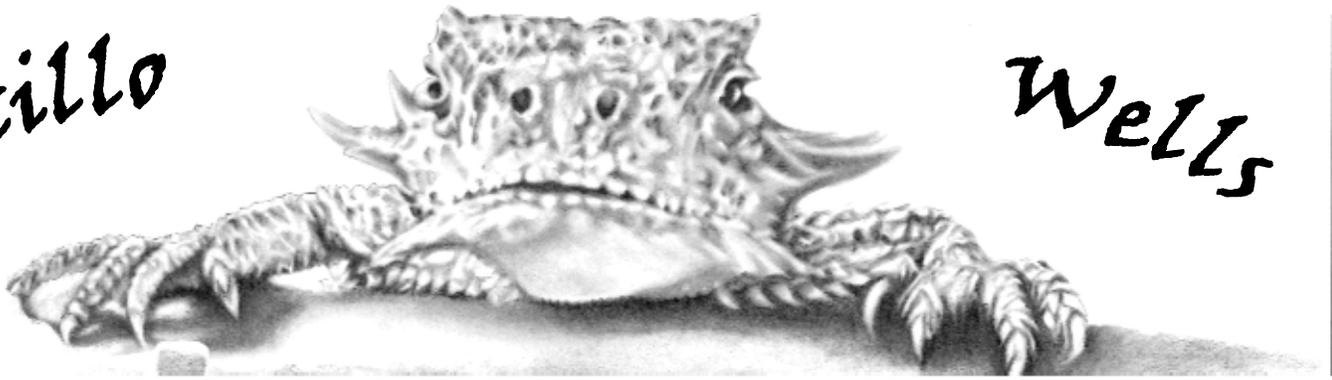


Ocotillo

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Interpretive Schedule

Happy Thanksgiving!

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

This is your guide to an adventure-filled Thanksgiving week.

Come see live glowing scorpions and discover how the “pumpkins” are formed. View the night sky through a telescope and learn about the moon and planets. Join us on an exciting ATV tour to learn the geology of the park. Discover OW’s local residents at our Desert Animal Exhibit. There are even opportunities to become a Junior Ranger.

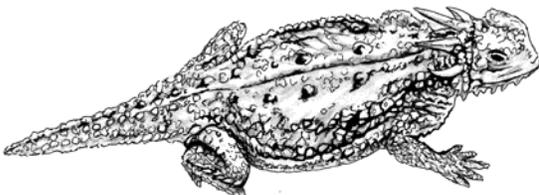
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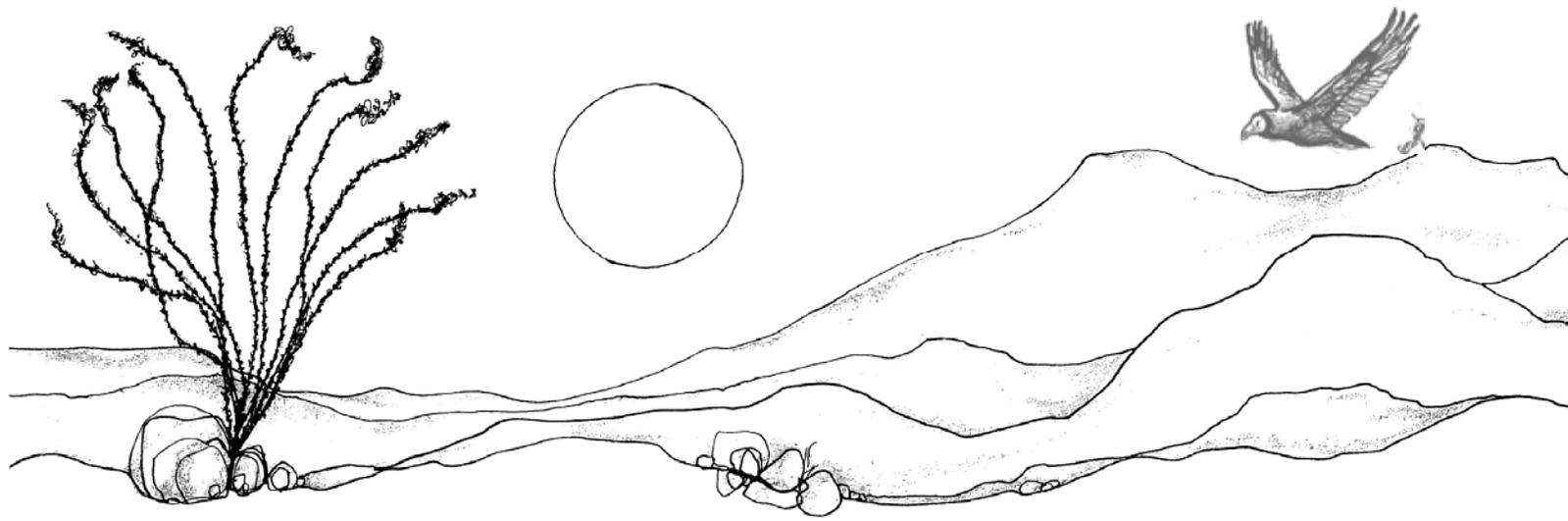
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The flat-tailed horned lizard is one of 22 reptile species to call Ocotillo wells home. It lives among the sand dunes and scurries under the sand for safety.



