

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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DECEMBER 2016

- Nov 26 – Dec 31** **Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Garden d’Lights will be bigger and better than ever with new flowers and critters to find - and a new path will take you partly through the woods. Of course, old favorites like the aquarium, vegetable garden, and poinsettia tree are still part of the extravaganza too. Come see your old favorites, and find the new ones! Look for the new 5-foot Blue Heron! Stop by the Aaron Education Center to purchase hot chocolate, coffee, and snacks. The Trillium Store has delightful holiday gifts for sale. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:**
<http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Nov 30-Dec 3** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**,
November 30, December 1 and 2 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
December 3 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. Items include: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for craft items. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/> or 206-920-2957, or contact Northwest Arts Center at NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 1** **Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:55 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir’s performance. We’re providing the beach fire to keep you warm! Bring a flashlight for safety. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Dec 2** **Where are the Wolves?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The Grey Wolf, once extinct from the Pacific Northwest, has returned, and this species is slowly growing in numbers. But are wolves dangerous to humans? Come hear some answers to this question and others you may have about the *canis lupis*, and learn what you can do to stay safe when traveling in wolf country. Have a howl of a time creating a wolf craft with your child at the end of the class!
Ages: All ages welcome! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, activity code 107629. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Dec 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Who Lives in the Snow?”**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Lewis Creek provides habitat for salmon, and they start running in the fall! The woods are cold and quiet in the wintertime, though there are signs of life everywhere. Come look for clues to find who lives in the snow. We always make a fun craft to take home.
Ages: 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 107841 or 107842.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Dec 2** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Get out your holiday best, pack your festive spirit, lace up your dancing shoes, and join us for our annual holiday ball. The Highland Community Center facilitates this event each year for adults living with intellectual disabilities.
Ages: 18 years and older; adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$9/residents and \$11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Contact Mary Boyle at mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7686.
- Nov 25-Dec 4** **“How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 25, 26, December 2 and 3 at 7 p.m.;
November 27, December 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come and share the magic and laughter of the holiday season as a group of misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. The whole family will enjoy this offbeat tale of Santa, who needs some big help from some little friends. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after November 18. Group rates are available.
Info and to buy tickets: 425-452-7155.

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- Dec 3** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 4** **Seafair's Holiday Cruise**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way
This annual event serves individuals over 18 years old living with intellectual disabilities. Meydenbauer Yacht Club provides the ships and volunteers to join the parade along the Lake Washington shoreline. Individuals interested in attending must pre-register. Those utilizing a wheelchair or walker need to register directly through Seafair. Space is limited. **Ages:** 18 years and older; adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Contact Mary Boyle at mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118 or 425-452-7686. Also contact Mary if you're interested in volunteering for this event!
- Dec 6** **Grandkids are Coming!** 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
Do you struggle to find exciting projects to do with your grandchildren when they visit? This class teaches grandparents how to create fun craft projects appropriate for young children while creating lasting memories for you and your grandchild. All supplies included. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107547 **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 7** **Happy Holidays to My Favorite Animals (Early Release Wednesday)**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107570. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.

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- Dec 9-18** **“A Christmas Carol” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
December 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m.;
December 11, 17, and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come join the 25th anniversary celebration of this traditional retelling of
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, BYT-style. We follow Ebenezer Scrooge
as he is unwillingly taken through his past, present, and potential future. This
ultimately uplifting tale has music and dance and will leave you ready for the
holiday season. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:**
\$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after December 2.
Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 9** **Hibernation Pajama Party, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the
winter. Make sure to bring your PJ’s and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for
the winter! This is a parent/adult and child class. **Ages:** 5 years and older; adults
and children must register. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-**
registration: Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-
452-6885, course 107849. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 10** **A Winter Wander, 10 a.m. - noon**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come take a walk in Lewis Creek Park and explore the beauty of winter. Rain or
shine, we will explore the mosses and lichens of the park, the deciduous and
evergreen trees, and discuss wildlife preparations for the winter. **Distance:** 1.5
miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All
ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:**
Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 10** **Creatures Below the Snow, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene. What lies
beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter
months while others thrive below the snow. Enjoy a story about these creatures’
survival strategies and make a pine cone feeder for our resident birds toughing out
the winter months. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:**
Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Dec 14** **Happy Holidays to My Favorite Animals (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107571. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Dec 16** **A Warm Winter Home, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As the winter days become shorter and colder, many animals bundle up inside their little homes for protection. All sorts and sizes of animals build unique shelters to winter the cold season. Come learn about these animals, their homes, and what we can do to help them keep safe until the spring. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, activity code 107631. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Dec 17** **Creatures Below the Snow, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene. What lies beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter months while others thrive below the snow. Enjoy a story about these creatures' survival strategies and make a pine cone feeder for our resident birds toughing out the winter months. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 22** **Christmas Ship Festival, 8:35 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.**
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. We're providing the beach fire to keep you warm! Bring a flashlight for safety. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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“The Arctic Warrior” (Nature Movie), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Enjoy a rare opportunity to look closer into the life of a polar bear and her cub.

