



GREETINGS

*from*

# MARANA

An adventure journal  
for all ages—let's make  
memories together!



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AN ADVENTURE JOURNAL

THIS ADVENTURE JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

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## WELCOME

Whether you find fulfillment in events, outdoor recreation, arts and culture, food, or volunteering, this adventure journal will guide you through the many attractions this community has to offer.

Let's make memories together.

Sincerely,  
The Town of Marana

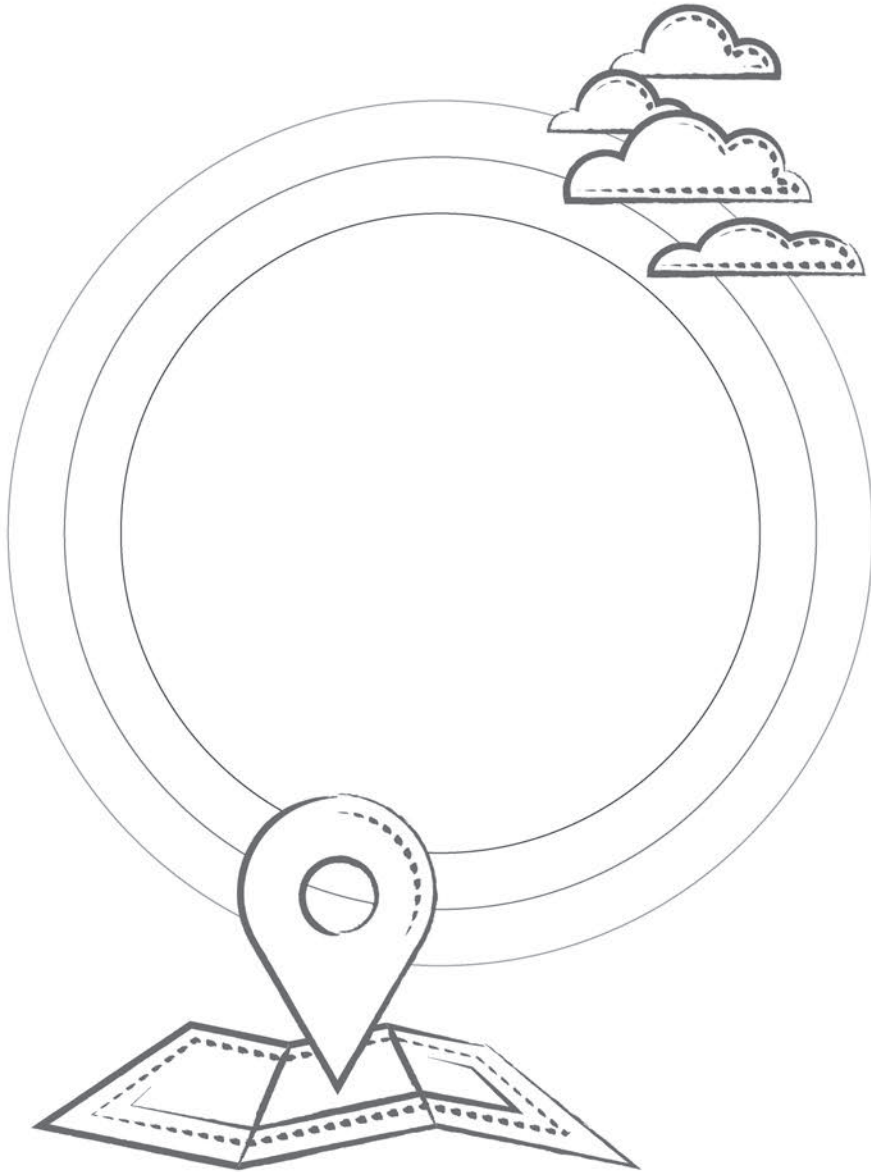
**P.S. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CREATIVE PAGES!**

Post images on social media @TownOfMarana with #MaranaJournal, and we'll share some of them! You may even get inspiration from your fellow adventurers in the community.



# CLOSE TO HOME

Draw a map of a walkable one-mile radius around your home. What kinds of things can you do for fun within that distance? List as many ideas as you can think of on the next page.



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# CUSTOMIZABLE HABIT TRACKER STARTER PAGE

Whether you're trying to drink more water, attend more events, or increase your miles, change comes one step at a time!

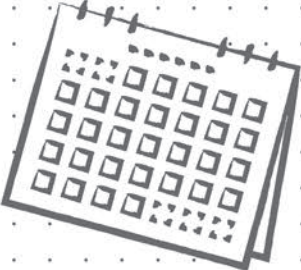
## My Goals

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# READING LIST

Visit your local Pima County library and track your reads.

