









Dust Storm on the Western Horizon





Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah Wilderness Study Area is located in San Juan County, New Mexico between Chaco Canyon and the De-Na-Zin Wilderness.

The Wilderness Study Area (WSA) has multicolored badlands, sandstone hoodoos, petrified wood and dinosaur bones, similar to those found in the nearby Bisti Badlands and De-Na-Zin Wilderness.

Photography by Brad Stoddard and Barak Naggan with original sketchs by Kai Ryan Cook.













New Mexico Evening Primrose - CANNUNDRUMS (top) and shattered Petrified Wood



Impeding dust storm





Towering Hoodoos and sky window











New Mexico Flowering Yucca (glauca), and suburbia like patterns in the soil



Desert patina colors the otherwise grey sandstone wind and water eroded bolders.





Plenty for a young artist to discover and develop an eye.







Shattered ancient stone wood provides minerals for hearty desert flowers.



A young artist gaining a vantage point.























Rock units within the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah WSA include most of the upper Fruitland Formation (Fossil Forest Member) and lower part of the Kirtland Formation (Hunter Wash Member), both late Cretaceous in age. The rocks are dominated by mudstones and intermittent sandstones, with occasional resistant channel sandstones.



High on a vantage point, Kai sketchs the badlands with charcoal and pad.

































Ancient petrified trees revealed by erosion that creates familiar patterns filled with shattered, iron rich minerals.







Badlands camp in morning and night around the sagebrush fire.







Barak in early morning flight, Power Sailing.







Upper photos Barak Naggan







Elam. Barak and Kai explore the Hoodoos.

Photos Barak Naggan

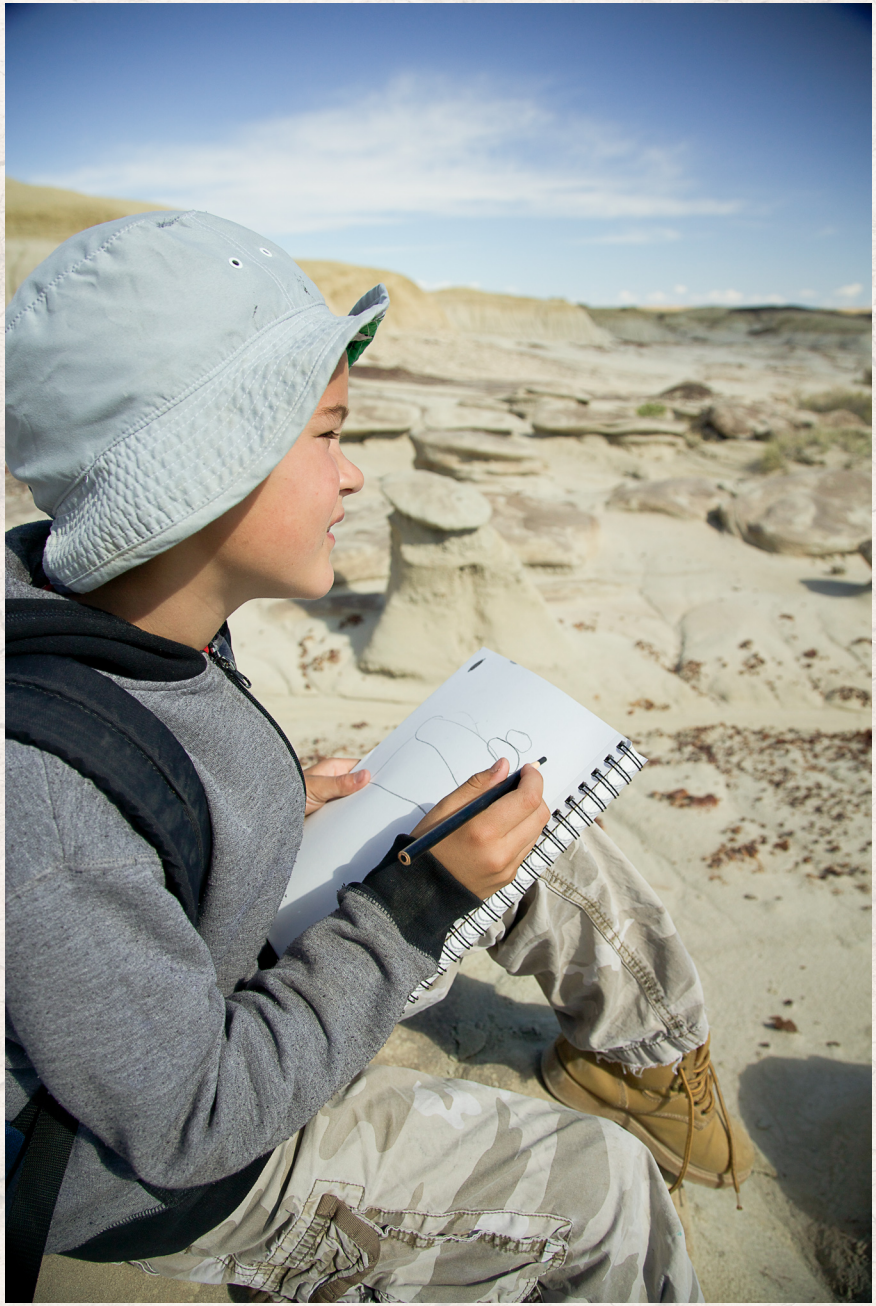


Photo Barak Naggan



Sketch by Kai



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Kai and Grandpa’s early morning hike.



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