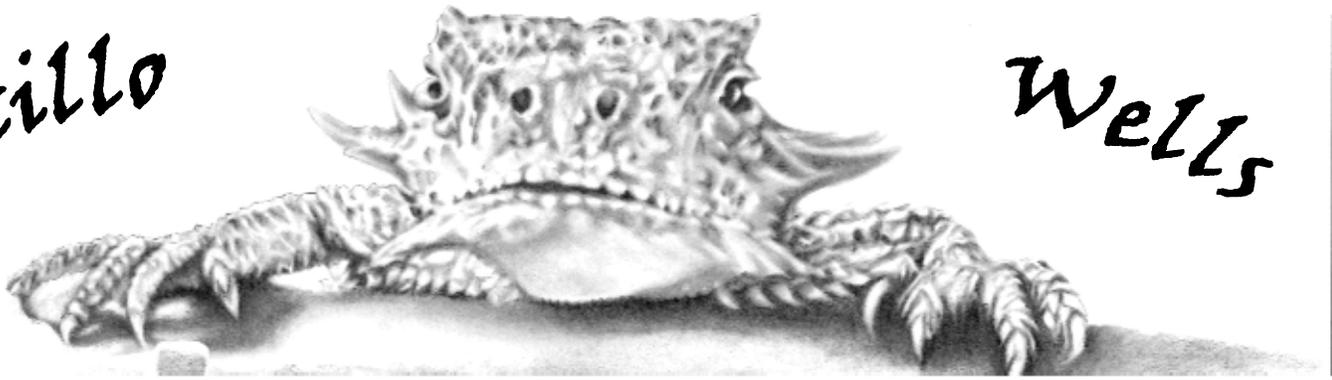


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## Interpretive Schedule

**Happy New Year!**

**Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!**

**This is your guide to an adventure-filled New Year's week.**

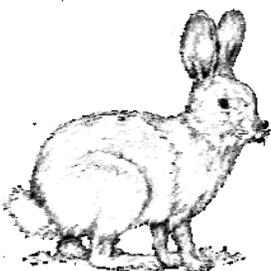
**Come see live glowing scorpions and discover how the "pumpkins" are formed. View the night sky through a telescope and learn about the night sky. Join us on an exciting ATV tour to learn the geology of the park. Discover OW's local residents at our Desert Animal Exhibit. There are even opportunities to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!**

**Wednesday, December 29th, 2010**

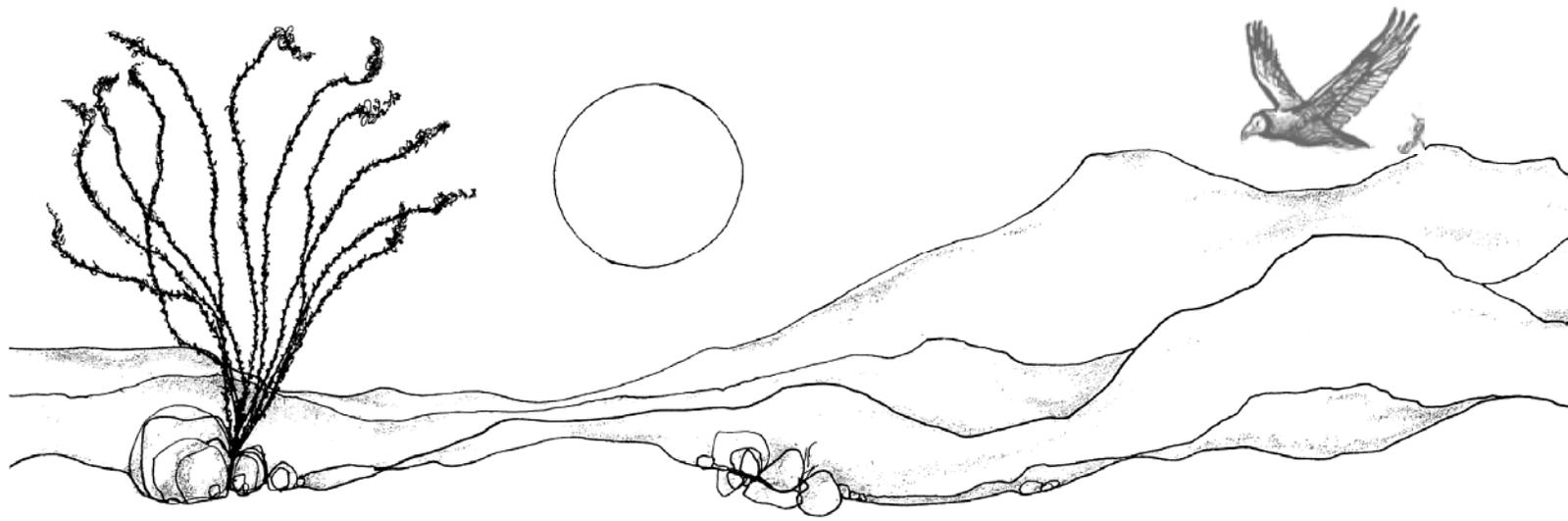
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*Desert cottontails are such an important food source in the desert, that most of them don't even make it through their first year. However, cottontails are prolific breeders; females can breed at three months of age and may have multiple litters in one year.*



