

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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JUNE 2016

- June 3** **All about Bats**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bats fly through the night with incredible numbers, but how often do you see them? Come learn about the flying mammals that make the Northwest their home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106573. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- June 3** **Sea Turtles Galore! (Story Time Series)**, 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
Nani the green turtle discovers reserves of bravery she never knew she possessed and helps a friend in need. Come learn about the sea turtles we have right here in Washington. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106563 or 106564. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 4** **Weeds and Other Naughty Plants**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Joan Helbacka, King County Master Gardener, and Karen Peterson, or King County Noxious Weeds. Joan discusses methods to help home gardeners minimize weeds and other undesirable plants. She will show photos of common weeds and talk about best practices and strategies for dealing with difficult weeds. Karen will cover noxious and invasive weeds. Participants will receive a handout with a list of common garden plants that can be problems and resources for handling these plants. Class is limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- June 4** **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.

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- June 4** **Ranger Program: Vermicomposting 101**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn to compost with worms! Red Wigglers are often referred to as nature's greatest recyclers. They turn our food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for free. Join us to learn more about how to build your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures. Take home your new pets. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 10** **Bat Walk**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the local bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Ranger at dusk to watch for bats leaving their roosting sites. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106576. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 11** **Fifth Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride**,
Day-of-event registration opens at 8 a.m.; first riders depart at 9 a.m.
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
Presented by Chaplin's Subaru, Overlake Medical Center, and the City of Bellevue, this is an enjoyable, non-competitive recreational ride for the whole family. Choose one of two unique loops – a mostly flat Greenbelt Loop (9 miles) and the more challenging Lake Loop (22 miles). Routes are about 80% on-road and 20% off-road (gravel). The routes take riders to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring the hidden treasures of Bellevue. The Lake to Lake Bike Ride benefits the City of Bellevue's youth camp scholarship fund. First 300 participants to register will receive a custom t-shirt. Lots of goodies at the post-ride fest! **Ages:** 8 years and older; kids under 8 must be in a tag-along or trailer. **Cost:** \$15 in advance; \$20 on day of event, if space is available. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 106268. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882, or view the ride's web page - <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-ride.htm> .
- June 11** **Pond Dip**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The edges of ponds and wetlands are great places for budding naturalists to explore! We will use tools like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park... what will we find in this unfamiliar underwater world? **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 12** **“DUCKumentary” (Nature Movie)**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are more than 120 different species of ducks, and they are all born knowing how to survive. Come discover all the different types, and their life stories filled with personality and charm. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 17** **Great Blue Herons**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to a great blue heron rookery? We'll learn about what makes a wetland such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov, course 106574.
- June 18** **Out Fit (hike)**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Coal Creek Natural Area, Coal Creek Parkway SE
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue's parks. Spend one morning a month getting out and active. Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town. This hike will be in the Coal Creek Natural Area Trails. Parks staff will contact registered participants regarding the meeting place. **Ages:** All ages; families welcome. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102225. **Info:** tracks@bellevuewa.gov
- June 18** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 18** **The Early Bird Gets the Worm!**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Camouflage is an important survival strategy in the animal kingdom. Come discover how insects blend in with their surroundings and what predators do to find them. Then take a walk with a Ranger to see how many insects you can find! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106578. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn to compost with worms! Red Wigglers are often referred to as nature's greatest recyclers. They turn our food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for free. Join us to learn more about how to build your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures. Take home your new pets. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 19** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, and then challenge him to fun family adventures. Ascend the Climbing Wall, scale the Vertical Playpen at the Bellevue Challenge Course, play disc golf, and finish the morning with an orienteering trek through Eastgate Park. Moms and siblings are welcome too! **Ages:** Families, participants ages 4 years and older. **Cost:** \$8/person; ages 3 and under are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, course 106558.
- June 24** **Wildflower Walk**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The Lake Hills Greenbelt is home to a variety of blooming plants. Come see what wildflowers are growing in the Bellevue area during the summer months! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov , course 106575.
- June 24** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Life in the Undergrowth,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This film explores the surprisingly beautiful and intricate world of invertebrates thriving in the undergrowth. Enjoy this rare opportunity to take a closer look at this miniature universe and the startling behaviors of creatures not often seen on the surface. We provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 25** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 26** **Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out what species live in Bellevue and how you can prevent your home from becoming a bat cave. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 28** **Eric Herman & the Thunder Puppies**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the ultimate Eric Herman experience. Eric sings his amazing songs along with his five-piece band, rocking out with high energy and non-stop audience interaction. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 1** **Baby Whale’s Journey (Story Time Series)**, 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
