

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

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AUGUST 2015

- Aug 4** **Eric Ode: How to Fool a Dragon (and Save the World)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Who will win when three knights and one little boy set off to defeat a sinister dragon? Find out in a performance presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Eric Ode, children's singer, songwriter, author, and poet, uses American Sign Language and other hand motions, body movement, finger plays, children's books, poems, puppets, and props. This program will teach, engage, and entertain as we set off on our adventure. **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.
- Aug 4** **Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's Annual Trillium Celebration (annual meeting) – open to the public**, 6 p.m. – Social Hour; 7 p.m. - Lecture
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Kathryn Gustafson is the world-renowned landscape architect of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol in Seattle and Gustafson Porter in London. Kathryn's projects include Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial in London, Cultuurpark in Westergasfabriek in Amsterdam, and the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago. **Cost:** Free for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org.
- Aug 4** **"Dolphin Tale 2" (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1905 112th Avenue NE
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! We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Kinderling, a local non-profit. Please bring pretend (toy) food items, spill-proof bubbles, glue sticks, stickers, and bouncy balls to donate. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm>.

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- Aug 6-16** **“Aladdin” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
August 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 7 p.m.; August 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
The magical journey of Aladdin comes to life in the new Bellevue Youth Theatre at Crossroads. Aladdin, the Genie, and all the characters of the classic Arabian story are told in fun fashion suitable for the whole family. There are two separate casts performing each weekend. Are you coming to see a friend or family member perform? Ask the Box Office when they are performing. All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$5. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 6** **“Big Hero 6” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 999 164th Avenue NE
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 7** **Flower Arranging from the Garden (Garden Class),** 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Improve your flower arranging skills using your own homegrown blooms and greens. Linda McDonald’s class will offer seven tips for combining stems, plus she’ll demonstrate the points by making up example bouquets. Practice what is presented by creating your own take-home bouquet. Bring a vase, clippers, a bucket of flowers and a bucket of greens. Cuttings from instructor Linda McDonald and the NPA Border at the BBG will be available to add to your combinations. **Cost:** \$25 for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required; limited to 18 participants. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .
- Aug 7** **“Voices of the Wild” (Story Time Program),** two sessions – choose one:
11 a.m. – noon and 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:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94449 or 94450. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 9** **“Raptor Force” (Nature Film)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Humans have had a unique relationship with raptors for more than four thousand years, first through the ancient sport of falconry, and, more recently, as scientists and engineers have turned to these mighty birds as the inspiration for the latest in aircraft design. In *Raptor Force*, you’ll learn the secrets of these astonishing aerialists, and how they’ve mastered, more than any other type of bird, the art of soaring. Running time is approximately 60 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 9** **Invasion of the Turtles**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that up to three different species of turtles live in the Mercer Slough? Did you also know that only one of them is native? This free program will focus on the turtles that live in Mercer Slough and what it means to be an “invasive species” in a natural setting. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 11** **Nancy Stewart (Children’s Program)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community 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. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 11** **Tuesday Sound of Swing 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.
- Aug 11** **“Annie” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1905 112th Avenue NE
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! We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Treehouse, a local non-profit. Please bring new clothing for kids ages 5-18, backpacks, and messenger bags to donate. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .

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- Aug 13** **ChowDown(town) – Bellevue Food Truck Round-Up**, 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Food and Fun! Come and meet your neighbors at Ashwood Park next to the King County Main Library. Fourteen different food trucks will be on hand with a variety of food to satisfy all taste buds. Entertainment will make the evening even better. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for a great night! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** No admission; prices vary for food. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4278.
- Aug 13** **“Maleficent” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 999 164th Avenue NE
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 14** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet at the 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. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94342. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Aug 14** **Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and enjoy a barbecue before the dance! Dress in your favorite Hawaiian outfit, or come as you are. This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/Bellevue residents and \$11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-7686, course 94580. **Info:** Kim Indurkar at 425-452-6105.
- Aug 15-16** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Info:** 425-452-2750 or <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/> .