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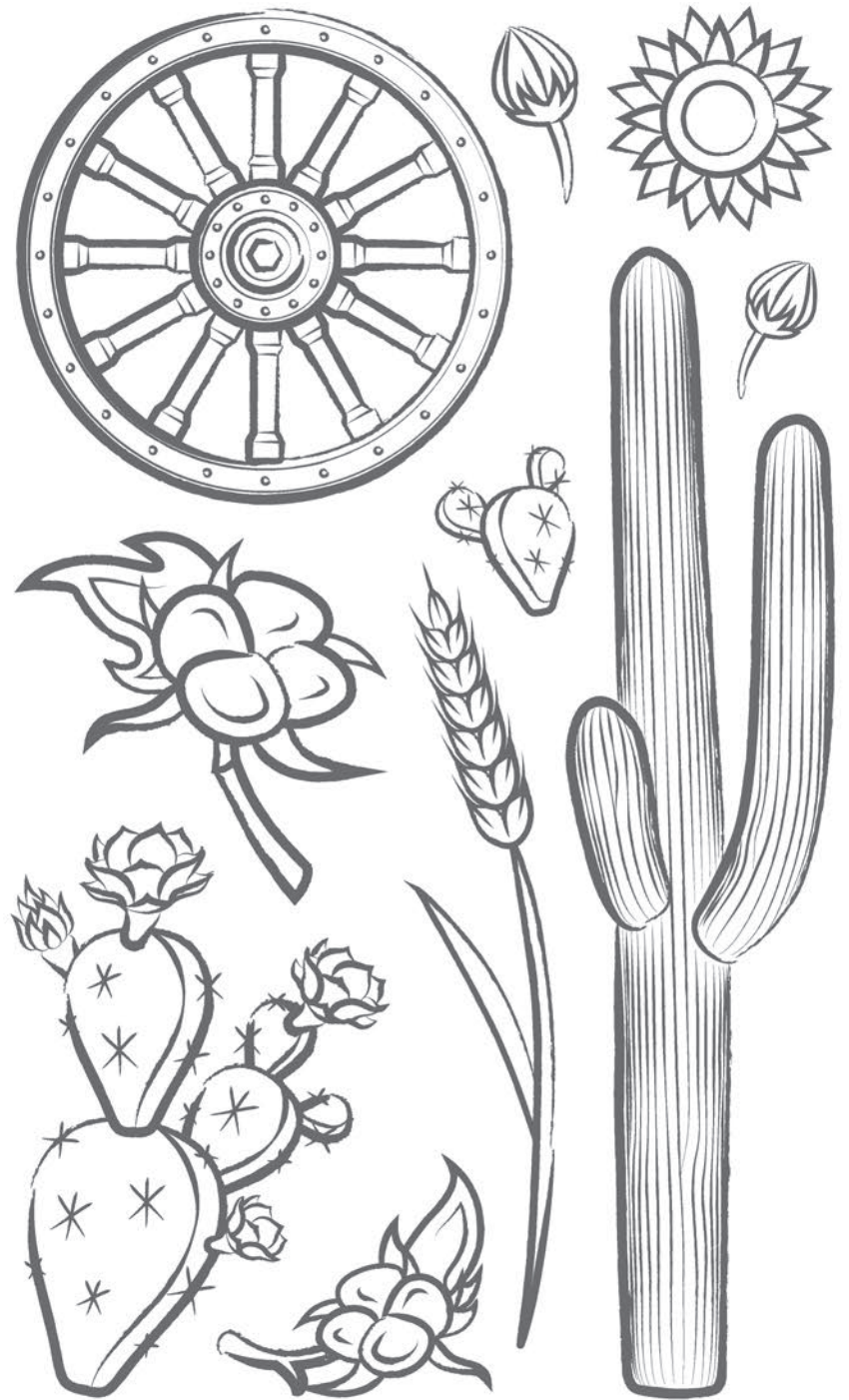
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# YOUR TOWN CALENDAR

For a complete calendar of Town events, visit [maranaAZ.gov](http://maranaAZ.gov), or fill in your own events.

<b>JAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Flag Football Starts</li> <li>› Guided Hike</li> </ul>	
<b>FEB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Guided Hike</li> <li>› Move Across 2 Ranges</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Cape Chase</li> </ul>
<b>MAR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Marana Founders' Day</li> <li>› Guided Hike</li> <li>› Spring Break sports clinics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>
<b>APR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Splash Pads open</li> <li>› Summer activities open</li> <li>› Guided Hike</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Camping Under the Stars</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Mothers' Day 5k</li> <li>› Marana Pool open</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>
<b>JUN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Aquathon</li> <li>› Guided Night Hike</li> <li>› #SplashSavvy event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>

<b>JUL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Star-Spangled Spectacular</li> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>	
<b>AUG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fall activities open</li> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>	
<b>SEP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Pool Party to Dive For</li> <li>› Guided Night Hike</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Movies in Marana</li> </ul>
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<b>NOV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Turkey Trot 5k / 10k</li> <li>› Guided Hike</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	
<b>DEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Marana Holiday Festival</li> <li>› Dirt Dash</li> <li>› Eggnog Jog</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Guided Hike</li> <li>› Spring activities open</li> <li>› Concerts in the Courtyard</li> </ul>



# RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

The Marana desert is beautiful, but watch out for dangerous creatures and high temperatures! Before you go on your adventure, consult this safety guide:

- › Check the temperature! If there is an excessive heat warning active, it's best to stay indoors.
- › Always carry the **10 Essentials** in your pack when hiking our trails (from the American Hiking Society) –
  - Appropriate footwear
  - Water, at least 2 liters
  - Safety gear, including light, fire, and a whistle
  - First aid kit
  - Sun protection, including sunscreen, sunglasses, and UV-protective clothing
  - GPS, map and compass backup
  - Calorie dense food
  - Rain gear, quick-drying layers
  - Knife or multitool
  - Shelter
- › Know your dangerous creatures! Steer clear of snakes, scorpions, Gila monsters, spiders, and centipedes.
- › Leave no trace behind! Dispose of all waste in proper trash bins, stay on the trail, and leave what you find.
- › Remember your manners when hiking! For safety, all trail users should yield to equestrians. For other right-of-way protocol—when in doubt, yield.