Swimming beside Mama Whale, and surrounded by a protective pod, Baby Whale begins to grow and learn. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106565 or 106566. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led 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.
- July 2** **Ranger Program: Frogs for Life**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wetlands offer some of the most diverse habitat for wildlife. Many creatures depend on these unique conditions for their survival. Mercer Slough Nature Park offers some of the most ideal habitat for amphibians and other aquatic creatures. Our frog friends can be heard singing near and far. Come learn more about these vocal creatures and venture out on a guided walk to visit their home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **The Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th presented by PACCAR**,
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
With rockets’ red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the Bellevue Family 4th will bring the Eastside’s largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to the Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the Main Stage, and formal Presentation of the Colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside’s largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free entrance; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- July 9** **Ranger Program: Happy Hikers – How to Have a Successful Adventure Outdoors with the Kids**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Spending a day out on the trail in unfamiliar territory with the kids can often feel daunting and exhausting before you even head out the door. The good news is that it doesn't have to be. Come and find out how to prepare, the best places to go, and how to practice proper trail etiquette so that your next adventure will be safe and successful. And yes, enjoyable for all! **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 9** **Tree Detectives**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover how to identify different trees that are found in your own backyard! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Experience the Art of Sumi Painting**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Yvonne Palka. Learn some of the basics of Sum (Asian brush painting) as we paint common animals that might live in your garden – birds, rabbits, mice, dragonflies, snails – plus a few flowers to keep them company. Using brush and ink on paper, you will learn to capture the spirit and essence of these animals in a few simple strokes. We will also visit a garden in China and paint panda bears, monkeys and perhaps even dragons hiding in the bamboo! All supplies included. Suitable for families with children ages 8 and above. Class is limited to 15 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- July 10** **Adult Enrichment Program: Making the Cut – The Locks, the Lake, and a Century of Change**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Eastside Heritage Center's 2016 speaker series will feature programming related to the opening of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the lowering of Lake Washington, and the impact this had on the Eastside and surrounding areas. These historical talks will be conducted indoors. The series will continue in autumn. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 12** **Eric Ode – “What’s Going on Here?”** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Eric Ode. Jack Rabbit has been hard at work in his vegetable garden, but not everything is coming up the way he expected. Join children’s author and award-winning songwriter Eric Ode in this high-energy, music and poetry-filled concert. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 16** **Coal Creek Park Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet 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:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
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- July 16** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt trails and look for owls as well as other nocturnal wildlife. Learn about and listen for the animals that thrive in the dark! Wear sturdy footwear and be ready to walk the trails in the dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamps for the journey. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106580.
- July 19** **Eli Rosenblatt (Children's Program)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a children's event that will be held in the park, on the grassy area outside the Robinswood Barn. Eli takes crowds on journeys to the moon, under the earth, and into the imagination, one of the most exciting places of all! His programs for children and families bring together world music, language, movement and imagination in a high-energy mix to create an exciting interactive experience. Eli invites audiences to learn new languages, share their ideas, and move their bodies in a positive, inclusive environment. And that's just the beginning... **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 21** **Treating Common Garden Pest Problems**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Alan Haywood will teach about some of the most common pest problems that Pacific Northwest gardens face. Before you can properly treat a pest problem on your plant, shrub or tree, you have to be able to identify it. Some are easier to deal with than others. Some require potentially toxic materials, but many others do not. Knowing which plants have tough pest problems can help you make wiser decisions about what to plant in your yard and how to care for it. Class is limited to 40 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- July 23** **Iris: A Flower for All Seasons**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Patrick Spence offers an introduction to irises, including information about the diversity of this plant genus and how it can provide interest in the garden or landscape for much of the year. An area of focus will be *Iris ensata*, which is included in the Rain Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Class is limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- July 23** **What's in the Forest Floor?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's so much more to the forest floor than just soil! Come and learn about all the creepy crawlies and other organisms that make the forest floor home. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 24** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Wildfires**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that fire plays an important role in ecosystems? Many ecosystems have evolved with fire as a necessary contributor to a healthy habitat. Come discover how natural wildfires can be beneficial to wildlife habitat, and learn how you can prevent unnatural wildfires from flaring up. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 26** **Special Lecture at the Garden: Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter**, 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Garden groupies alert: the head gardener at one of England's most famous and beloved gardens, Christopher Lloyd's Great Dixter, is coming to speak at the Bellevue Botanical Garden! Great Dixter is now an historic house and garden as well as a center for horticultural education, a place of pilgrimage for garden lovers across the globe. Fergus gives electrically brilliant talks about the how, when, and where of this iconic garden. **Advance reservations are required.** **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- July 29** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106581.

