

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Event List**

November

Oct 29-Nov 7 Dracula, Oct. 29, 30, Nov. 5, 6 (7p.m.); Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 7 (2p.m.)

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way

Enjoy this light-hearted take on Dracula and other popular monster legends.

Rating: PG. All seats assigned. **Cost:** \$10. Purchasing your seats in advance is advised. No refunds or exchanges once tickets are purchased. **Info:** Sheila, 425-452-4155.

Nov 5 Winter Trees, by Carole Gerber, Part of Fiction Fridays, 11 a.m.-12p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** \$2. Both parent and child must register. Registration required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Register: 425-452-6885. COURSE #50852.

Nov 6 Local Area Mushroom Walk, 10a.m.-12p.m.

Explore the mushrooms and other fungi that live in Weowna Park with Bellevue rangers? Master Naturalists. Learn about the roles mushrooms play in the forest and how to identify some of the common Northwest mushrooms. Difficulty: Strenuous. Meeting Place: 168th Ave SE & SE 19th St. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Register: 425-452-6885.

Nov 6 Lake Hills Neighborhood Bird Walk, 9-10a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Join a Park Ranger on a walk through the Lake Hills Greenbelt and discover the variety of birds that live in the area. Families encouraged to attend. **FREE.**

Info/Register: 425-452-7225.

Nov 7 Ranger Program - Wetlands, 2:30-3p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Wetlands are a unique and important ecosystem. They help clean water, provide shelter, and sustain plants in oxygen depleted soils. Experience the wetlands first hand and see why they are so vital to the environment. All ages welcome. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-2565.

Nov 9 Veteran's Day Dance, 2-4p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. **Cost:** \$3. **Info:** 425-452-7681 **Register:** not required.

Nov 13 Life in Cold Blood: Armoured Giants, 2-3p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! Get a closer look at some of Nature wonderful treasures with our second Saturday series. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Movie is 60 min. **FREE** (donations accepted). **Register:** required. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** 425-452-6885.

COURSE #50871.

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- Nov 17** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-2p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join the North Bellevue Community Center staff and Boeing employees as we serve you a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided by Eastside Lyric Theater. All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$5. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
Register: by November 10.
- Nov 18-21** **Rapunzel**, Nov 18, 19, 20 (7p.m.); Nov 20, 21 (2p.m.)
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way
This version of the timeless tale is sure to have you rolling in the aisles. Learn the who, what, where, when, and most of all, why behind a fairy tale you thought you already knew. It's full of surprises and laughs. Come to BYT and let your hair down! **Rating:** G. All seats assigned. **Cost:** \$10. Purchasing your seats in advance is advised. No refunds or exchanges once tickets are purchased. **Info:** Sheila, 425-452-4155.
- Nov 20** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10-11:30a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a mini-gingerbread house, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome FUN. **Pre-register:** required. **Cost:** \$20/\$4 additional child (R); \$23/\$5 additional child (NR). **Info:** 425-452-6046 or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov.
- Nov 20** **Cool Camouflage**, 10:30-11:30a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
"And now, it will magically disappear!" Come figure out the illusion behind how animals disappear in the forest, meadow and stream. Make a camouflage mask to take home and follow a naturalist along the trail as we try to uncover the illusions of camouflage. **Ages:** 6+. **Cost:** \$5. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** Nature Vision: 425-836-2697.
- Nov 20** **Crossroads Woof Walk**, 2 -3p.m.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
This month - bring your dog and your leash. We'll provide the bags. Join a Park Ranger and learn the basics of canine first aid and what to bring while hiking with your furry friend. Meet at main picnic shelter. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for weather; wear sturdy shoes. Families encouraged to attend. **FREE. Info/Register:** 425-452-7225.
- Nov 23** **Thanksgiving Dinner**, 5:30-7:30p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
A free Thanksgiving dinner is provided for our neighbors in need. Come early to enjoy holiday arts and crafts at 5:30pm. Dinner served at 6p.m. Event co-sponsored by Aldersgate Methodist Church. All ages welcome. **Register:** not required. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-4874.

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Nov 25

FIT FOR THE FEAST, 9-11 a.m.

Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE

Masters Swim workout. **Ages:** 19+. All levels welcome. **Cost:** \$9 (includes designer t-shirt). **Info:** Scott, 425-452-2806.

Nov 26

YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY, 12-2p.m.

Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE

A variety of family activities and safety demonstrations will be offered by staff. Event celebrates today's youth with a focus on water safety; free open swim for children under 13; designer t-shirts for first 50 12 & under children through the front door. **Cost: FREE.** **Info:** Scott, 425-452-2806.

Nov 26-28

Miracle on 34th Street, Nov. 26, 27 (7p.m.); Nov. 27, 28 (2p.m.)

Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street

Do you believe in Santa Claus? Is Kris Kringle real? Come enjoy this classic tale that has entertained audiences for over 60 years. Help us to celebrate 20 years of the Bellevue Youth Theatre and enjoy this wonderful holiday musical treasure. This is part of Bellevue's Magic Season. **Rating:** PG. All seats assigned. **Cost:** \$10. Purchasing your seats in advance is advised. No refunds or exchanges once tickets are purchased. **Info:** Sheila, 425-452-4155.

Nov. 27-Jan. 1

Garden d 'Lights, Nightly 5-10p.m. (last entry at 9:30p.m.)

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 2010 GARDEN d 'LIGHTS

Enormously popular Garden d 'Lights festival features over ½ million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Every December, over 150,000 people enjoy this dazzling display, and many of them want to come at the same time! Here's how you can help us make this much loved event safer and more pleasant for everyone, every evening of the show:

- Plan ahead - Show runs Saturday, November 27 thru January 1.
- Get informed - Visit our new event website, www.gardendlights.org, to:
 - **Make a reservation.** Reservations required this year. **Admission:** \$5; children 10 and under **FREE**
 - Get all event and parking details
 - Find out how to visit the show for FREE
- Be patient. Allow plenty of time for parking and entering the show. Every "staff" person you meet as you enter Garden d 'Lights is a volunteer, enriching our community through their service. Many have been working on the light display every week throughout the year. Your smile encourages them.

Inspired by plants found in Northwest gardens and gardens around the world, hundreds of volunteers have been busy making new creations. A new Tortoise will join the list of over 30 "critters" including Charlotte in her web and Willie the Slug. You won't want to miss the "Aquarium in Lights" in the Visitors' Center with the pulsing jellyfish and our own octopus, or the gorgeous pond and border display on the main lawn. Our new route through the garden will be enhanced with a flowing river in lights and 2 waterfalls. This year will be

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an exciting adventure for all ages. Plan now to attend. **Info:** Recorded Information Line: 425-452-6844.

Nov 30 - Dec 4 Hilltop Holiday Craft, 10a.m.-8p.m.; Dec 4, 10a.m.-5p.m.

Northwest Arts Center 9819 NE 24th

Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary CRAFT show. **Crafter application/information:** 360-668-1987 or e-mail: hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net.

December

Dec 3

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry (Part of Fiction Fridays), 11a.m.-noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** \$2. Both parent and child must register. Registration required. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** 425-452-6885. COURSE #50868.

Dec 3

Seattle Civic Christmas Ship, 8:50-9:10 pm

Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE

Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. Beach fire. All ages welcome. **FREE**. **Info:** 425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov.

Dec 4

Seattle Civic Christmas Ship 8:45-9:05p.m.

Chism Beach Park, 9600 SE 11th Street

Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. No beach fire. All ages welcome. **FREE**. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106

Dec 7

Tractor pulled hay rides with Santa, 11a.m.-noon

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

Create a new holiday family tradition with farm-style fun for parent and child. Hop onto the hay wagon with Santa for a tractor-pulled wagon ride around the farm. All ages welcome; one adult per child. **Cost:** \$15 per parent/child. Advance registration required. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Dec 9-12

The Magical Mrs. Claus, Dec. 9, 10 & 11 (7p.m.); Dec. 11 & 12 (2p.m.)

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way

Why are so many kids getting coal in their stockings this year? Why does Santa want a new suit? Bring your family to see this original holiday musical to find out! Great new songs and dances add sparkle to this fresh story filled with fun and magic. Destined to become a classic! **Rating:** G. All seats assigned. **Cost:** \$10. Purchasing your seats in advance is advised. No refunds or exchanges once tickets are purchased. **Info:** Sheila, 425-452-4155.

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- Dec 11** **Lake Hills Neighborhood Bird Walk**, 9-10a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger on a walk through the Lake Hills Greenbelt and discover the variety of birds that live in the area. Families encouraged to attend. **FREE**.
Info/Register: 425-452-7225.
- Dec 11** **Nature: Christmastime in Yellowstone**, 2-3p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek. Get a closer look at some of Nature's wonderful treasures with our second Saturday series. Movie is 52 min. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. **FREE** (donations accepted). **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Registration:** required. **Register:** 425-452-6885. COURSE #50872.
- Dec 14** **Tractor pulled hay rides with Santa**, 11a.m.-noon
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Create a new holiday family tradition with farm-style fun for parent and child. Hop onto the hay wagon with Santa for a tractor-pulled wagon ride around the farm. All ages welcome; one adult per child. **Cost:** \$15 per parent/child. **Register:** required. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- Dec 14** **Youth Holiday Party**, 4:30-7p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue infants, youth and teens in need can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus! Enjoy entertainment and refreshments and receive a gift. Must be present to receive a gift. Must be in high school if 18. **FREE** event for Bellevue families in need. **Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.
- Dec 14** **Celebrate Snow Dance**, 2-4p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. **Cost:** \$3. **Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 15** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-2:00p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us for our annual celebration as the staff and volunteers serve you a delicious holiday feast. Seasonal entertainment provided. **Register:** by December 10. **Cost:** \$5. All ages welcome. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 18** **Animals in Winter**, 10:30-11:30a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do animals go in winter? How do even the tiny ones survive the harsh winter conditions? Join us as we find out how animals adapt to winter. Touch some real animal pelts and play the role of hibernating animals. **Ages:** 6+. **Cost:** \$5. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** Nature Vision: 425-836-2697.