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8:00 am to 10:00 am

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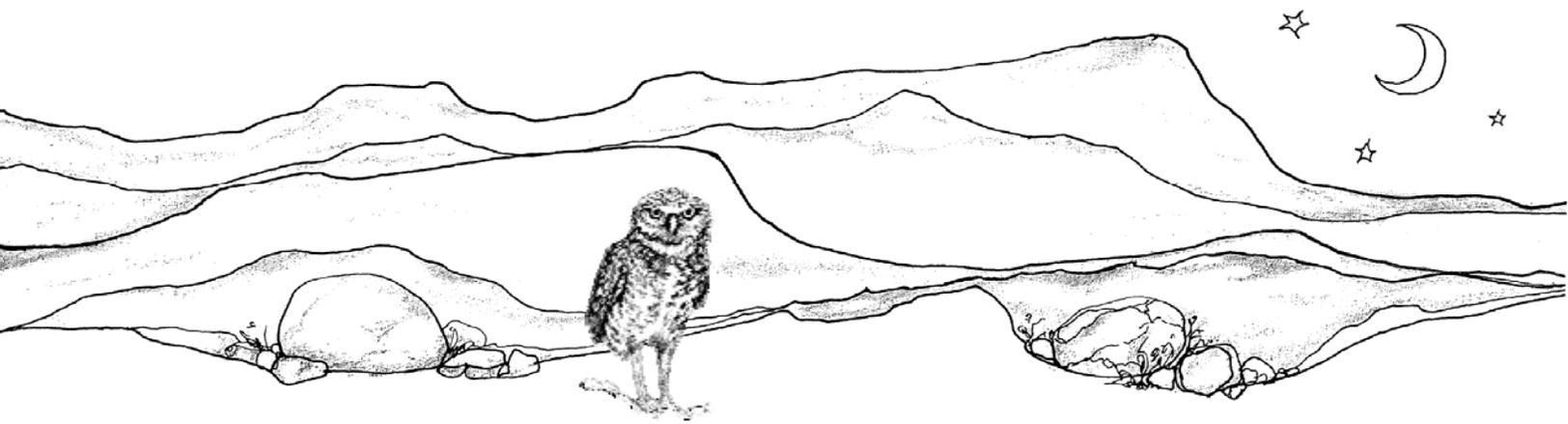
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12:00 pm to 2:30 pm **Animal Skulls, Skins, Tracks, and Scat at Devil's Slide**

Do you want to know what animals have been poking around your campsite at night? Stop by Devil's Slide 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.

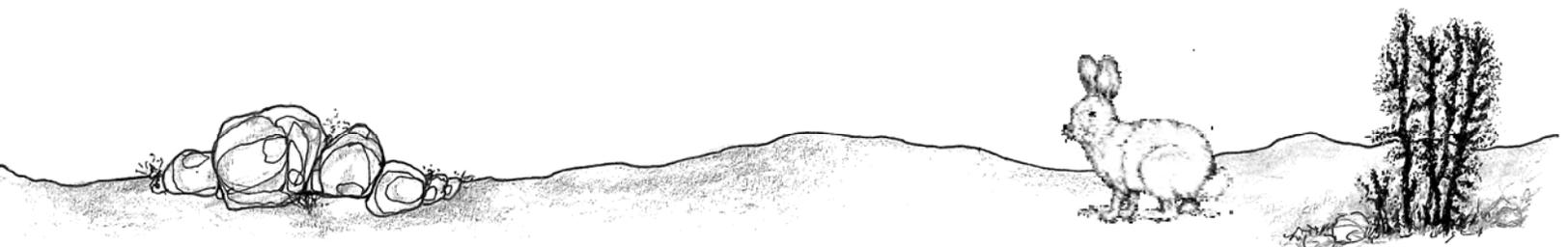
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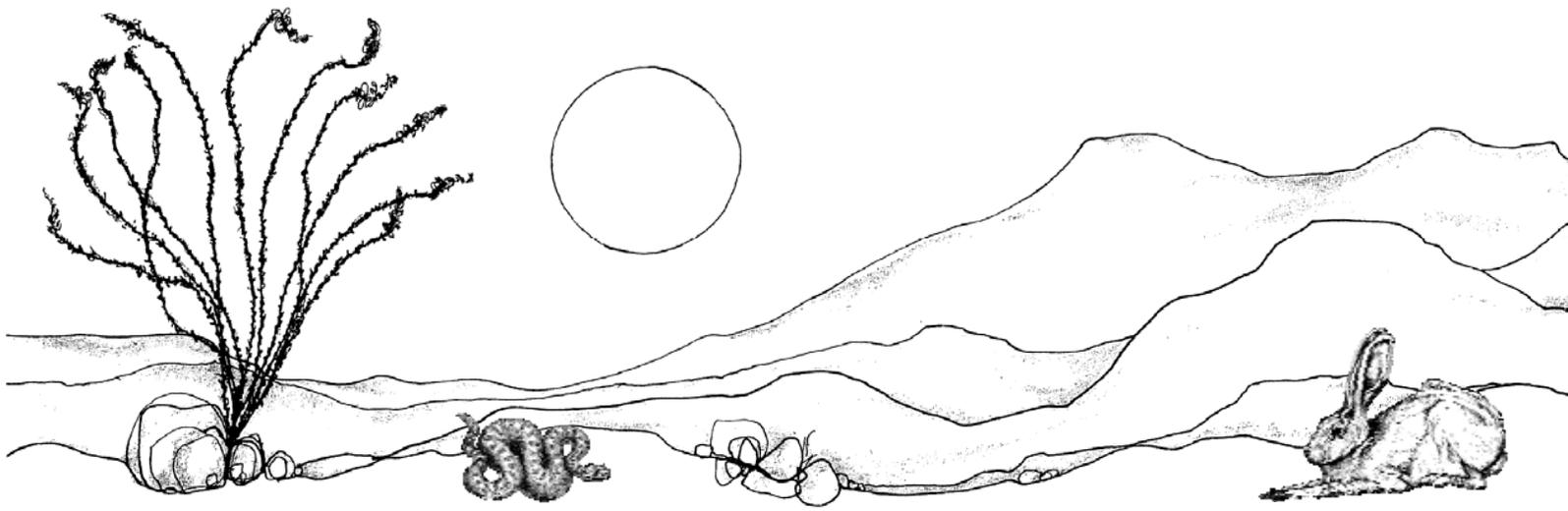
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The burrowing owl makes its home in the abandoned burrows of other animals, most commonly ground squirrels and prairie dogs. This small owl, measuring about eight inches, feeds on insects, lizards, and rodents. When feeling threatened, it may mimic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

