

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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OCTOBER 2013

- Oct 2** **Alive at 25 – Driver’s Awareness Program**, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Bellevue Probation Office (Surrey Downs), 475 112th Avenue SE
This driver’s awareness program is more extensive and focused than driver’s education. Designed by the National Safety Council, this course teaches young drivers to be aware of many of the typical driving hazards facing young motorists. This course is not a behind-the-wheel driving course. **Ages:** 15 to 24 years old. **Cost:** \$75. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6956 or COBprobation@bellevuewa.gov . **Info:** Lourdes Salazar – LSalazar@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6956.
- Oct 4** **A Log’s Life (Children’s Activity)**,
11 a.m. – noon, and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (two sessions, choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the life cycle of a tree, as well as the forest ecosystem. Be inspired to investigate trees in your own backyard! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 75868 or 75869. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 5** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of 2,000 hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home or just come and see the beautiful handcrafted art. Rain or shine! **Ages:** All ages; children must be supervised by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for pumpkins, ranging from \$35 to \$200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 5** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park 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.
- Oct 6** **“Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone” (Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wolves were hunted to near extinction, but conservation efforts helped to give them a comeback. Learn about the profound impact that the return of these animals to Yellowstone had on the whole park. Running time is 55 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 6** **Bird Identification**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn some of the finer points of identifying the bird species of our area. We'll discuss field marks, bird songs and some good places to go birding nearby. We will focus on the birds of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 8** **Celebrate Autumn Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 12** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 140th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids' crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, pony rides and barnyard animals! No pets, please. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for activities. Sorry, no ATM will be on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 12** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Fair Special Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 140th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. **Ages:** 14 to 18 years old. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 12** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 140th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settle life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This heritage program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Family event; 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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- Oct 12** **Colorful Fall: Why Do the Leaves Change?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Every fall a beautiful, but mysterious, event occurs. The trees become brilliant shades of red, yellow, orange and brown. Why does this change happen? Learn what makes deciduous trees lose their leaves, and why it is beneficial. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 12** **Autumn Leaves Dance**, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 13** **“Growing Up Wild: It’s a Hoot” (Children’s Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
From falcons and eagles to owls, find out how baby animals spend the day with their families. *Growing Up Wild* gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 13** **A “Batty” Afternoon (Ranger Program)**, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In recognition of Halloween, we’ll talk about bats! We’ll learn about what species are here, their habits and habitats, and how we can help conserve these amazing creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 16** **Farm Hands – Happy Halloween, Goats**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course #75721. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 18** **Who's That at Your Birdfeeder?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bring Mom or Dad and join a Park Ranger to find out who lives in your backyard and might visit your bird feeder. You and your parent can make a birdfeeder to take home while the Ranger reads a story about birds. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7225. **Info:** LHarper@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Oct 19** **Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park Hike**, 10 a.m. to noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors to connect two of Bellevue's most beautiful parks. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (750 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 19** **Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 20** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Owls**, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In recent history a new species of owl has moved into Washington State, while there have been more frequent sightings of another species that usually stays further north. Come find out who these creatures are, their habits, and how their habits can affect other species. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 20** **A "Batty" Afternoon (Ranger Program)**, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In recognition of Halloween, we'll talk about bats! We'll learn about what species are here, their habits and habitats, and how we can help conserve these amazing creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 23** **Crime Prevention Forum**, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Avenue NE
This forum will feature guest speakers who will provide valuable information on topics such as internet scams, identity theft, burglary/car crimes, gang awareness and human trafficking. In addition, there will be breakout discussion groups and information on resources to fight crime. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** RSVP to Kevin Henry – khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.
- Oct 25** **“NATURE: Jungle Eagle” (Nature Film)**, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Harpy eagles are one of the most powerful birds of prey in the world. Standing three feet tall, with a six-foot wingspan and razor-sharp talons the size of bear claws, these birds are the heavyweight hunters of the South American rainforest. This film contains predator-prey interactions which may not be appropriate for some younger viewers. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 7 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 25** **Halloween Howl**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Dress up if you want, and dance with friends to a great night of fun music. Light refreshments will be provided. This dance is designed for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9 for residents and \$11 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com . **Info:** 425-452-6105.
- Oct 25 – Nov 3** **“The Mummy’s Revenge” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**,
October 25, November 1 and 2 at 7 p.m.; and
October 27, November 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Locked away in a museum, the mummy comes to life in a thrilling and enchanting Halloween adventure. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$10/advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after October 18. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 25 & 26** **Haunted Miniature Golf (SBCC’s Spook Fest)**, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for Spook Fest at SBCC! Miniature golf is fun, but playing it in the dark in a haunted atmosphere is even better. **Ages:** 7 years and older. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Not required, though you may pre-register. **To register:** 425-452-4240 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #75901. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 25** **Owl Prowl (Ranger Program)**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to look for owls and other nighttime wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp and wear sturdy shoes for the journey! **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: 425-452-6885, course #75883. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 26** **Spook Fest Pancake Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Spook Fest will open with a pancake breakfast this year, bringing Halloween fun for your family – special treats for preschoolers and free Haunted Miniature Golf for the rest of the family. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** \$5 per person; children 2 years and under eat for free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #75823. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 26** **Drop-In Halloween Miniature Golf (SBCC’s Spook Fest)**, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Play nine holes of miniature golf with a Halloween theme! Fun for the whole family. **Ages:** 5 years and older. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$3/resident and \$4/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 26** **Hal’s Classic Tennis Match**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Robinswood Tennis Center, 2400 151st Place SE
Doubles-only event. Teams play round robin matches with A/B/C divisions. **Ages:** Total ages of each team must be a minimum of 100 years. **Cost:** \$20 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7690; forms will be available September 9. **Info:** 425-452-7690.
- Oct 26** **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #75797. **Info:** 425-452-4106.