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- Aug 15** **Etiquette: Young Ladies & Gentlemen Part 1**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is 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 Part 1 and Part 2. Please consider this if enrolling in both classes.*** **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93078. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 15** **Etiquette: Young Ladies & 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 & 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, 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 & Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in Part 2. ***There is no child care available for the hour between Part 1 and Part 2. Please consider this if enrolling in both classes.*** **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93080. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 15** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 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 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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- Aug 18** **“Hundred-Foot Journey” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1905 112th Avenue NE
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! We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Boys & Girls Clubs, a local non-profit. Please bring backpacks, school supplies, acrylic paints, markers, and new/used books to donate. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 20** **Save Seeds from Your Garden (Garden Class), 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Saving seeds is an ancient tradition that can help you save money, be more self-sufficient, and join the global movement to preserve biodiversity. We will discuss the many benefits of seed saving, the science of pollination, and the full process of seed saving, including how to choose the best parent plants and the best way to store seeds. Start saving seeds this summer to get ready for next year’s garden, and have more than enough to share with friends and family. Limited to 27 participants. Presented in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. **Cost:** \$25 for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .
- Aug 20** **“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”**
(Crossroads Movies in the Park),
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 999 164th Avenue NE
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 21** **Bats at Twilight, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in nature. Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After dusk, we will scan the evening skies to see the bats that live at Kelsey Creek Park; we will use a bat detector to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 10 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Suggested donation of \$1/person or \$5/family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Aug 21-23** **“10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
August 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m.; August 22 and 23 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads Amphitheatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
It’s the end of the world, and hordes of singing, dancing, rampaging zombies are about to kill you. What do you do? Come find out in the first performance of the Bellevue Youth Theatre in our new amphitheater at Crossroads. **Ages:** This show is suitable for ages 7 and older; parental discretion is recommended. **Cost:** \$5 for seating within the inner perimeter. Beyond the inner perimeter, seating is free. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 23** **Woof Walk, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 15500 SE 16th Street (Meet at kiosk at north end of parking lot)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94434. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Aug 23** **That Woodpecker is Driving Me Crazy!, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Tap-tap-tap-tap is the calling card of many woodpeckers in the summer months. What may be driving you crazy might actually be beneficial to you! Come and learn why woodpeckers are a benefit to homeowners, and how we can get along together. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 23** **Wolf Haven, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wolf Haven is a sanctuary near Olympia, WA, that provides a home for displaced, captive-born wolves. Join this free family-friendly program to learn about the wild wolves that live in our state. Wolves mean a great many different things to different groups of people. Find out what they mean to you. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Aug 25** **“Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1905 112th Avenue NE
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! We will be collecting items and cash donations to support The Sophia Way, a local non-profit. Please bring grocery gift cards, bus passes, 30+ gallon garbage bags or compost bags to donate. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 27** **“McFarland, USA” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 999 164th Avenue NE
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 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Reptiles: Turtles and Tortoises,”** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
A turtle’s shell is among the most peculiar but successful pieces of design in the natural world. Unchanged for 200 million years, it has allowed the various species of turtles to populate almost everywhere in the world. This episode introduces some inspirational people who are trying to help the turtle keep thriving in our world. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 28** **Night Hike, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps 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, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94457. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 28** **Owl Prowl**, 8 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 headlamp for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94343. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Aug 29-30** **Art in the Garden**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 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 30** **Invasion of the Turtles**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that up to three different species of turtles live in the Mercer Slough? Did you also know that only one of them is native? This free program will focus on the turtles that live in Mercer Slough and what it means to be an “invasive species” in a natural setting. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Sept 5** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Honeybees, Where Have You Gone?**,
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Since 2006, North American migratory beekeepers have seen an annual 30% loss in their colonies. Honeybees are continually exposed to numerous threats: pests and parasites, bacterial diseases, fungal diseases, viral diseases, and pesticides. Come learn about what is happening here in Washington and what can be done to help the honeybees. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96333. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 8** **Tuesday Sound of Swing 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.
- Sept 11** **Gardening with your Children: Harvest and Winter Preparations**,
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It’s harvest time! What can you plant in the fall and eat through the winter? In this program, learn about winter produce, cover crops, composting, and how to put your garden to bed for the season. Bring home a winter plant, ready to grow! Families are encouraged to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96143. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 12** **Lake Hills Blueberry Festival**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Elementary School, 14300 SE 12th Street
This event is sponsored by Wrap-Around Services and numerous community partners to help bring the Lake Hills neighborhood, Lake Hills Elementary School, and the broader community together to celebrate “back to school” and our area’s rich blueberry harvest. Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, games and opportunities to meet with local service providers and shop with local vendors down Blueberry Lane, where blueberry pies will be available for purchase. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jeannie Anderson – janderson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-5312.