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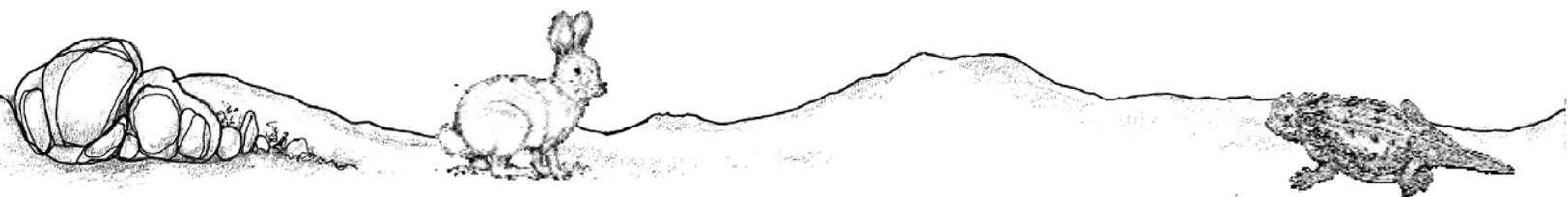
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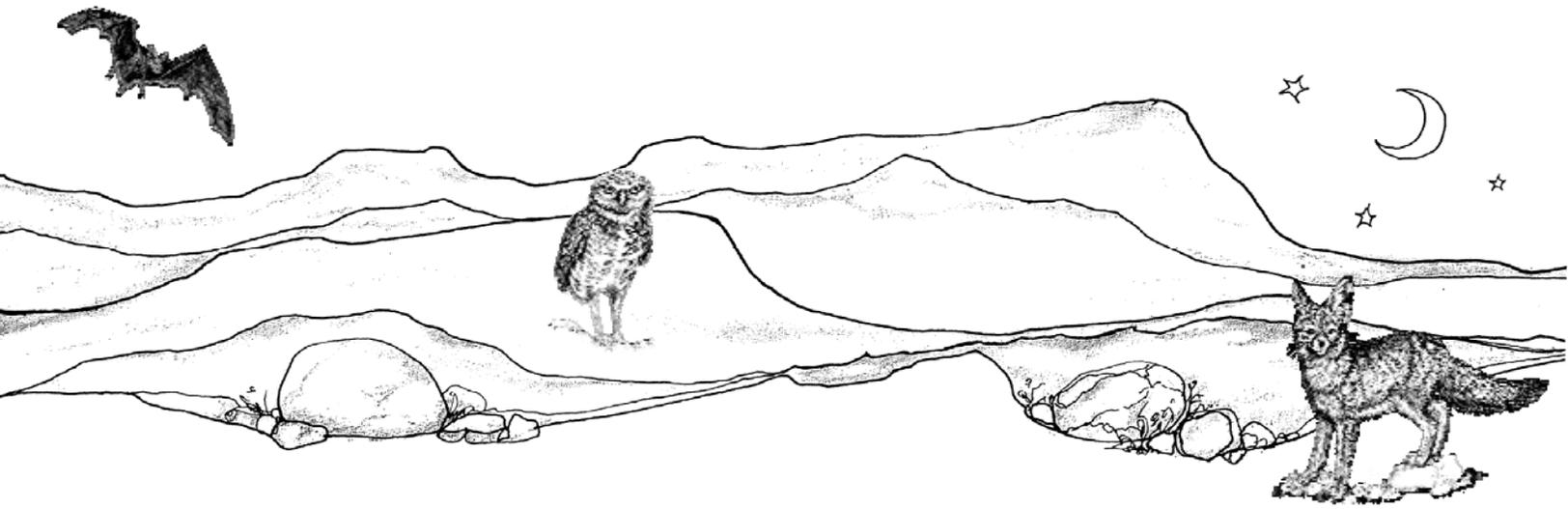
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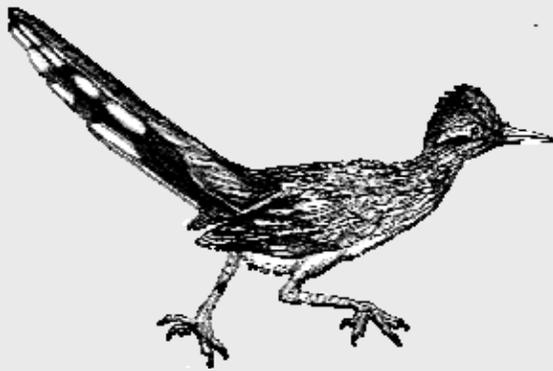


