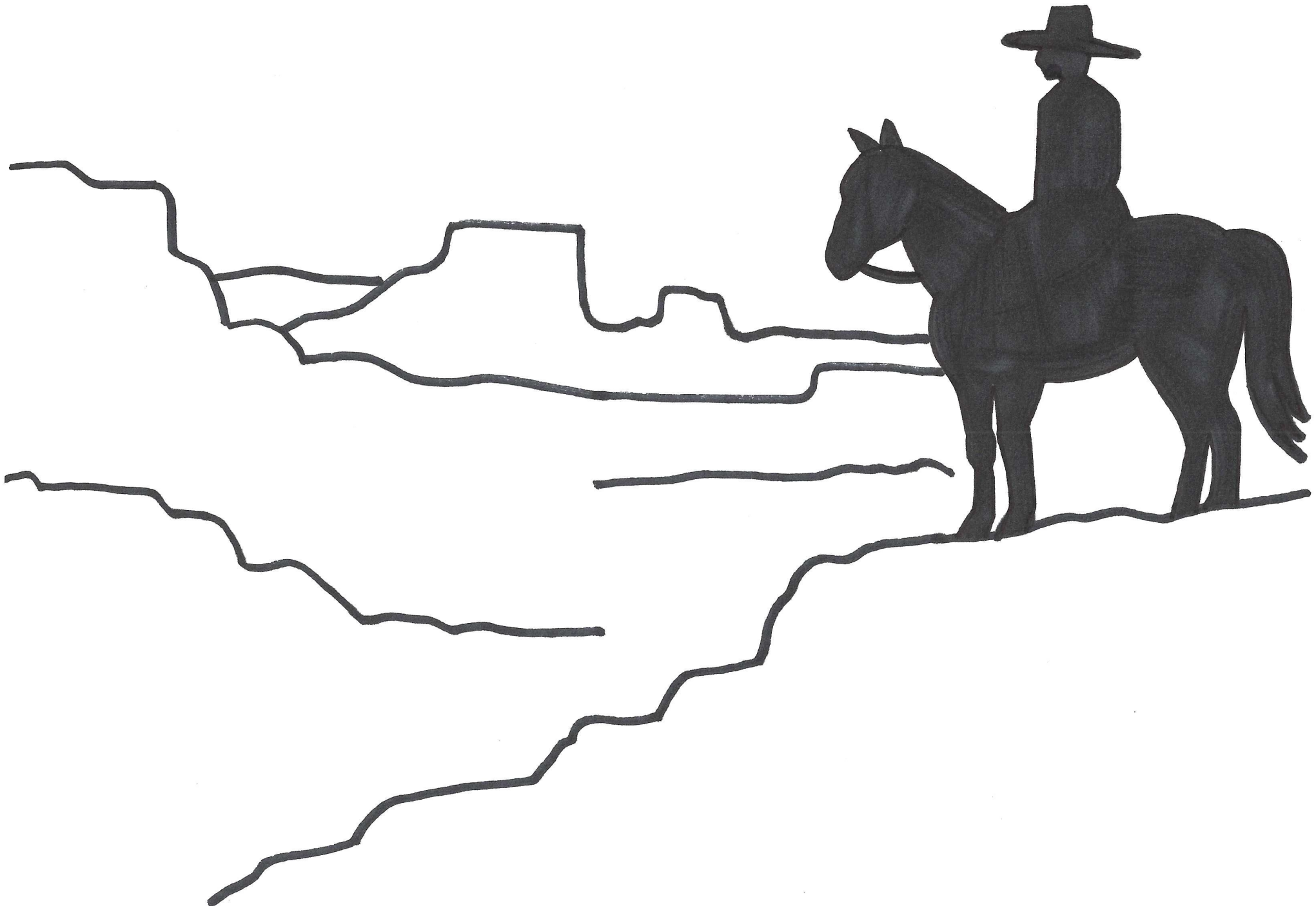




Across the USA Summer Camp 2026

Project 4: Western Cowboy

9 x 12 Watercolor Paper with Watercolor & Black Sharpies

1. Tape watercolor paper down to a board and pass out to each student.

2. Have students put their name on the tape with a **black Sharpie.**

3. Using a HB pencil, guide students through the drawing of the project.

4. Have students **trace over** all pencil lines with a **medium black Sharpie**.

5. Still using the medium black Sharpie, have students color in all of the black areas!

6. Using **Watercolor,** guide students through the entire painting of the project from lightest (background) to darkest color(foreground).
    a. **Introduce:** Values by teaching students to dilute their paints with water to lighten a color. (You can give them palettes to mix water and colors in or you can use the back of the watercolor cover as a tin for mixing colors.)
    b. **Perspective**: Explain how objects in the foreground appear darker than objects in the background and this creates perspective.

7. Set aside to dry.