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**8:00 am to 10:00 am**

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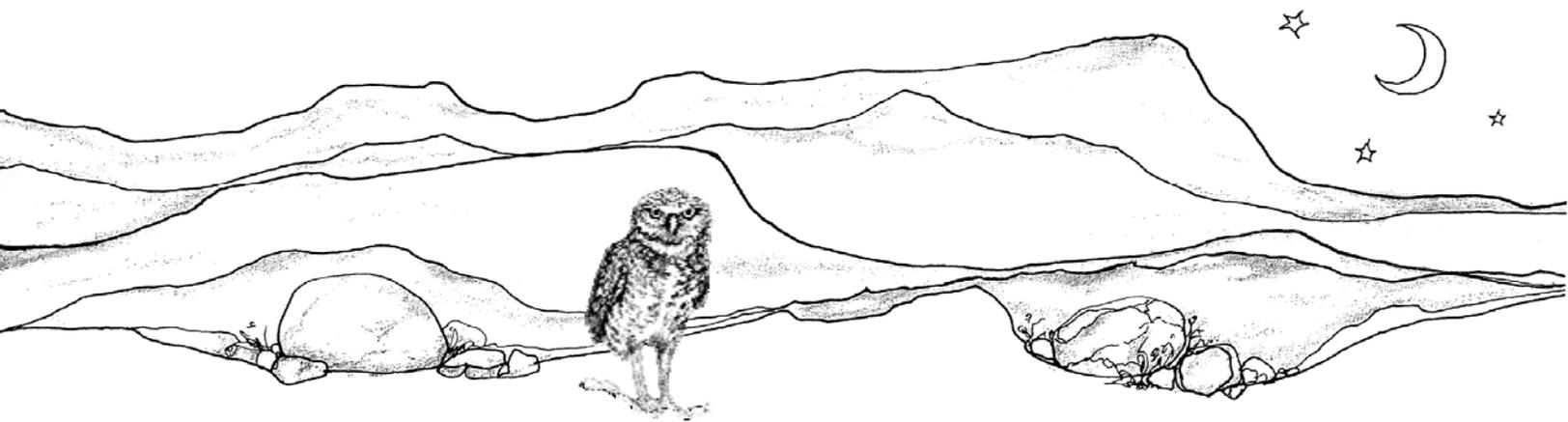
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Join us at the Discovery Center anytime between 1pm and 3pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!





## Thursday, December 30th, 2010

**12:00 pm to 4:00 pm     Animal Skulls, Skins, Tracks, and Scat at the Discovery Center**

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.