# BEAT THE HEAT! CHALLENGE

Need adventure ideas for the hot summer days? Some family-friendly ideas are listed below. Visit [maranaAZ.gov/recreation](http://maranaAZ.gov/recreation) for event and park information.

- › Participate in the #RunMarana Aquathon
- › Attend the "Pool Party to Dive For" event
- › Participate in "Swim the Cruz: Swimmer's Challenge"
- › Visit Marana Pool
- › Visit Heritage River Park Splash Pad
- › Visit Crossroads at Silverbell District Park Splash Pad

# #SPLASHSAVVY

With warm weather nearly year-round, water safety is an essential part of living in Marana. Be prepared by reviewing the recommended materials below. Visit [maranaAZ.gov/splashsavvy](http://maranaAZ.gov/splashsavvy) for more information.

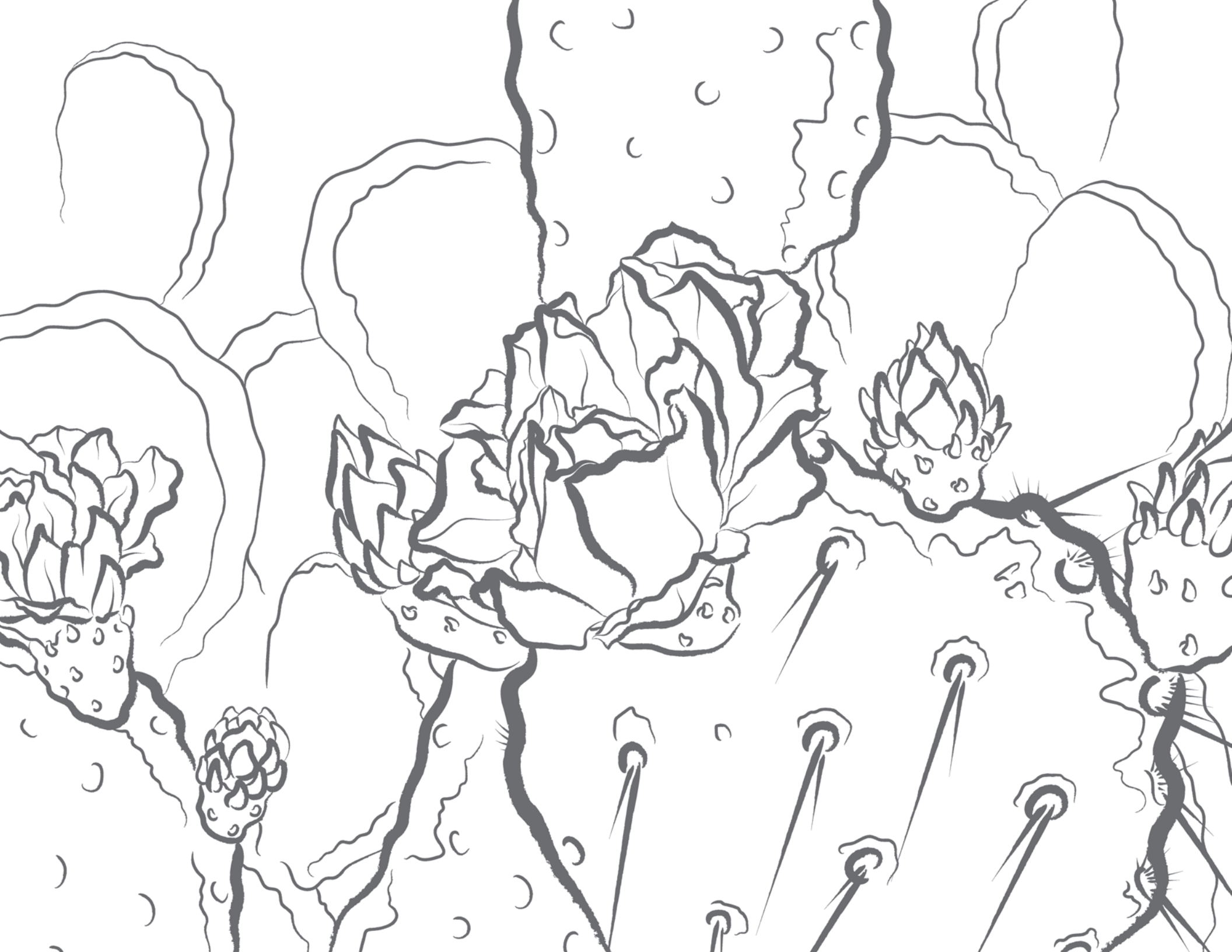
- › Attend the #SplashSavvy Summer Kick-Off Event
- › Download your "**#SplashSavvy Emergency Response Tag**" and place on your swim bag and/or near your backyard pool
- › Download the "**#SplashSavvy Drowning Drill How-To**" and design and complete Drowning Drills with your family
- › Sign up for training courses in CPR and First Aid
- › Register for Marana Youth Swim Lessons at the Marana Pool
- › Take the #SplashSavvy Commitment to commit to being prepared in the event of a drowning emergency