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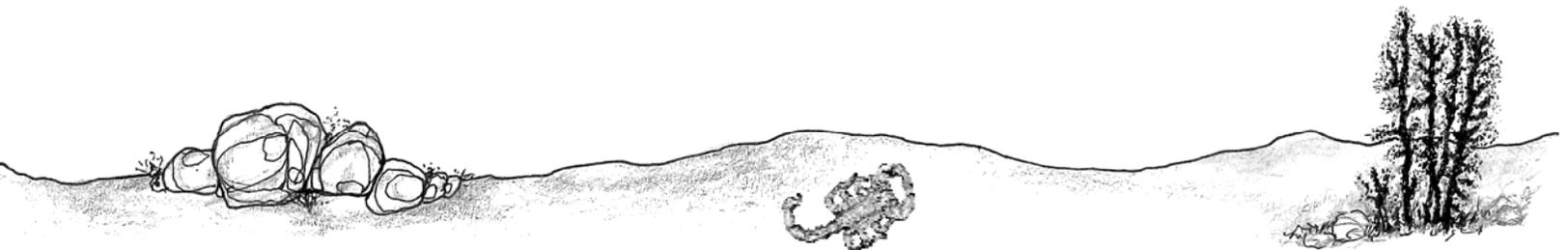
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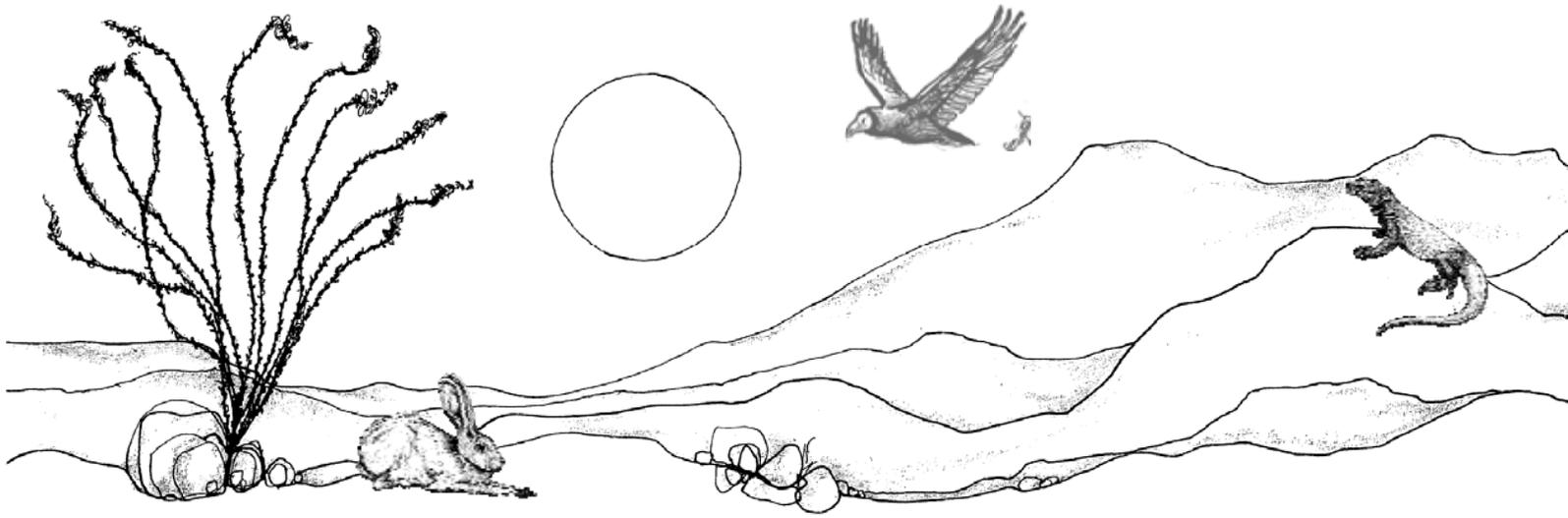
Come explore the wild and wonderful world of nocturnal bugs! Stop by our Amphitheatre located behind the Ranger Station to discover some of these amazing night time residents. You will also get an opportunity to see a glowing scorpion! So come on by and have fun with bugs. Wear warm clothing and be prepared to enjoy a campfire, roasting marshmallows, and hot chocolate at this wonderful family event.



The largest member of the cuckoo family, the greater roadrunner is capable of running up to 15 miles per hour! This zany looking bird can jump straight up in the air to catch small birds or flying insects. Learn more about the roadrunner at one of our desert animal exhibits.