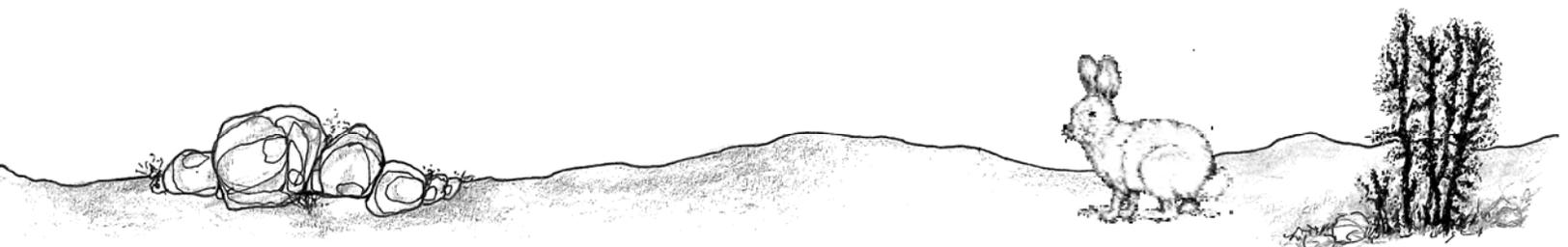
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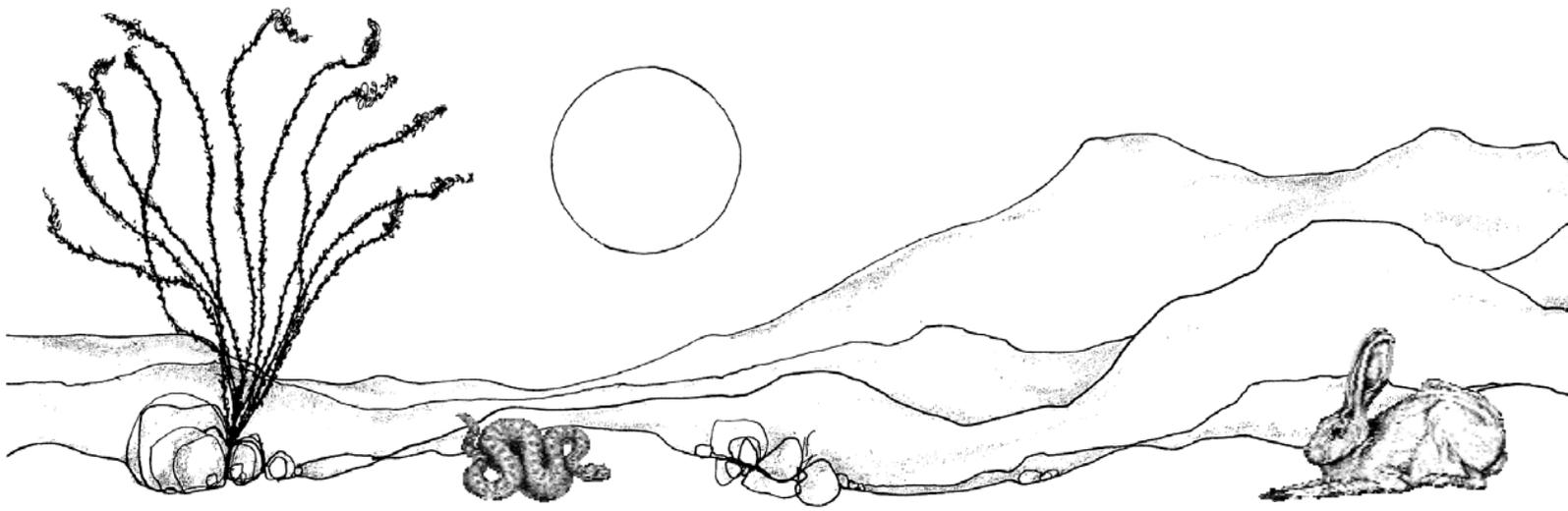
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*The burrowing owl makes its home in the abandoned burrows of other animals, most commonly ground squirrels and prairie dogs. This small owl, measuring about eight inches, feeds on insects, lizards, and rodents. When feeling threatened, it may mimic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

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**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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