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- Sept 12** **What's It Take to Be a Kokanee?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Lake Sammamish is home to a special population of salmon? Kokanee spend their lives landlocked in the lake, migrating up the surrounding creeks, including Lewis Creek, in the late fall. Learn about the threats to this species, and how you can help them thrive. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 13** **“Really Wild Animals: Totally Tropical Rain Forest” (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Take a totally tropical trip to the rain forest and meet spotted jaguars, colorful poison-arrow frogs, slow-moving sloths, and loudmouthed howler monkeys. Running time is 40 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 16** **Run Salmon, Run! (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Lewis Creek provides habitat for salmon, and they start running in the fall! Learn about the journey that salmon take at this time every year. 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96205 or 96206. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 16** **Farm Days (for kids 5-7 years old)**, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This farm program is designed for 5 to 7 year-olds with Early Release Wednesdays. Activities include an introduction to caring for animals, making treats, and working in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96135. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Sept 19** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- Sept 19** **The Nature of Haiku**, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
This class is led by Michael Dylan Welch, poet laureate of Redmond, Washington, director of National Haiku Writing Month, and longtime Vice-President of the Haiku Society of America. Come to the Garden for an exploration of haiku poetry in English for adults and families, with an emphasis on the seasonal and nature-focused aspects of this poetry, covering haiku history and such Japanese techniques as kigo (season words), kireji (using a two-part juxtapositional structure), and shasei (sketching from nature using objective sensory imagery). This program includes writing exercises, garden walking, and a sharing/feedback session. Join us first for a free haiku reading from noon to 12:45, followed by the class from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Ages:** Appropriate for adults and families with children 9 years and older. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Sept 20** **Refresh Your Garden Design (Garden Lecture)**,
Plant sale at noon – lecture at 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Doors open at noon for plant sales; lecture with Rebecca Sweet begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$10 for non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- Sept 20** **Breakfast for Beavers**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wonder what beavers eat and where they live? Beavers can change our landscape dramatically and have a large effect on the ecosystem. Come discover signs of beaver dams and where they live near Lewis Creek. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 23** **Farm Days (for kids 8-10 years old)**, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This farm program is designed for 8 to 10 year-olds with Early Release Wednesdays. Activities include an introduction to caring for animals, making treats, and working in the farm yard. **Ages:** 8-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96136. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Sept 24** **Must-Have Plants for Fabulous Fall Color (Garden Class)**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
John Christianson, owner of the award-winning Christianson's Nursery in Mt. Vernon, will bring plants with fall interest from his nursery to show with planting and design tips. Plants can be purchased. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Sept 25** **Where Do the Birds Go?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Where do the birds go in the fall? Why do we see some birds only in the winter? Come learn about migratory birds, like trumpeter swans, cedar waxwings, and osprey, and make a craft. We encourage families to attend. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Adults, please register with your child. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96153. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 26** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 30** **Farm Days (for kids 5-7 years old)**, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This farm program is designed for 5 to 7 year-olds with Early Release Wednesdays. Activities include an introduction to caring for animals, making treats, and working in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96135. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 2** **Creepy Crawlies (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do bugs live? Find out and go along as a brave slug attempts to climb a hill. 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96214 or 96215. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 3** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
The Glass Pumpkin Patch features over 1,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins crafted by local glass artists from the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Wander through a dazzling array of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins in a variety of colors, shapes, sizes and price range. Rain or shine, come pick the perfect pumpkin for yourself or as a gift. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. **Cost:** Free admission; pumpkins range in price from \$35 to \$200. Credit cards accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or Tacoma Glassblowing Studio – TGSGlass@gmail.com or 253-948-9699.
- Oct 9** **All About Owls**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Discover the owls that call Bellevue home! What do they eat, where do they nest, and how do they protect their young? Delve deeper into what they eat by dissecting an owl pellet – what is an owl pellet? Join us to find out! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 95976. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 10** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm’s Special Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th 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. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 90616. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 10** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival. Event features include: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pick-a-pumpkin (already picked from the vine but in a farm pasture), pony rides, and farm animals. No pets, please. Free shuttle service from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; cost varies by activity. 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 10** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is part of the annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair event. The Fraser Cabin, built in 1988 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from 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 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.
- Oct 10** **Autumn Leaf Dance**, 4 p.m. - 7 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:** \$8/single or \$15/couple, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 13** **Tuesday Sound of Swing 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 17** **Lewis Creek Park to Lakemont Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 18** **“Bees: Tales from the Hive” (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever seen the high-speed mid-air “wedding flight” of a drone and his queen? Do you know how a bee colony defends itself from honey-loving bears? Come see the bee colony’s secret world and discover the magnificence of the bee hive. Running time is 54 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 23** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps 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, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96453. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 24** **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 24-Nov 1** **“Brigadoon” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