# ENJOY NATURE

How many parks and preserves have you visited? Check off each one you've explored:

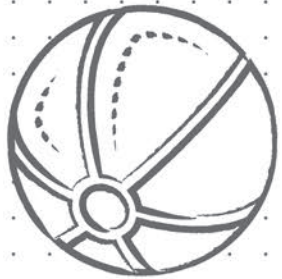
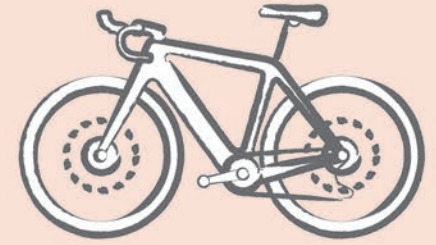
- Crossroads at Silverbell District Park
- Ora Mae Harn District Park
- Tangerine Sky Community Park
- Marana Heritage River Park Farm
- Gladden Farms Community Park
- Continental Ranch Community Park
- Continental Reserve Neighborhood Park
- El Rio Neighborhood Park
- San Lucas Community Park
- Wade McLean Neighborhood Park
- Honea Heights Neighborhood Park
- Saguaro Bloom Park (coming soon!)
- El Rio Preserve
- Tortolita Preserve





# DESIGN YOUR OWN PARK

Have an idea for a new park? Sketch it below. You can also snap a picture of your idea and send it to Marana Parks & Recreation at [marana.parks@maranaAZ.gov](mailto:marana.parks@maranaAZ.gov).





# #RUNMARANA CHALLENGE

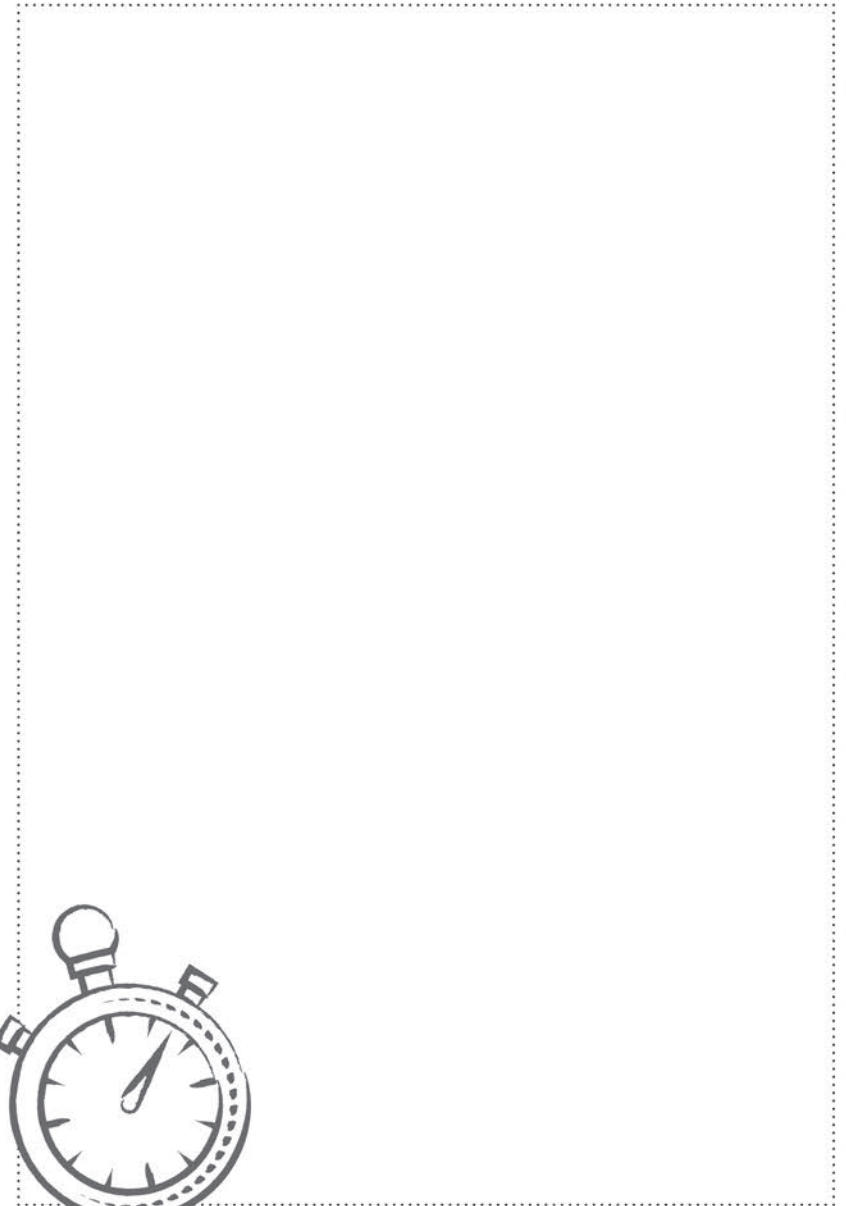
Have a need for speed? Track your races and race times below.  
Visit [maranaAZ.gov/run](http://maranaAZ.gov/run) for information.