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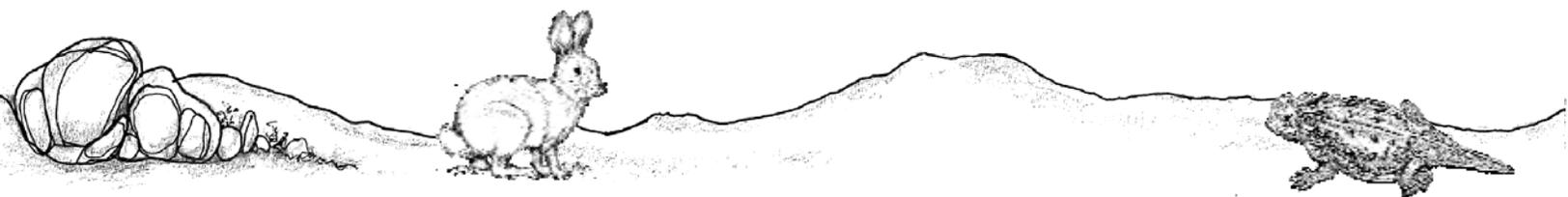
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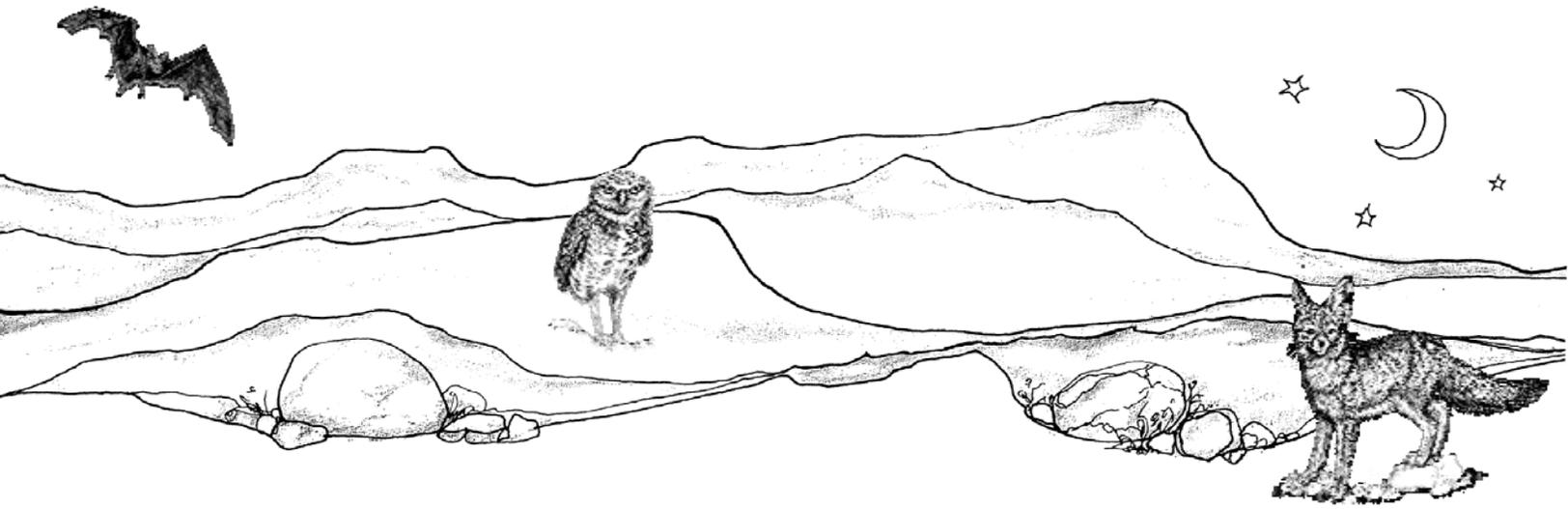
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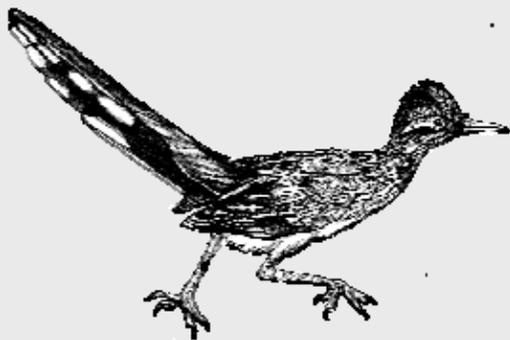
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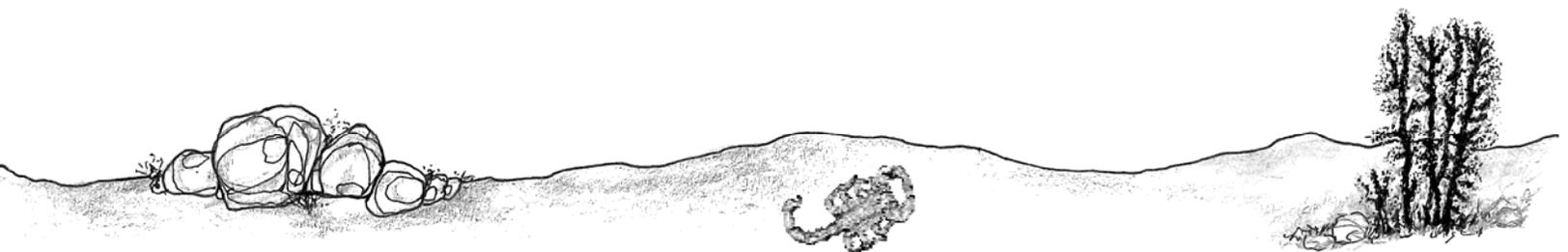