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- July 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Fabulous Frogs,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Frogs are amazingly adaptable creatures that live in nearly every part of the world. Some can actually freeze solid – but still survive. Others live happily in the hot African desert. Some live in tree tops; others can practically walk on the water. Learn a zillion fascinating things about these creatures with BBC naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. We’ll pop the corn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 30** **Woof Walk (Guided Hike), 10 a.m. - noon**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come explore Lewis Creek Park with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Please limit yourself to one dog per guest. Use a leash on your dog, and bring a doggy waste bag. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Moderate (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 106600. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 30** **Choosing the Right Composting System for You, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Seattle Tilth. Have you wanted to start composting your food or yard waste at home but didn’t know where to start? Then this is the class for you! You will learn the differences between food and yard waste composting, and the do’s and don’ts of each method. We will show you some of the many compost bins available locally and help you decide which is best for your family. Special attention will be paid to worm bins, food digesters such as the Green Cone, compost tumblers, multiple-bin and single-bin compost systems. Class is limited to 30 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Aug 2** **Nancy Stewart (Children’s Program)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a musical performance at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Join national award-winning children’s singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart for a fun-filled concert. Kinds of all ages will enjoy the contagious sing-along fun that is part of every Nancy Stewart show! **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 3** **Theater on the Green – “Puss in Boots”**, 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Puss, the extremely fashionable and clever cat from Charles Perrault’s classic tale, not only charms a beautiful princess but outwits a shape-shifting ogre. It’s all to help Philippe, her master, start a new life in this original musical adaptation by Last Leaf Productions. Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a dessert from our onsite food vendor. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 4** **Start Your Fall & Winter Vegetable Garden**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Seattle Tilth. Keep the harvest going by planning ahead. Mid-summer is the perfect time to start planning for your fall and winter garden so you can keep eating fresh vegetables all year. Learn how to choose appropriate seeds and starts, fit new plants into your existing garden, and use special season extension techniques. We’ll discuss overwintering veggies and hardy greens that can be harvested throughout the fall and winter. A little planning and effort now will pay off deliciously during the dark days of winter! Class is limited to 30 participants. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 4** **“Inside Out” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .

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- Aug 5** **Voices of the Wild (Story Time Series)**, 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
What animals do you hear when you walk through the woods? Come discover different animals' voices and how they respond to YOU! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106567 or 106568. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 6** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care, and posture. ***There is no child care available for the hour between classes. Please consider this if enrolling your child in both classes. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 105414. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 6** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 2**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host, are skills children will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, practice meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen 1 to enroll in Young Ladies and Gentlemen 2. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 105413. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 6** **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.