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3	Turkey Trot	Fun Run	5k	10k	
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5	Dirt Dash	4.6k	15.9k		
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# MEDALS

Commemorate your medal(s)! Place this sheet over your medal and shade lightly with a pencil. Its likeness will show up through the paper!



# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Track your adventures in the great outdoors! Visit [maranaAZ.gov/trails](http://maranaAZ.gov/trails) for more information.

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# BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AT EL RIO PRESERVE

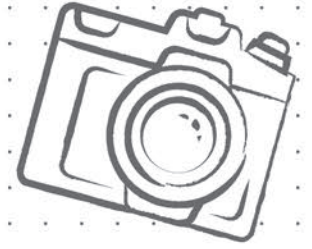
Did you know Marana is home to some of the most beautiful local and migratory birds? Track them all with this handy checklist. We'll start you off with some common finds.

- › Great Roadrunner
- › Anna's Hummingbird
- › Gila Woodpecker
- › Orange-Crowned Warbler
- › Gambel's Quail
- › Northern Flicker
- › Mourning Dove
- › Verdin

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## Sketch Like An Ornithologist:

You may not be able to take birds home with you, but you can keep a drawing of them on the next page! Which is your favorite?



# PLANT, GROW, CULTIVATE!

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Sign up for a community plot at Marana Heritage River Park, then track your plant growth below. Visit [maranaAZ.gov/communitygarden](http://maranaAZ.gov/communitygarden) for more information.

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# DOG PARK TOUR

Does your canine family member love to play in the park? Show them what Marana has to offer! Check off each one you've explored together.

- Crossroads at Silverbell District Park
- Gladden Farms Community Park
- Ora Mae Harn Park
- Saguaro Bloom Park (coming soon!)
- San Lucas Community Park
- Tangerine Sky Community Park

## My Dog Made Friends With:

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## Dog Park Safety:

Remember to be safe! Dogs must be up-to-date on their vaccinations to play at the dog park. Visit [maranaAZ.gov/animal-services](http://maranaAZ.gov/animal-services) for information on low-cost vaccination, and spay / neuter clinics.





# SAGUAROS AND PRICKLY PEARS AND CHOLLAS, OH MY!

Take a moment to study the unique flora of southern Arizona. Draw what you see below.



# NIGHT SKIES

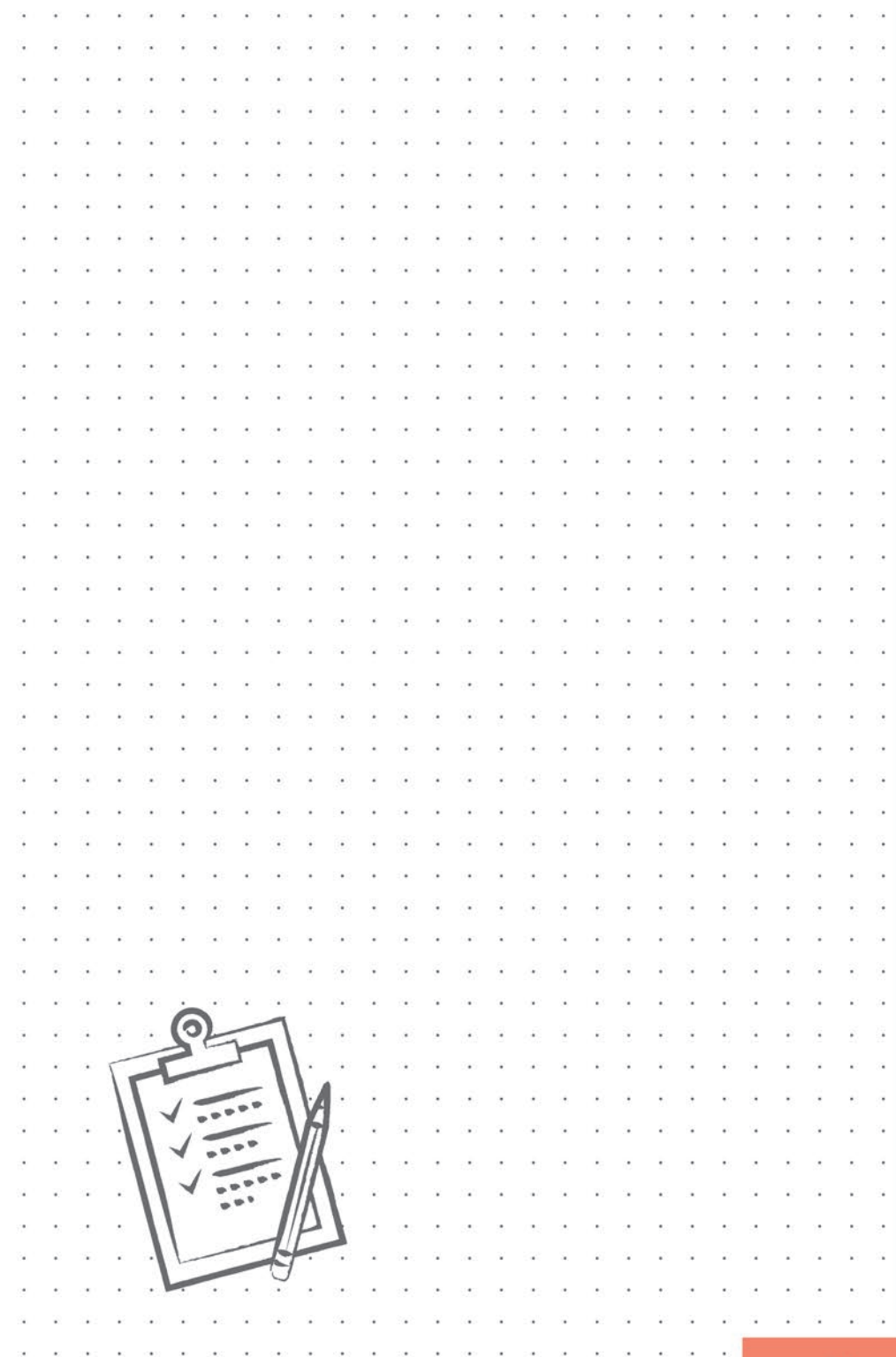
Marana has some of the most stunning night skies. Which star constellation is your favorite? Visit your local Pima County library or research online to fill in the chart below, and draw the constellation on the next page. Then, see if you can spot it on a **Guided Night Hike!**