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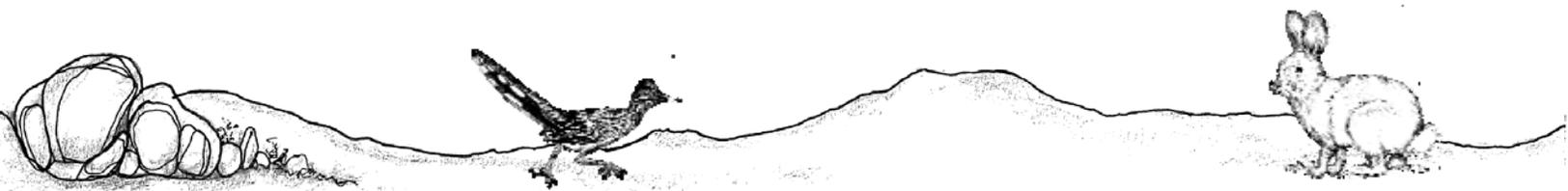
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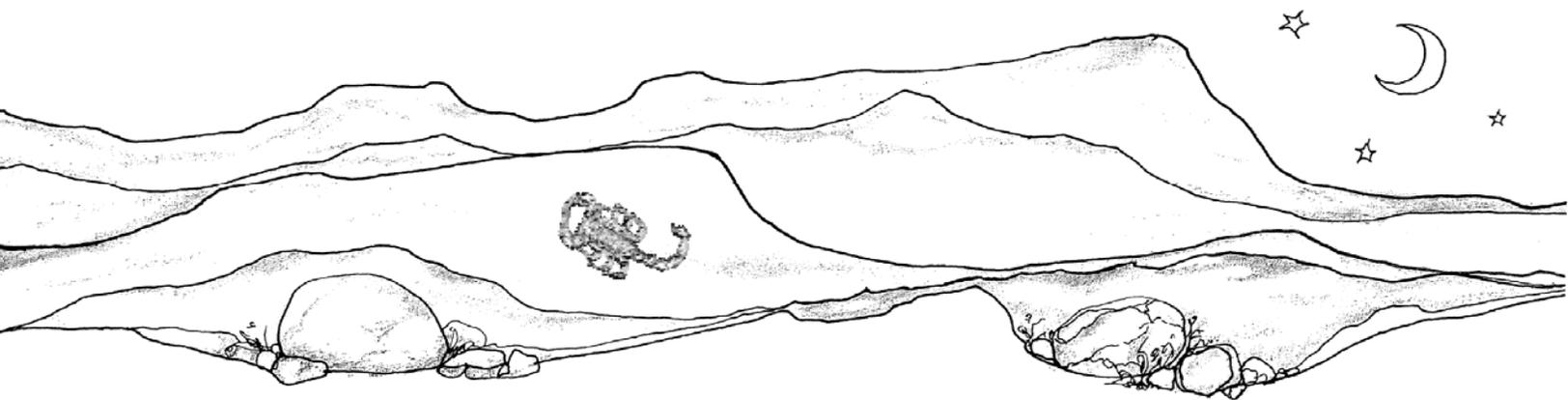
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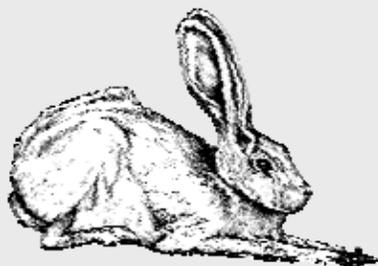
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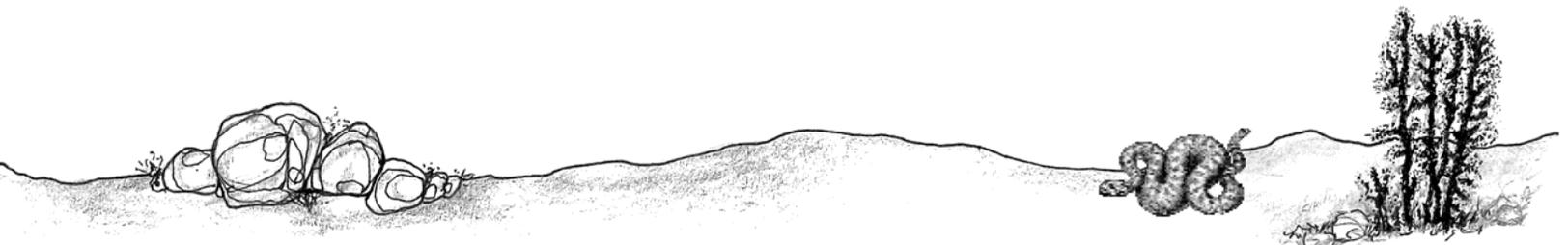
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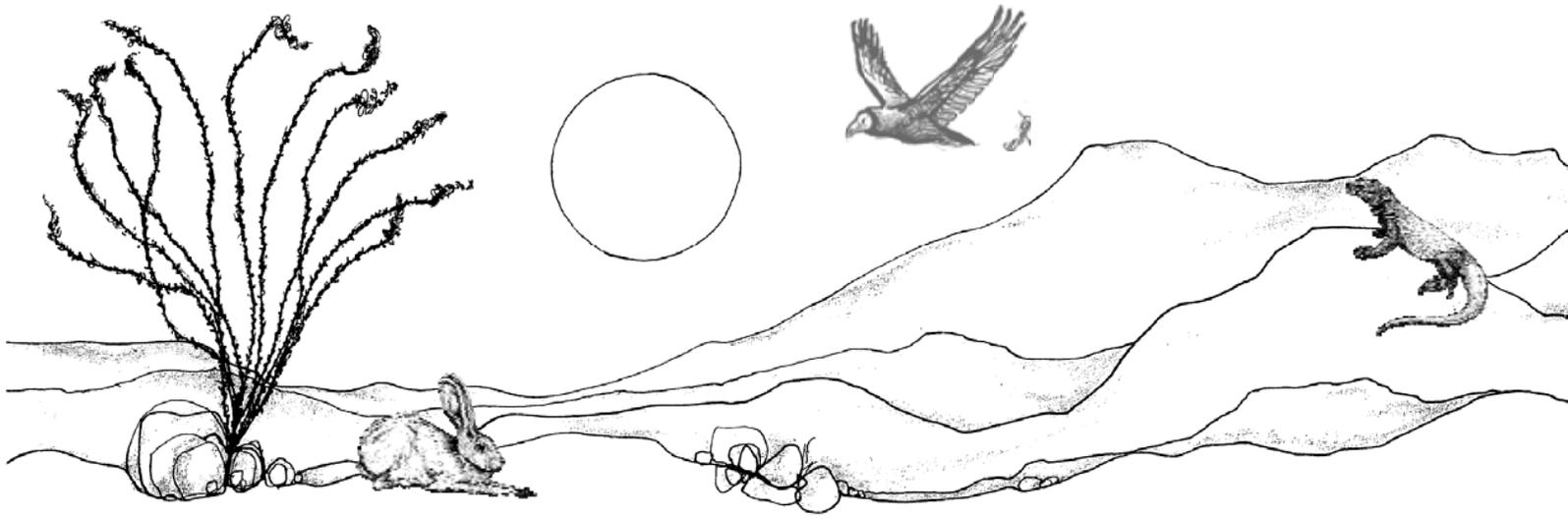
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The black-tailed jackrabbit is a very agile animal, zigzagging through the brush at great speed to avoid predators. Not picky about it's food, the jackrabbit will eat almost any desert plant. It is the only mammal to feed on the resinous creosote bush.