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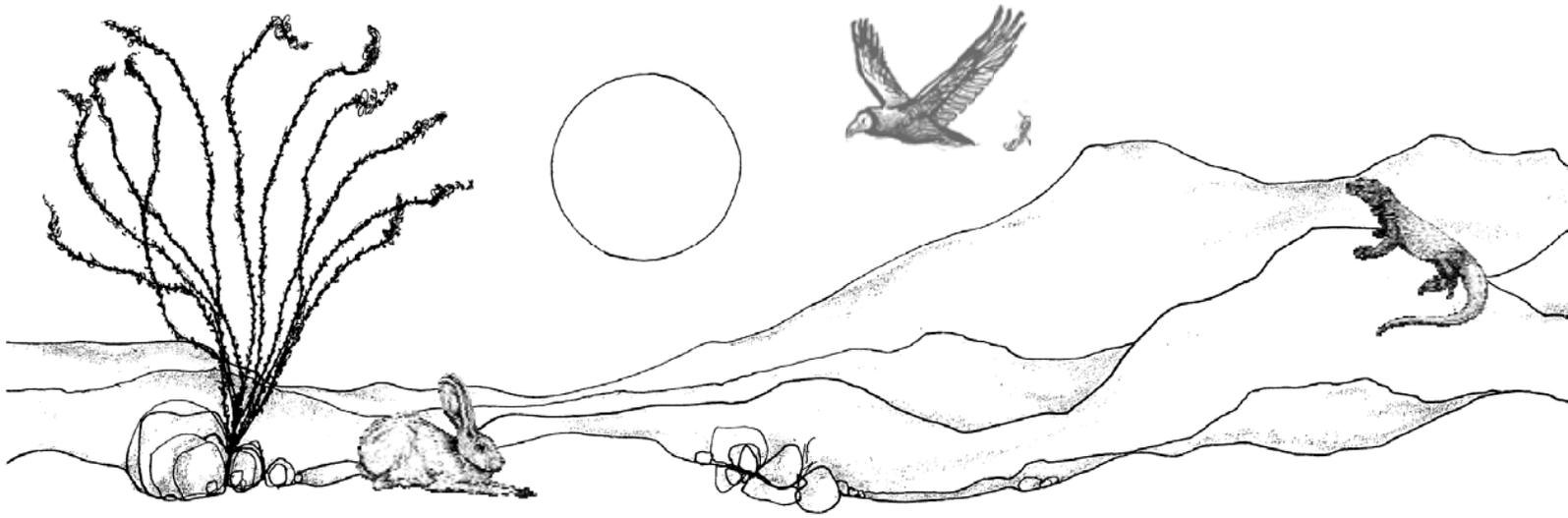
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*The largest member of the cuckoo family, the greater roadrunner is capable of running up to 15 miles per hour! This zany looking bird can jump straight up in the air to catch small birds or flying insects. Learn more about the roadrunner at one of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