Visit [maranaAZ.gov/recreation](http://maranaAZ.gov/recreation) for information.

Constellation Name	Important Dates	
	Discovery	Time of Year Visible

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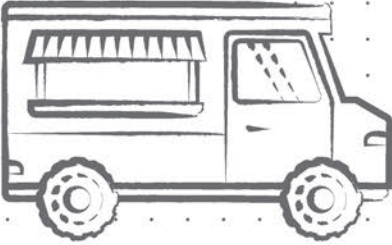
History and Mythology





# DESIGN YOUR OWN FOOD TRUCK

If you had your own food truck, what would it look like and what would you sell? Maybe we'll see you at a future event!



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# VENDORS TO REMEMBER

There are a ton of vendors to discover at Town of Marana events. Jot down your favorites so you can look them up and support them in the future. Visit [maranaAZ.gov/events](http://maranaAZ.gov/events) for more information.

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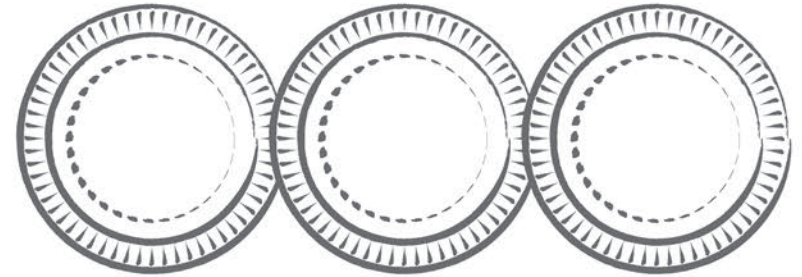
# EAT LOCAL

There are several restaurants and bars around town that feature Marana-sourced ingredients. Visit [DiscoverMarana.org](http://DiscoverMarana.org) for more information, then track your discoveries below.

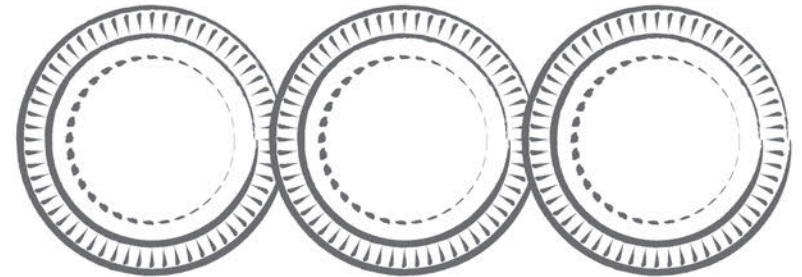
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# DELIGHTFUL DISHES

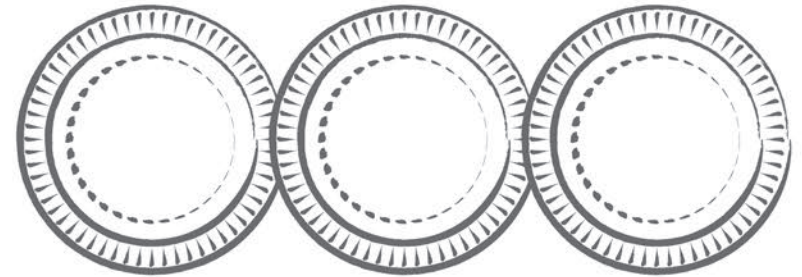
Next time your friends and family come into town, you'll know exactly where to take them! Jot down the location of the best food finds below.