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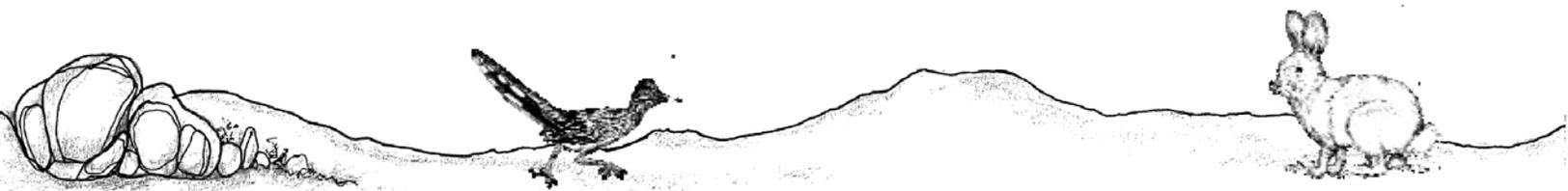
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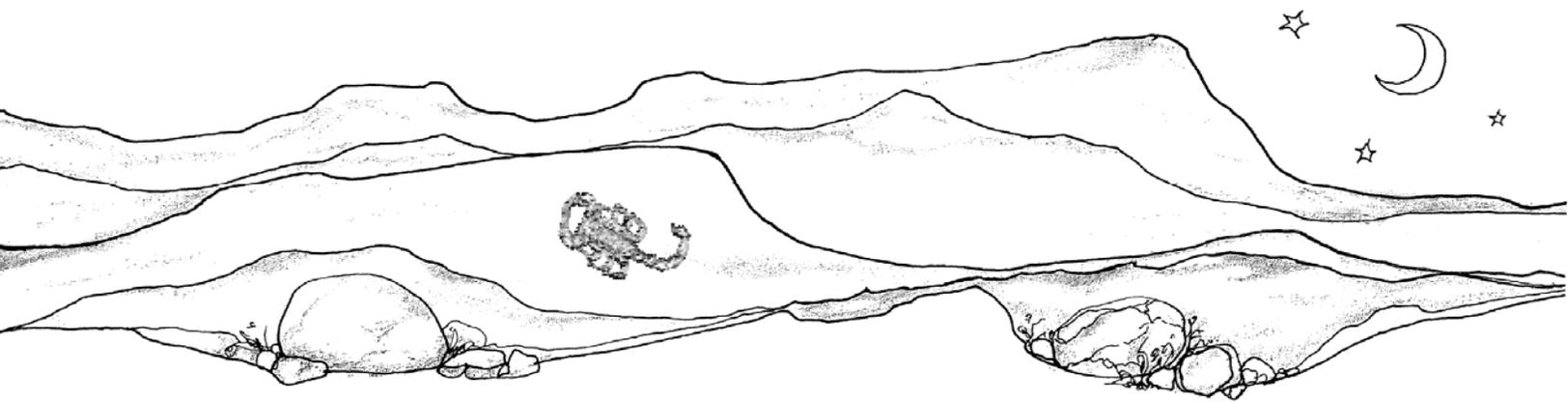
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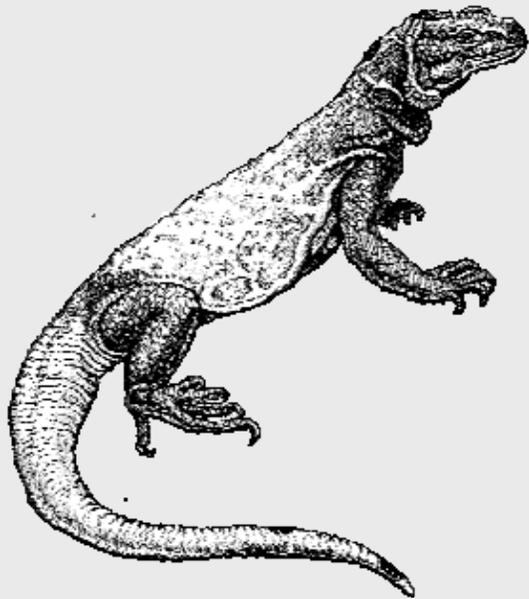