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- Oct 26** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race (SBCC's Spook Fest)**, 10 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in Bellevue's third annual Pumpkin Race. Upon registration, you will receive basic directions to prepare your pumpkin for race day. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged participate and register. (Families and groups should designate one person to register.) Wheels will be available for purchase. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Race is free; wheel supplies are \$17. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #75904. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 26** **"The Mummy's Revenge" Dessert Theatre (SBCC's Spook Fest)**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Locked in a museum, the mummy comes to life – and what happens next will thrill and enchant you! Journey to ancient Egypt, 1930s New Orleans and a closed museum. Enjoy the excitement of the story right next you, as the characters move in and out of the tables while you munch on delectable treats. **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person, or \$40 per table of 8. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #75866 (2 p.m.) or #75899 (7 p.m.). Register each individual unless reserving a whole table. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 30** **Halloween Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and enjoy lunch, and wear your favorite Halloween costume! Enjoy a great meal and fun music. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 per person for those 60 years and older; fee of \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 21. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

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October 27, November 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Locked away in a museum, the mummy comes to life in a thrilling and enchanting Halloween adventure. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$10/advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after October 18. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 1** **The Very Best Bed (Children’s Activity),**
11 a.m. – noon, and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (two sessions, choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where should the gray squirrel sleep? Go along as he searches for the very best bed. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 75873 or 75874. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 2** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- Nov 3** **“Pale Male” (Movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
“Pale Male” was the name given to a vivacious male red-tailed hawk that took up residence on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Follow along as he courts a mate, builds a penthouse nest, raises and protects his chicks and teaches them to thrive in the ultimate urban environment. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 3** **Invasive Species, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join us to learn about some of the invasive species in the Pacific Northwest. We’ll discuss which species are invasive, why they are problematic and what can be done to stop them. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 8** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the darkness sets in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, and wear good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 75884. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 8-17** **“Twelve Dancing Princesses” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**,
November 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.; and November 10, 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Twelve princesses sleep in twelve beds in the same room. Each night their door is locked, but each morning their dancing shoes are found worn through. Join the King as he promises his kingdom to the man who can discover where they go each night. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10/advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after November 1. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 10** **“Penguins on Parade” (Children’s Movie)**, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about growing up as a flightless bird. Growing Up Wild gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 10** **Herons (Ranger Program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that the Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to a great blue heron rookery? We’ll learn what makes the Slough such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 14** **A Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let's celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. With no electricity and indoor plumbing, how will we get all our chores done? We churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Children must be potty trained. **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course #75728. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 15** **A Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let's celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. With no electricity and indoor plumbing, how will we get all our chores done? We churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Children must be potty trained. **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course #75729. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 15** **Where Do the Animals Go in Winter?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that some animals spend winter somewhere else and that some come here? Some animals can even change color at different times of year! Join a Park Ranger and figure out where the animals go to spend the winter. **Ages:** All ages; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7225. **Info:** LHarper@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- Nov 16** **Weowna Park Ranger Hike**, 10:00 a.m. – noon
Meeting place: 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street (limited parking; we encourage carpooling)