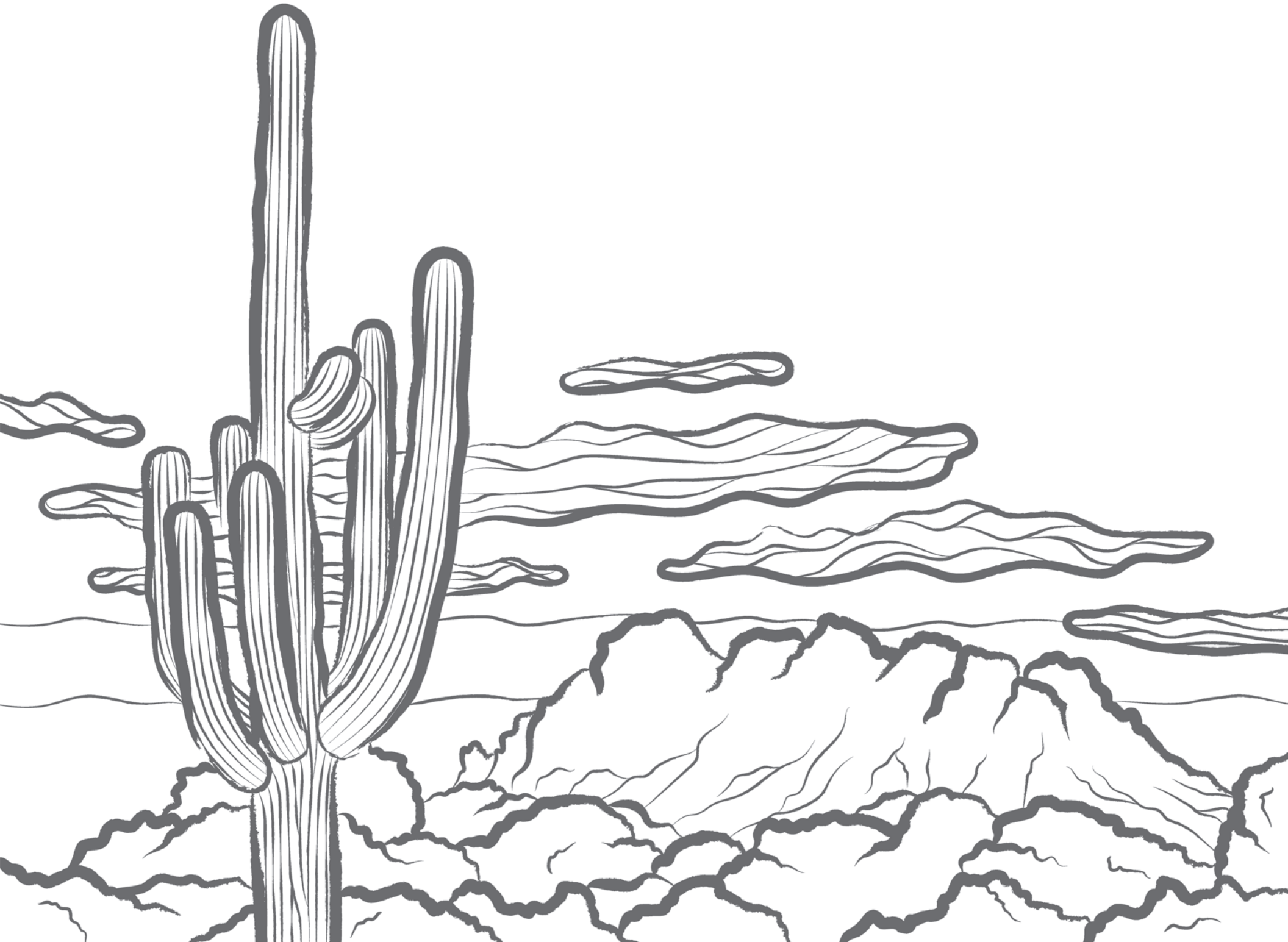
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# MARANA IN THE MOVIES

Quite a few movies were filmed right here in Marana, Arizona!

Visit [MaranaFilmOffice.org](http://MaranaFilmOffice.org) to learn more, then organize your own movie night. Don't forget the popcorn!

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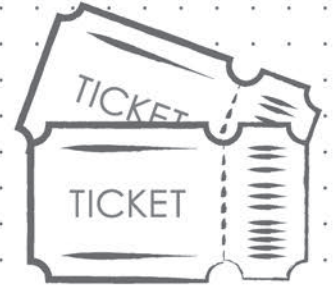
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# LIVE MUSIC & SHOWS

Track live performances and shows you attend. Tape or glue any ticket stubs and other mementos to the opposite page.

	Artist	Genre(s)	Venue	Date
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# LIVING HISTORY

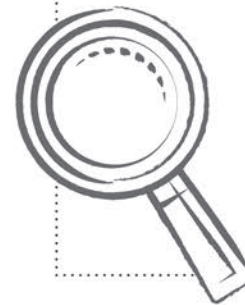
Marana has a rich history, both in the region's ancient Native American origins and the farming communities that developed later on.

Visit **DiscoverMarana.org** for more information, then take a tour of the museums throughout the region.

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# LOCAL LEGENDS

Research a local legend or myth that takes place in southern Arizona. Summarize the story below. Write, draw, or scrapbook!





# FORE!

Enjoy a game of golf once in a while? Visit Marana-area courses and track your progress below.