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- Dec 18** **Downtown Woof Walk**, 2-3p.m.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your dog—and leash—to a Park Ranger led dog walk through Downtown Park. Learn about the dog friendly places in our area where you can bring your canine companion! Meet at the Rose Garden (North East side of the park). Walks are slow-paced. Dress for weather; wear sturdy shoes. Families encouraged to attend. **FREE. Info & Pre-register:** 425-452-7225.
- Dec 18** **Holiday Ball Dance with Sound of Swing**, 7-10:30p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join the Sound of Swing Big Band for a very special dance. Celebrate with your community and hear the big band songs that inspire us all. All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$10. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 21** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 7:45-8:05p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park 419 – 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. Beach fire. All ages welcome. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov.
- January**
- Jan 5-21** **Happy 5th Birthday**, times vary
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Start the New Year off in a fit & healthy way by participating in free classes, demo's & give-a-ways. Join us in celebrating our 5th year anniversary as well as get a great start on a healthy 2011 for you & your family. Check the SBCC website for a listing of free events. http://bellevuewa.gov/south_bellevue_center.htm
Cost: Free. **Register:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Jan 11** **New Year's Dance**, 2-4p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. **Cost:** \$3. **Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- February**
- Feb. 23-27 **Bellevue Botanical Garden at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show**,
9a.m.- 8p.m.
WA State Convention & Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle.
This is one of the largest, most magnificent garden shows in the world. Please visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society booth at the show. **Info:**
www.gardenshow.com or call (800) 569-2832.

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Seasonal Events

- Nov-Daily** **Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days**
Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130th PL SE
Experience life in the 1800's visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. For preschool and school groups. **Pre-registration:** required. **Info:** 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- Dec-Jan** **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**
Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. Cost varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person.) **Pre-registration:** required. **Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- Sept-Nov** **After School Volunteers**, 3-4:30p.m., Tuesday through Friday
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours in this once-a-week after school volunteer program at Kelsey Creek Farm. You need to have a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, a tolerance for being outside, and an interest in animals. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov **Registration:** required.
- Feb/Mar** **Garden d'Lights Classes**, various times
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street.
Learn to make beautiful flower light creations that will actually become part of the display at the yearly Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, times and dates.
- Feb. – Apr.** **Docent Training**, 9a.m.-12p.m.
Thursday mornings, March 3 through April 7, 2011
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.
Learn, lead and share your gardening passion by becoming a Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Docent. The classes are informative, fun and free. **Info:** 425-451-3755 or bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org.

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Ongoing Events

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, 11 a.m.-3:30p.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.

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Outspoken Teen Newspaper, 4-5p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, 1E-119

Teen newspaper created by teens for teens. **Info:** Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Last Monday each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30-6:30p.m.

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4-5p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, 1E-119

Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6-8p.m.

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

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5-7p.m.

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

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st Thursday each month

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

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, 1E-112

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

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Every Thursday each month

“Jub-Hub” Teen Café Peer Mentoring Project & TRACKS Action Team, 4-6p.m.

Jubilee Reach Center, 14200 SE 13th Place

Plan special events with other teens, help other students with their homework, learn more about our environment and the world we live in at a Café-like atmosphere. Be the difference! **Info:**

425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

First Saturday each month - NO Bellevue Birding in September and November

Bellevue Birding, 9-10a.m.

Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Once a month, grab your binoculars and boots and join us to look for birds. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** not required.

Every Saturday

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

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Visit restoration sites; learn about local wildlife; fun for the whole family. All ages welcome. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225. **Register:** not required.

2010 King County Master Gardener Workshops, (Jan-Oct) 10:30a.m.-noon

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225. **Register:** not required. For a full schedule of topics and dates: <http://www.mgfk.org>.

Every Saturday

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

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320 acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center; explore the Park with a Ranger. Dress for weather. All ages welcome. **FREE. Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565.

Canoe the Mercer Slough, (May-Sept) 9a.m.-noon

Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Enjoy a guided canoe tour through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Learn about Bellevue's wildlife and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Some paddling experience required. **Ages:** 5+; 1 adult for every 2 children. **Cost:** \$12 (R), \$14 (NR). **Registration:** required. **Info/Register:** Ranger Station, 425-452-7225.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, 12p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3. 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.

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Every 1st Monday each month

Snocon Night, 4-7p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Rd (within Highland Community Park)

Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present “Snocon Night”. Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Wednesday and Saturday

2010 King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics, (April-Oct), 9a.m.-1p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street

Consult w/Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification, and more. Bring questions. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden: bellevuedemo@hotmail.com. **Register:** not required.

Daily, Must pre-schedule

Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park

Seasonal group tours for preschool and school groups. **Pre-registration:** required. **Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.