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- Aug 6** **How to Attract Backyard Birds**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Penny Bolton, a Master Birder with Seattle Audubon and a King County/WSU Master Gardener, will tell you how to invite birds and bugs to your garden. Set the table, step back, and prepare to receive these lively and entertaining visitors. Class is limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 6** **Bees and Bugs and Slugs, Oh My!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
All the creatures of the forest and wetlands play an intricate role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. BEEcome a scientist as we head out on an adventure in search of bugs, slugs and other critters living in and around Mercer Slough. Investigate further into their complex world to discover the connections between healthy habitats and these busy, buzzing and slimy creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 9** **Annual Meeting & Trillium Celebration: “You Planted What????!!!” with Special Guest Speaker Meghan Fuller**, 6 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Meghan Fuller, groundskeeper and designer at Seattle Children’s Hospital, will talk about common sense problems in the garden resulting from misunderstood plants, pruning confusion, dysfunctional designs, wrong plant-wrong place, and maintenance nightmares. She’ll review hilarious photos of real life examples along with pictures of better alternatives, then she’ll discuss ways to evaluate your own garden. Meghan is a hugely popular speaker at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, among others. **Cost:** Free for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members (includes 1-year individual membership). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 10** **Theater on the Green – “Treasure Island”**, 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Pirates, treasure, and adventure take center stage in this original musical for young audiences, adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson’s beloved novel. Young Jim Hawkins finds a pirate map that propels him on a grand journey of suspense and intrigue, and did we mention... pirates? Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a dessert from our onsite food vendor. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Aug 11** **Summer Perennial Borders: Plants that Keep on Giving**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by George Lasch. Come to the Garden on a warm summer evening and learn about hardy, herbaceous plants and best practices, while enjoying a focused stroll in the Perennial Border. The evening will start indoors with some guiding visuals and discussions about Northwest summer perennials. We will then head out into the Garden to walk and talk about what is happening in the border and which plants play a leading role in making the Perennial Border vibrant and wonderful at this time of the summer. Bring your questions for George Lasch as he shares his experience and humor in his ninth summer supervising the Perennial Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Class is limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 11** **“Minions” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 12** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106582.
- Aug 13** **Flower Arranging from the Garden**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Back by popular demand! Instructor Linda McDonald will provide arranging tips for combining stems into beautiful arrangements to take home. Returning participants can perfect their skills and add to the discussion of not only what has worked for them, but also any challenges they have had in their arrangements. Additional settings will be available to add to your own materials. Participants should bring a favorite vase, some flowers and greens, and clippers or scissors. Class is limited to 18 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Aug 17** **Theater on the Green – Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost”,**
6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
The King of Navarre’s bold plan to give up women for three years in exchange for intensive study quickly dissolves when a group of eligible females from the French court show up and camp outside the palace. This silly comedy, filled with funny characters, is recommended for children 8 and older. Last Leaf performs in Shakespearean style with no microphones and sometimes movement through the audience. Actors often play multiple roles as well. Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a dessert from our onsite food vendor. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! Last Leaf Productions will gratefully accept donations following this show to help offset production costs. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 18** **“Good Dinosaur” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm>.
- Aug 19** **Bat Walk, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the local bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Ranger at dusk to watch for bats leaving their roosting sites. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106586. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 20-21** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show & Sale, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/> or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 20** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike, 10 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 through the forest. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Aug 20** **Bees and Bugs and Slugs, Oh My!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
All the creatures of the forest and wetlands play an intricate role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. BEEcome a scientist as we head out on an adventure in search of bugs, slugs and other critters living in and around Mercer Slough. Investigate further into their complex world to discover the connections between healthy habitats and these busy, buzzing and slimy creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 22** **Flower and Garden Smartphone Photography**, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to make better flower and garden photos using nothing more than your smartphone or tablet. In this fun, hands-on class, award-winning California-based photographer, Charles Needle, will show you how to craft high-quality creative, expressive images using your iPhone, Android phone, or tablet. Charles will cover some of the technical aspects of smartphone photography, including equipment, accessories, how to shoot flower close-ups, workflow, and printing considerations. In addition, he will show you how to use several key shooting and editing apps in a “live” demonstration. You’ll also be given the opportunity to apply some of these techniques in the field at the Garden with Charles by your side. Class is limited to 20 participants. **Cost:** \$50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$65 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 25** **“Pan” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .

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- Aug 26** **The Great Salmon Cycle**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As autumn approaches, the Salmon will soon be running up our rivers! But where does it all begin? Enjoy a family-oriented program on the life history of a Salmon taught by one of your local Park Rangers. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106584. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Aug 27-28** **Art in the Garden**, 10 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by several outstanding Northwest artists will grace the gardens, each in its own private space. From the serious and simplistic to the whimsical and elaborate, exhibits will include works in metal, wood, blown and fused glass, bronze and other outdoor-appropriate materials. **Cost:** Free for and open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 27** **Living with Wildlife – Spider Finder (Adult Enrichment Series)**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wonder what type of spider makes the beautiful web outside your front door? At the end of summer, lots of spiders can be seen inside and outside your home. Come learn about the common spiders in Bellevue and how they control our insect population. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Kids on the Farm

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.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

Info: 425-452-7225.

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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.