This film will take you across the vast wilderness of the Arctic for a breathtaking look at some of nature’s most fierce creatures. These arctic warriors fight for survival in what most would consider inhospitable conditions. For polar bears, the Arctic is their home where they can thrive. Narrated by David Attenborough.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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JANUARY 2017

- Jan 3-9** **SBCC's 11th Anniversary Celebration**, times vary by activity
South Bellevue Community Center, 15409 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center is turning eleven! In honor of this anniversary, many of our instructors will offer their classes, activities, and programs for free as a thank-you to our loyal patrons, and as an invitation for any person to try something new! Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Boot Camp with Karie, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-in Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post Rehab Strength and Conditioning, and Ballet. **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Jan 6** **Indoor Play with Alex Zerbe**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Don't miss this special Indoor Play with a performance by Alex Zerbe. With captivating amounts of energy, Alex Zerbe moves like a rubber band from one end of the stage to the other. Beatboxing, juggling, dancing, singing, music and magic are just a few of the things that led Piers Morgan of *America's Got Talent* to call Alex "the total package." Join us and the two-time Guinness World Record holder for an awesome, free 45-minutes show! Kids will enjoy Indoor Play from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; then the performance will start at 11:15 a.m. **Ages:** 0-5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Jan 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Owl Moon"**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. A little girl and her father go owling one night... will they see an owl? We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 112315 or 112316. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 8** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program uses games and activities to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Jan 11** **How Now Brown Cow (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 11272. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Jan 13** **Discover Winter: Bundling Up in the Wild,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 112718. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Jan 14** **The Eagle and Salmon Circle of Life,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every winter the streams, wetlands and rivers of the Pacific Northwest become a smorgasbord of delight for the American Bald Eagle. By January most of the returning salmon have spawned, and their scavenged carcasses can be found strewn along the fresh water shores and even into the forest. Join us to learn more about this unique connection between the eagles, salmon, and healthy forests. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 14** **The Food Web – Nature's Hungry!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. What do you depend on? Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 21** **The Eagle and Salmon Circle of Life,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every winter the streams, wetlands and rivers of the Pacific Northwest become a smorgasbord of delight for the American Bald Eagle. By January most of the returning salmon have spawned, and their scavenged carcasses can be found strewn along the fresh water shores and even into the forest. Join us to learn more about this unique connection between the eagles, salmon, and healthy forests. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Jan 21** **The Food Web – Nature’s Hungry!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. What do you depend on? Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 22** **Coal Creek Natural Area Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. – noon**
Meets at Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages are welcome! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 22** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk for Grown-Ups, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the Ranger. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 25** **Hip Hop Rabbit (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 11273. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Jan 27** **A Winter Woof Walk, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Meet at Kelsey Creek Park, lower parking lot, 410 130th Place SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Distance:** 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 112732. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- Jan 27** **“Earth’s Navigators” (Nature Movie)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every year as the seasons change, millions of animals take part in what is considered to be the world’s great migration. Whether the migrations are on land, in the air or water, they are all equally impressive. Join us for an epic journey across the globe to witness some of these remarkable animals finding their way over hundreds of miles. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 29** **A Winter Wander Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come take a walk in Lewis Creek Park and explore the beauty of winter. Rain or shine, we will explore the mosses and lichens of the park, the deciduous and evergreen trees, and discuss what the park’s creatures do in the winter. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 1** **Wooly Sheep (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 11276. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Secret Place",** two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Every city needs a secret place for animals to live and thrive. Find the secret place, learn about why it is so special, and why parks are so important! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 112317 or 112318. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 4** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (presented by Eastside Heritage Center),**
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888, there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 5** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 10** **As Snug as a... Beaver?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
During the chilly winter months of the year, beavers keep warm and snug in a wooden lodge. Come learn how beavers build their warm homes, and why they build dams. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112720. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 10** **Night Hike**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bundle up in your winter clothes and join a park ranger for a brisk walk through Lewis Creek Park. Learn about the local nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112327. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 11** **Whooo was for Lunch?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 12** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program uses games and activities to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 15** **Piggly Wiggly (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 11274. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 18** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and "disappear" into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 18** **Where the Past Comes Alive,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The History Channel captures the glory, tragedy, and drama of the human experience from the dawn of time until now. This film focuses on the Empire of Industry with regard to timber use over the last century. Join us to learn more about the history of logging and how it has significantly impacted our lives both in the past and the present, and how it connects to the Mercer Slough and the City of Bellevue. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 19** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lakemont Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside the creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 24** **Gardening with Your Children: Plan and Prepare Your Garden,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn about ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family: how to pick a location, use the materials you may already have, and prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground in early spring and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112721. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- Feb 24** **Movie Night: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Yellowstone National Park is home to predators, scavengers, and opportunists. Two of the top predators in this complex system are the grizzly bear and the wolf. These fierce competitors practice their strategies for survival every day. What they leave in their wake provides an entire food chain of scavengers exactly what they need to survive. This film takes us into the heart of Yellowstone to witness as this incredible series of events unfolds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 25** **Living with Wildlife – Cunning Crows**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals. They have amazing memories and are very social. Find out why crows gather in huge numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know – and discover how we can get along together. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 25** **Whooo was for Lunch?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue’s parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that’s yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 26** **Mercer Slough Adult Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the Ranger. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Kids on the Farm Group Tour

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a woolly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Pioneer Days Group Tour, available during November

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Imagine life in the 1880s in our authentic log cabin. Children participate in activity stations, learning to grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, hammer nails, pump water, play dress-up, and engage in more living history skills. Storytelling about pioneer life with Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* books helps children compare their life, based on electricity and modern conveniences, with the life of Laura and Mary. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

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4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required for groups smaller than 10. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$6.00 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.