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## **Saturday, January 1st, 2011 Happy New Year!**

### **8:00 am to 10:00 am Coffee with the Naturalist**

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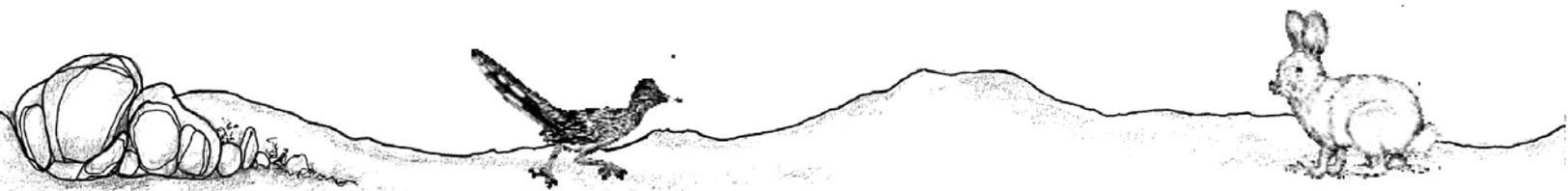
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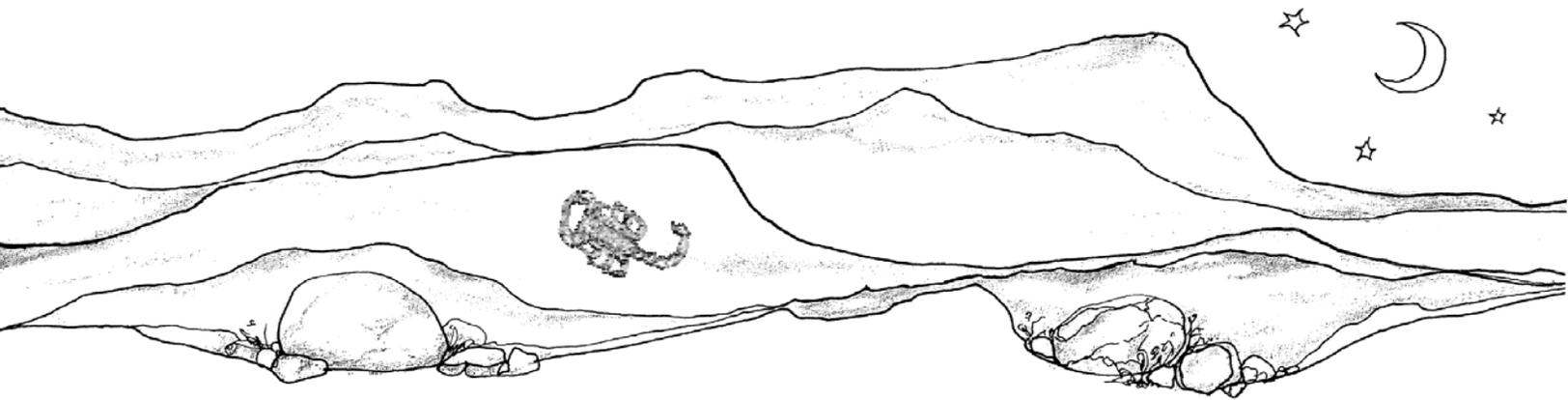
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### **11:00 am Junior Ranger Programs at the Discovery Center**

This week our Junior Rangers will be talking about some of the fun and exciting things located right here in Ocotillo Wells that help celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving. These programs are for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 30 minutes.

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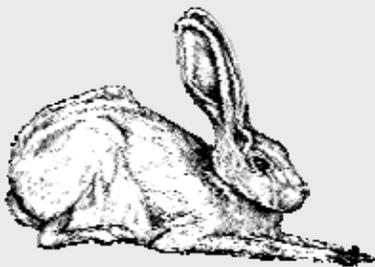
Join Park Naturalist Lesley Manent for an exhilarating tour through the park's geologic past. From Blowsand Hill through Devil's Slide and beyond, you will experience how geology has affected our past, present, and will eventually affect our future. This tour is designed for ATV's, Rhinos, and Jeeps.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

