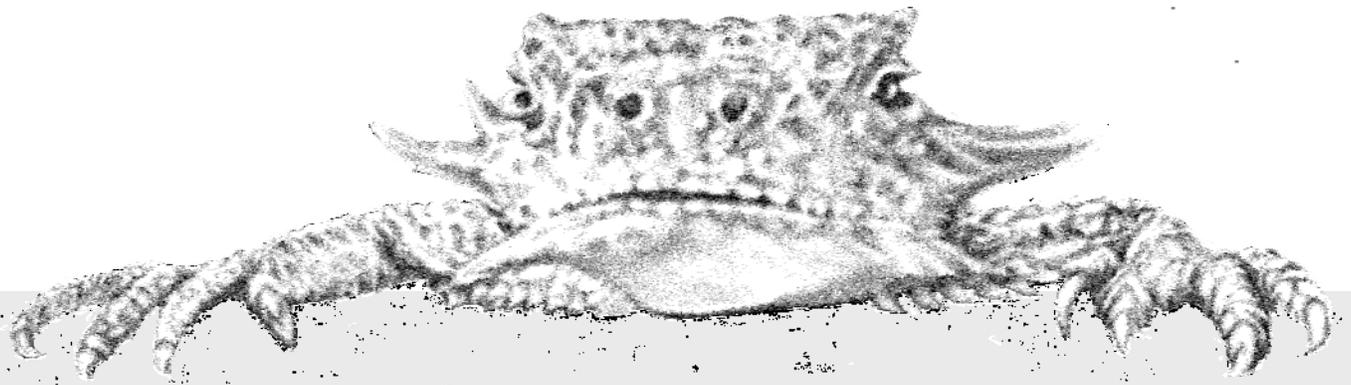
Calling all kids! Stop by Gas Domes to discover all of the fun and adventure Ocotillo Wells has to offer.



One pit viper is found at Ocotillo Wells, the sidewinder. These rattlesnakes have special sensory organs that can "see" infrared images, and they can detect the heat from a candle flame up to 30 feet away!

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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,*

Upcoming Events

Take a look at Ocotillo Wells Off-Road Tour Series:

Exploring Truckhaven's Coral Wash 1/7/10

Join us as we caravan the length of this often overlooked wash in the striking Truckhaven region. Highlights include delving into our volatile geologic past, short walks through hidden side canyons, as well as a closer look at some of the residents who share this recreational wonderland with us.

This tour meets at the Discovery Center at 9:00 am and lasts until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance, 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure! Call (760) 767-5393 for more information.



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