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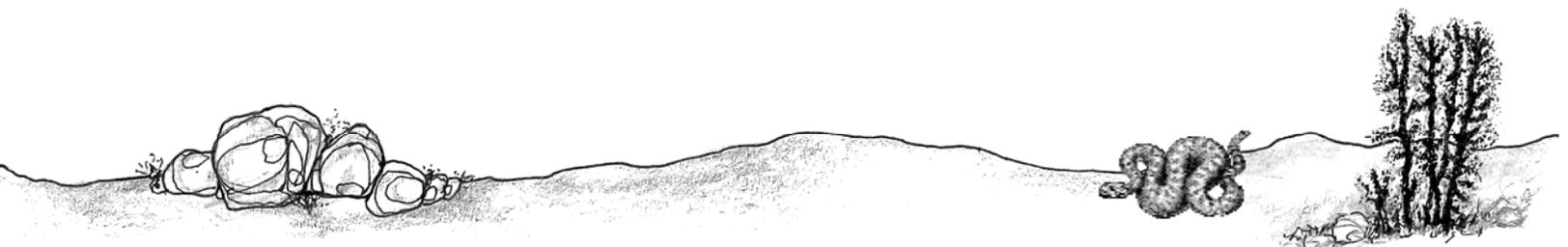
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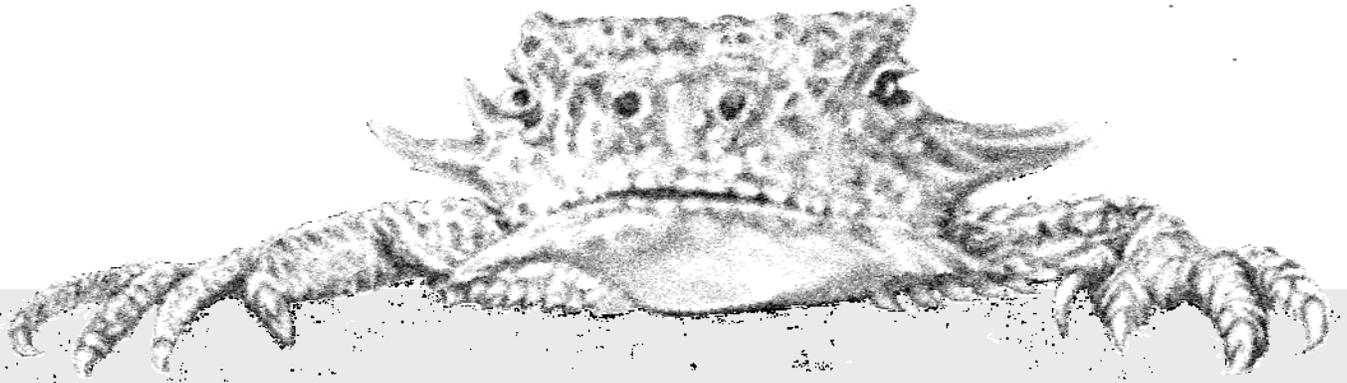
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The chuckwalla is a large, wide lizard that lives in the rocky areas of Ocotillo Wells. It can be seen basking in the sun in the early morning. This lizard eats plants and occasionally insects. If food is abundant, male chuckwallas will become very territorial!

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Upcoming Events

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

“Wildcats” and Oilmen at Ocotillo Wells 12/3/10

“OIL! OIL! OIL!” proclaims an early 20th-century advertisement from Imperial County. Come and discover the mostly hidden story of roughnecks, adventurers, geologists, would-be oilmen, and a few schemers who explored our desert in the hopes of striking it rich in black gold. Join Ocotillo Wells' last remaining “wildcatter” oilman, Mr. Doyle, for a colorful and in-depth tour through this history of high hopes and financial shenanigans.

Rock-otillo! The Geology of Ocotillo Wells 12/17/10

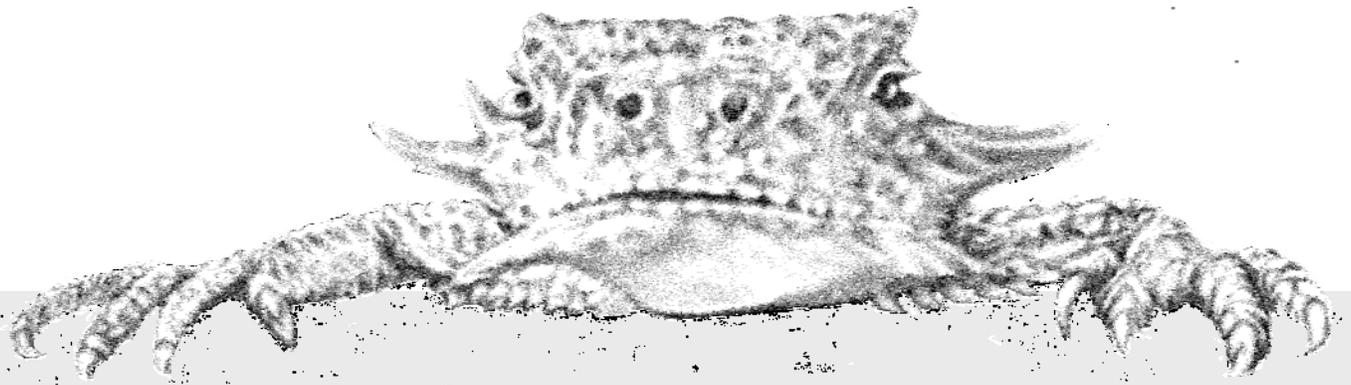
Whoever said that time travel isn't possible never took a look at a rock! Take a trip back in time with one of our staff Geologists, and look at the past through the rocks beneath your feet. Ocotillo Wells' has some spectacular geological formations in the area, and they tell the story of our past, present, and sometimes future. Be prepared to “rock out” at Ocotillo Wells.