Bridges, waterfalls and Bellevue's oldest trees live in Weowna Park. Explore this deep ravine that was restored using bioengineering techniques. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (200 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 16** **Art of Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen I**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This course teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners and more. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents; \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75777. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 16** **Art of Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen II**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor or host are skills children will use lifelong. It's not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen I in order to enroll in Part II. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents; \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75778. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
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Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that the Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to a great blue heron rookery? We'll learn about what makes the Slough such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 17** **Bobcats (Living with Wildlife series)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you tell the difference between a bobcat and a cougar or housecat? Like most felines, bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but they are out there! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats, and learn if they are feline friends or feline fiends. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 20** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Entertainment provided. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 per person for those 60 years and older; fee of \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 10. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 23** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.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, singing songs, dancing and eating yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy, wholesome holiday fun. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-4106 to register for course #75798. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 28** **Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Class**, 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories during this indoor cycling class BEFORE you feast! Bring a donation for needy families and children in our neighborhood. Ask for a list of desired items when you register. Bring water and a towel. Doors open 15 minutes before each class. Park at the tennis courts and enter the building at the lower gymnasium level. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free with donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240 beginning November 1. **Info:** Joan Perugini – jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 28** **Fit for the Feast**, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. **Ages:** 19 years and older; all abilities welcome. **Cost:** \$10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay when you arrive. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.
- Nov 29** **Youth Appreciation and Safety Day**, noon – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts will be given to the first 50 children (ages 12 years and younger) who come through our front door. Event features free open swim for children (12 and under), life jacket demonstration, active victim rescue demonstration, spinal victim rescue demonstration, water safety coloring books, candy and water safety bookmarks. Raffles will be held throughout the event. **Ages:** 12 years and younger. **Cost:** Free for ages 12 and younger; \$6.50 for ages 13 and older. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay when you arrive. **Info:** 425-452-4444.

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Nov 29 – Dec 1 **“It’s a Wonderful Life” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**

November 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.; and November 30 and December 1 at 2 p.m.

Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street

Past performers, participants and parents reprise their roles from ten years ago, bringing this timeless tale to life on stage. Revisit all of your favorite characters, from George Bailey to Mr. Potter, as you enjoy this classic tale suitable for the whole family. Experience this part of Bellevue’s Magic Season at the Theatre at Meydenbauer Center. Go shopping, and then stop by for a little theatre with your family for the holidays. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages.

Cost: \$10/advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after November 22. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 30-Jan 4 **2013 Garden d’Lights, Construction Edition, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)**

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

The Garden is undergoing major construction of new facilities. Though d’Lightful as ever, this year’s event features a shorter route and new ticket booth location. As always, hot beverages will be available at the Shorts Visitor Center, and friendly volunteers will provide a warm welcome. Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Bellevue Parks & Community Services, Garden d’Lights features thousands of lights which transform the Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Please note that due to construction, there is no on-site limited mobility parking; however, there is a drop-off area just east of the Garden d’Lights entry. The gift shop is on hiatus until the new building is finished, so look for our amazing new shop at next year’s event! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** \$5 per person (free for children 10 and under). **Ticket sales and info:** Tickets will be available beginning on October 15. Visit

www.gardendlights.org to buy your tickets, find out how to volunteer and learn how to visit the show for free. **Recorded information phone line:** 425-452-6844.