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# EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Cut out your favorite local news headlines and keep them here.

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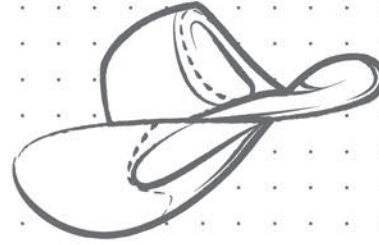
# COWBOY CHALLENGE

Marana has a rich cowboy heritage that carries on to today. How many cowboy-themed establishments and attractions can you find?

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## Create a Western Motif:

Wrangle some cowboy-themed mementos, and tape or glue to the opposite page, or try drawing your way to a Western motif any cowboy would be proud of.



# GET INVOLVED

What are some ways you can give back to the community? Track your engagement or volunteer experience below. Need a place to start? Visit [maranaAZ.gov/volunteer](http://maranaAZ.gov/volunteer).

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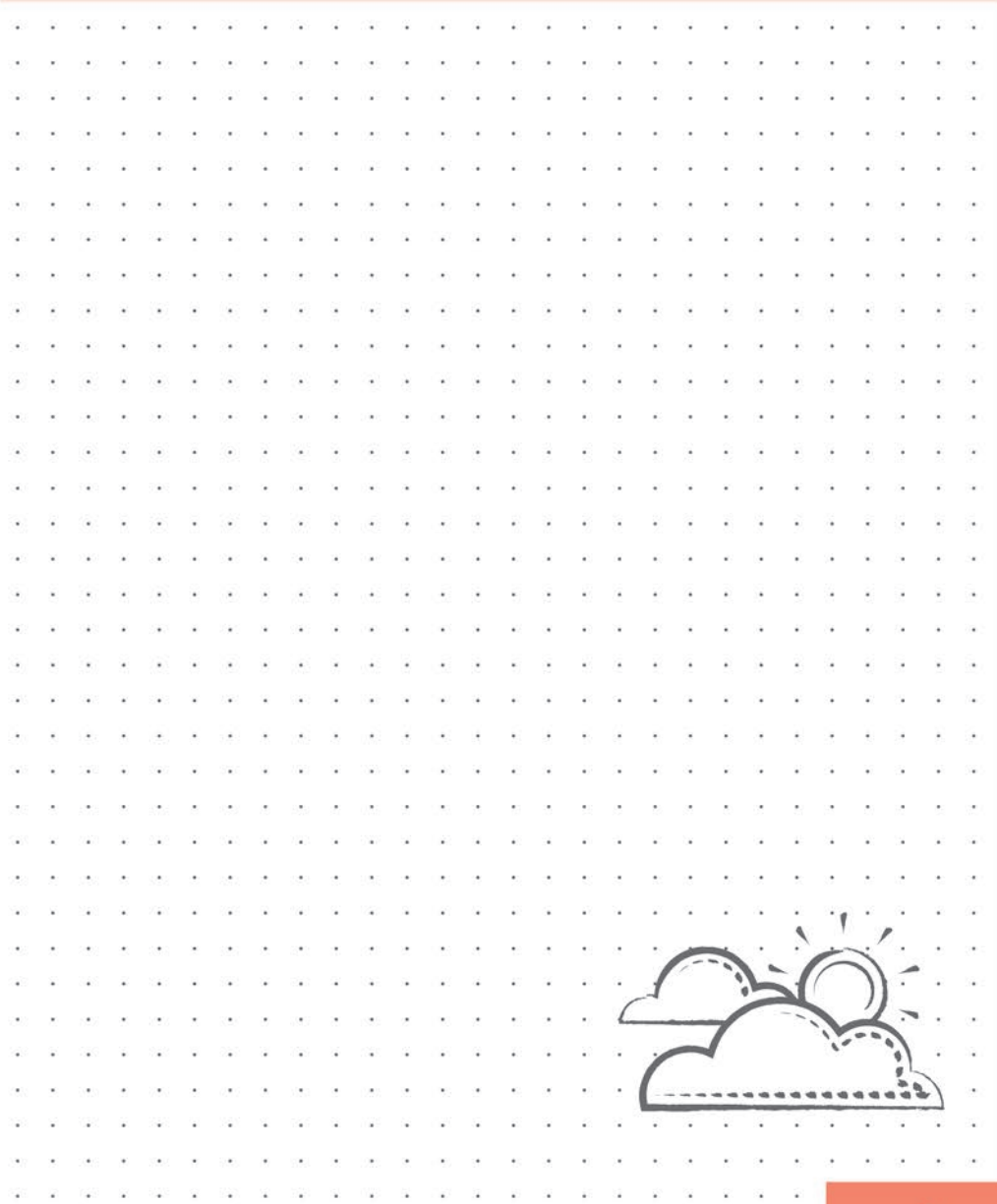
# FEEDBACK

How did you enjoy this community-based creative journal? Have feedback or suggestions for new prompts? Write your ideas below, or contact us at [communications@maranaAZ.gov](mailto:communications@maranaAZ.gov).

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# BRIGHT DAYS AHEAD

What do you envision for our community's future? Jot down or illustrate some ideas below.





Visit [discovermarana.org](https://discovermarana.org)  
for more information



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