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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 geological 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.

Ocotillo Wells' Desert Habitats 1/14/10

Too often people look on our desert landscape and exclaim that it all looks the same. Join us for proof that looks can be deceiving as we visit the 7 distinct desert habitats of Ocotillo Wells. Our Naturalists will introduce you to these environments and their resident scenery, flora, and fauna.

These tours meet at the Discovery Center at 9:00 am and lasts until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for these excursions 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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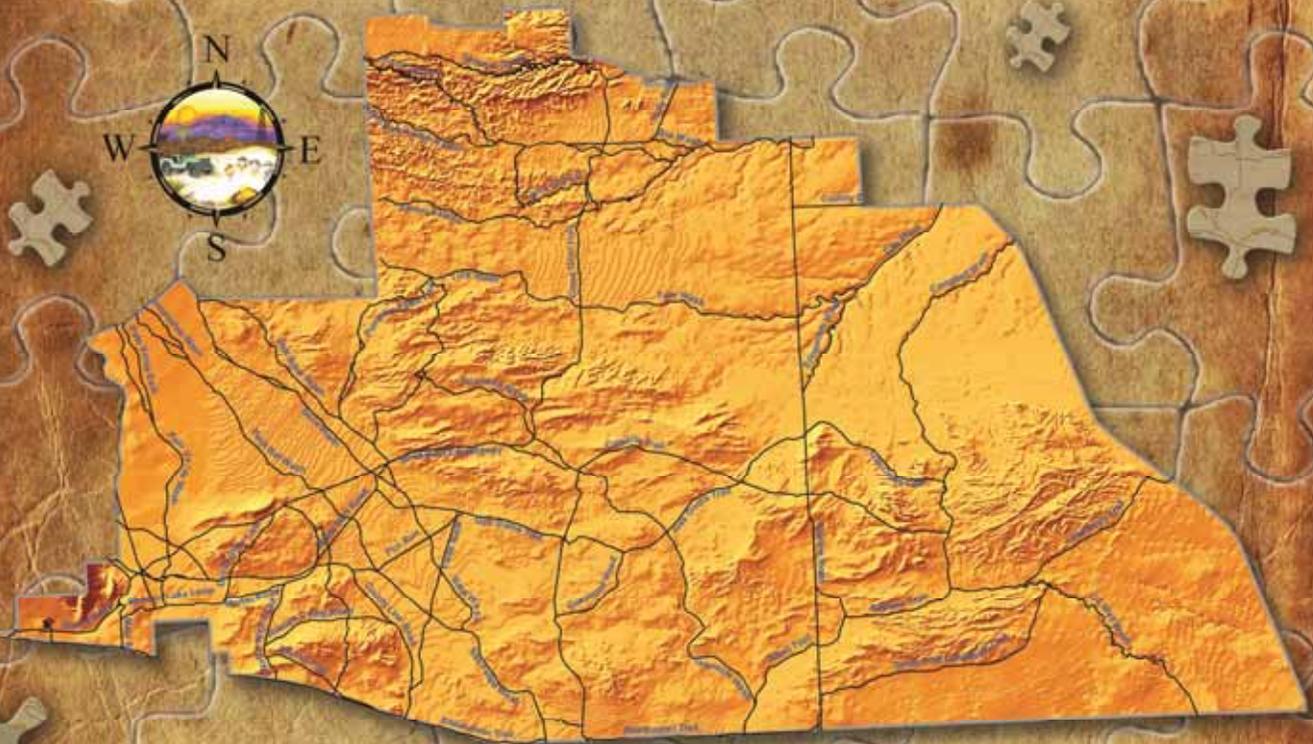
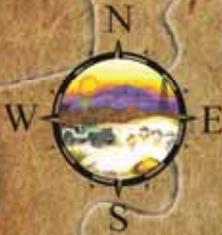
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12:00PM-4:00PM:
Pre-Registration at the main event headquarters located on Main Street.

6:00PM-9:00PM:
Join us at our amphitheater for an inside look at the puzzle that is Ocotillo Wells. Then join us as we explore the dark desert sky with our giant telescope!

January 29th

7:00AM-9:30AM:
Registration

7:00AM-5PM:
Roughneck Rendezvous Geocache Scavenger Hunt!

6:30PM-8:00PM:
Event awards and raffle!

8:15PM-9:30PM:
Movie on our giant outdoor screen!

January 30th

7:00AM-11:00AM:
Join us for our Cache In Trash Out event and help keep Ocotillo Wells a clean and safe place to play!

11:00AM-12:30PM:
Join us for a FREE BBQ lunch!!



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