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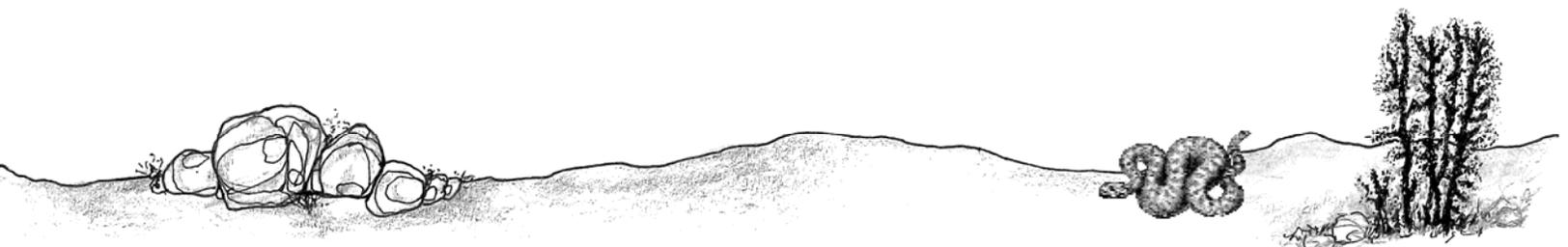
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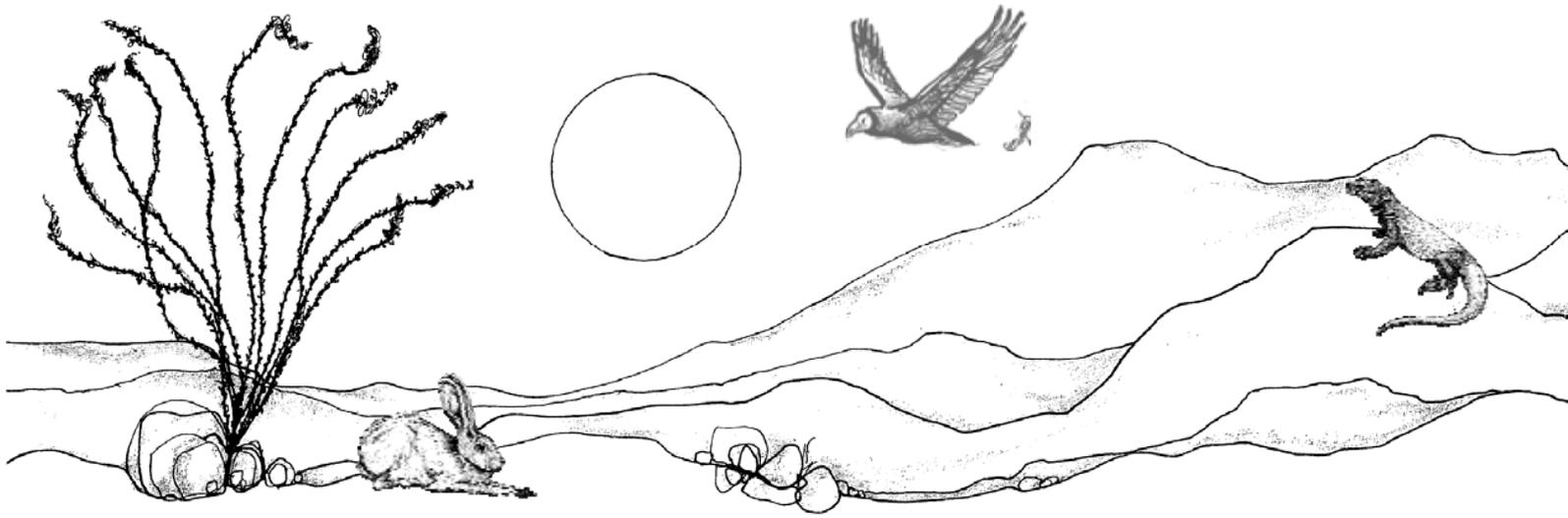
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*The black-tailed jackrabbit is a very agile animal, zigzagging through the brush at great speed to avoid predators. Not picky about its food, the jackrabbit will eat almost any desert plant. It is the only mammal to feed on the resinous creosote bush.*

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## Sunday, January 2nd, 2011

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Desert Animal Extravaganza at Crossover Trail

Stop by our mobile interpretive center near Cross Over Trail 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, "Jeep-ardy" and win fabulous prizes.

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