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- Dec 1** **Beavers – Nature’s Architects (Ranger Program), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that you can find beavers at Mercer Slough? Learn about the beaver’s amazing adaptations, how they shape the habitat around them, and why Mercer Slough’s beavers are unique. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Dec 1** **“Christmas in Yellowstone” (Nature Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Celebrate the beauty of winter in one of the world’s most spectacular settings: Yellowstone National Park. Watch as the animals do their best to survive the winter, and enjoy the beautiful of geysers in the snow. Running time is 52 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 4-7** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Dec 4 through Dec 6);
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Dec 7)
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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! **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; craft items vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. Crafter application/information: hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 206-920-2957.
- Dec 4** **Alive at 25 – Driver’s Awareness Program**, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Bellevue Probation Office (Surrey Downs), 475 112th Avenue SE
This driver’s awareness program is more extensive and focused than driver’s education. Designed by the National Safety Council, this course teaches young drivers to be aware of many of the typical driving hazards facing young motorists. This course is not a behind-the-wheel driving course. **Ages:** 15 to 24 years old. **Cost:** \$75. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6956 or COBprobation@bellevuewa.gov. **Info:** Lourdes Salazar – LSalazar@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6956.
- Dec 5** **Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:50 p.m. – 9:10 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 gather together 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 presentation. All this and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 6** **Woof Walks in Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue’s city parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. All dogs must be on a leash. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Suggested \$5 donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7225. **Info:** LHarper@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- Dec 6** **Who Lives in the Snow? (Children’s Activity)**, 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Find out what goes on beneath the surface of the glistening snow. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75875 or #75876. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 6** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and enjoy a night of dancing and a light meal. This dance is designed for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9 for residents and \$11 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com . **Info:** 425-452-6105.
- Dec 6 - 15** **“Twas the Night Before Christmas” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**, December 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.; and December 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Come enjoy the story behind this classic poem, and embrace some holiday fun. This enchanting show is suitable for the whole family. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10/advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after November 29. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 7** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a 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 7** **Volunteer for Hilltop Holiday Craft Show (clean-up)**, 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
This is a great way to earn community service hours or to gain experience in working an event. Volunteers will assist with event clean-up. **Ages:** 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75675. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 7** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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- Dec 8** **“Stranger in the Woods” (Children’s Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Venture into the woods and learn about animals that call the forest home, as well as a mysterious stranger! Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8** **Seafair Cruise for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities**, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
The Highland Community Center is a partner with Seafair to provide this great event. Participants will take a boat ride along the 520 bridge and sail past Santa on his sailboat. Snack and pictures will be offered after the ride. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register and for info:** Kim Indurkar – kindurkar@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6105.
- Dec 10** **Celebrate Snow Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 11** **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course #75723. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 13** **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! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 14** **Merry Christmas, Animal Friends**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
What does a pony or a rabbit want for Christmas? Come help Farmer Jayne create merry Christmas gifts and delicious treats for all our animal friends at the farm. Bring your imagination! **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course #75724. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Dec 15** **Animal Art**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Draw and sketch different Pacific Northwest species from a collection of wildlife mounts! There is no other way to capture the magnificence of these creatures so close up and so still. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area in which you live. Mounts, newsprint and charcoal pencils will be provided. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident and \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75891. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 15** **Beavers – Nature’s Architects (Ranger Program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that you can find beavers at Mercer Slough? Learn about the beaver’s amazing adaptations, how they shape the habitat around them, and why Mercer Slough’s beavers are unique. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 15** **Christmas Ship Festival**, 6:25 p.m. – 6:45 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 gather together 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 presentation. All this and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 18** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Entertainment provided. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggest donation of \$3 per person for those 60 years and older; fee of \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by December 9. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 21** **South Bellevue Green Spaces Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE
Explore the unknown trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open space ravines guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes. Limited parking; we encourage carpooling. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 21** **Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us every month for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 27** **“Nature: Christmas in Yellowstone” (Nature Film)**, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
NATURE presents *Christmas in Yellowstone*, a breathtaking look at wintertime deep within America’s first national park. This film contains predator-prey interactions which may not be appropriate for some younger viewers. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 7 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 28** **Wild Tracks (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Walk with a park ranger through Lewis Creek Park, looking for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, rubbings, tunnels, etc. Each child will make and take home a plaster track! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75886. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary

Kids on the Farm – Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding, and create a wool sheep to take home. These group tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary

Fall on the Farm Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Experience harvest season in a traditional way. Visit a pony, feed the chickens and work on barn “chores” with child-sized pails and rakes. Tour the garden and pumpkin patch. Children finish up by choosing a pumpkin from our harvest-themed indoor pumpkin patch! Extra fee for pumpkins. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **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.

Every 1st Monday each month

Snocon Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (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.

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Every Monday

Youth Link Marketing Committee, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE

Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov .

Last Monday each month

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

2013 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 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 .

Every Tuesday

2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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

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

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.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays –October 6, November 3,

December 1

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 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.

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 \$5.95 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.