

# Family Discovery Series (continued)

## MOVIES AT MERCER SLOUGH

Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies in the Douglas Fir Community Room. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Cost: **FREE**

### Planet Earth – Fresh Water

Follow rivers as they course from mountains to the sea, nourishing unique and dramatic wildlife. From the world's deepest lake inhabited by the only species of freshwater seal, to a stunning look at the world's highest waterfall, "Fresh Water" offers a unique perspective on the secret lives teeming in our purest waters.

**When:** Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6 p.m.

### Planet Earth – Caves

Descend into a habitat not directly driven by sunlight and discover some of the most peculiar creatures on Earth. From Borneo's Deer Cave where five million bats roost to cave swiftlets that build nests out of saliva, "Caves" digs deep into an underground world where few people have ventured.

**When:** Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6 p.m.

### Planet Earth – Great Plains

Trek to one of Earth's largest land habitats, where vast open spaces play host to the biggest groups of animals in the world. From the 2,000-mile migration undertaken by three million caribou in the Arctic tundra, to a pride of 30 starving lions hunting elephants, "Great Plains" reveals the most impressive migrations and the boldest hunts on the planet.

**When:** Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6 p.m.

### Planet Earth – Seasonal Forests

Investigate these temperate regions and find some of the most elusive creatures and well-adapted plant life on Earth. From the giant sequoia tree 10 times the size of a blue whale to the trackless Siberian Forests where just 40 Amur leopards remain, "Forests" brings to life a seemingly familiar world that remains largely unexplored.

**When:** Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6 p.m.

## Visitor Center Features

### Art in Nature Exhibit

These exhibits will display local artists' work inspired by the natural world. The artwork is available for viewing in the Visitor Center. Come and be inspired by this amazing art!

**When:** Daily, 10am-4pm

**Where:** Visitor Center

**Free**

### Mercer Slough Discovery Backpacks

Discovery Backpacks include all the materials needed for launching a self-guided tour through Mercer Slough Nature Park.: binoculars, nature guides, and more. Discovery Backpacks now available: Birding, Wildlife, and Wetlands. All Discovery Backpacks are available first-come, first-serve for a \$5 suggested donation. For check-out times, please call 425-452-2565 or e-mail [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov).



### Carpooling Encouraged

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## Adult Enrichment Series

To register for programs call 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). Preregistration required for all programs with a **Course #**. Programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. **Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

### Kokanee and You

Lake Sammamish is home to a small population of Kokanee Salmon that is fighting for its life. Join a representative of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Workgroup to learn about Kokanee, what is being done to conserve them, and how citizens can get involved in their own neighborhoods!



**When:** Sunday, September 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**Course #:** 66981

### Salmon in the City

Find out what's fishy in Bellevue with Stream Team Program Administrator, Laurie Devereaux. She'll tell you which salmon use Bellevue's streams and the best times and places to see them. Learn about the salmon life cycle, their habitat, and how you can help. Don't miss this chance to learn about salmon in our city!



**When:** Friday October 5th, 7 – 8 p.m.  
**Course #:** 66982

### Puget Prairies

Although Washington is known as the "Evergreen State", native prairies were once common in western Washington. Learn about prairie ecology, natural history, and where we can go to enjoy prairies in our region.



**When:** Saturday, November 10th, 12 – 12:30 p.m.

### The Ecological Home

Although most of us didn't build or buy a "green home" there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment, or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center - a Gold-Certified LEED facility.



**When:** Saturday December 8th, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

## Family Discovery Series

All ages welcome! The Family Discovery Series offers programs the whole family will enjoy! **For more information please visit:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm)  
**Phone:** 425-452-2565 or **Email:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov)

### Mercer Slough Nature Walk

**Cost: Free**

Meet a Park Ranger at the Visitor Center for a free guided tour and learn about the fascinating flora, fauna, and history of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Please dress for weather. No registration is required.

**When:** Every Saturday, 2-3pm



### MERCER SLOUGH RANGER PROGRAMS

**Cost: Free**

Join a Park Ranger for a short program. Best for ages 8 and up. Programs meet in the Douglas Fir Community Room unless otherwise noted. Preregistration required for all programs with a **Course #**.

#### Bird Nests

The breeding season is wrapping up, but come see some of the fascinating nests that Mercer Slough's birds built this season. We'll talk about what nests are, what they do, and how you can help birds right here in Bellevue! Join us after the program for a game of nest hide-and-peek!

**When:** Friday, September 14th, 2 – 2:30 p.m.



#### Bird Identification for Families

Have you ever wondered which bird species live in our area? Join Eastside Audubon for a program on how to identify birds! There will be a free optional bird feeder craft project following the program. Best for families with children ages 5 to 13.

**When:** Saturday October 6th, 10 – 11 a.m.

**Course #:** 66986



#### Fish Ladder Fun

Salmon are running this time of year, so take the opportunity to learn something new about them! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an informal, question-and-answer session at the fish ladder... we may just see some salmon on their journey upstream! This program meets at the Mercer Slough Fish Ladder (118th Ave SE, just south of SE 8th Street). Park at the office park and meet at the blue sign for the ladder.

**When:** October 14th, October 21st 2 – 3:00 p.m.



#### Mercer's Minnows

Did you know that a few times each spring, hundreds of foot-long minnows travel up the Mercer Slough on their way to their spawning beds in Kelsey Creek? Come learn more about their fascinating journey and watersheds in general.

**When:** Friday, November 2nd, 2 – 2:30 p.m.



#### Canoe the Mercer Slough

**Cost: \$14 (Bellevue Residents) \$16 (Non-Residents)**

Explore beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water.

Pre-registration is required.

Contact: [mseec@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov) for more information .

**When:** Saturdays and Sundays, May - September, 8:45am-12pm

**Where:** Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