October 24 and 30 at 7 p.m.; October 24, 25, 31 and November 1 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
See this classic Broadway musical about an enchanted Scottish village which appears for one day every one hundred years. Great songs like “Almost Like Being in Love,” “The Heather on the Hill,” and “Come to Me, Bend to Me” carry this beautiful show, along with humor, intrigue and spirited dances. This is a fine example of America’s musical theatre heritage. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after October 16. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 25** **Why Can’t I Feed the Ducks?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We know it seems like a great family activity to go to the lake and feed the ducks, but there are much better ways to enjoy them and keep them healthy long-term. Come learn what ducks like to eat naturally and ways to protect them in the wild while allowing them the best habitat possible. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 28** **Animal Enrichment – Chicken Pickins’,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90781. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 30** **Creepy Crawly and Cool!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come learn about bugs, worms and spiders as we discover fun facts about these little creatures. Discover their benefits to us and our ecosystem. We will be going outside in search of these little friends, so please dress according to the weather. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96154. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Nov 6** **Are You Sleepy, Tree?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Why do trees lose their leaves in the Fall? Come explore why trees have leaves and why they lose them. Make a leaf print – feel free to bring interesting leaves to share! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96156. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 6** **Batty for Bats! (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Winter is the time when bats find a special place to hibernate. Come learn about bats and where they hide out for the winter. 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96218 or 96503. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 6-15** **“Snow White and Rose Red” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.; November 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come enjoy this exciting tale of Snow White, a sweet and thoughtful girl, and her sister Rose Red, who is adventurous and brave. Together they find a kind, yet mysterious, “creature” and help him to survive the cold winter. But what will happen to the girls and their new friend when they meet a vicious dwarf? Come and see! All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after October 30. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 7** **I Moss Ask You a Question**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the difference between moss, fungus and lichen? Where do they both grow, and what is their purpose? Come learn the difference and all about the moss in Washington. Take a walk with a Ranger to see the moss living in Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 8** **DUCKumentary (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park 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.
- Nov 10** **Tuesday Sound of Swing 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.
- Nov 13** **Living with Wildlife Series: Coyotes, Bears and Bobcats, Oh My!**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue is fortunate to have beautiful green spaces that are the natural habitat for amazing wildlife such as coyotes, bears, bobcats and cougars. Join us to learn details on feeding behavior, reproduction, and why we may see them wandering into urban areas, such as your neighborhood. When a conflict arises between humans and animals, it is usually because the animal is only doing what it needs to do to survive. What can you do to reduce conflicts? **Ages:** 8 years and older; children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96166. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 14** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 18** **Animal Enrichment – Pig Pinata**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90782. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Nov 20-29** **“The Mitten” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
November 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m.; November 22, 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
This Ukrainian folk tale is about a little child who loses a mitten in the snow, where it is inhabited by animals. The magic of the forest is brought to life in this tale of sharing and giving. This play is a perfect Thanksgiving treat for all, with music, dance, and fun! **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after November 13. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 22** **Native American Ethnobotany, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that willow bark extract has been used as a pain reliever? Join Muckleshoot Indian Tribe expert Warren KingGeorge as he discusses the ethnobotany of the plants in our region and how the Native Americans used them. Following the discussion, there will be a short walk to identify plants and their historical uses. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96334. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 26** **Free Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycle Class, Three start times - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast! Each class lasts one hour. Class is free, with a donation of a Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase holiday gifts for disadvantaged kids in the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Bring water and a towel. Pedals are SPD compatible. We welcome all fitness levels! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE with donation listed above. **Pre-registration:** Required – reserve your space. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 26** **Fit for the Feast, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for this competitive Masters swim workout. Cost includes a designer T-shirt. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$10. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 27** **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Bring your kids to this special swim session with safety demonstrations and raffles. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free for those 12 years and younger. \$6.75 for ages 13 and older. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.

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Nov 29

What Does It Take to Survive in the Winter?, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Ever wondered what it takes to survive in the harsh of winter? Come learn how both people and animals use a few very important methods to stay warm and ready for anything in the winter. Discover the survival kit must-haves for anyone braving the coldest of months in the wilderness. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 2-5 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,**
December 2-4, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and December 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free. **Info:** 425-452-4106, or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or visit www.Bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com .
- Dec 4 Time to Hibernate (Story Time Program),** two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the cold winter months, many animals take a very long nap called “hibernation.” Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96222 or 96504. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 4-13 “An Elf’s Tale” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; December 6, 12, and 13 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
The number of kids on Santa’s Naughty List grows every year, and no Elf wants the job of giving out coal. Zippity is different from all the other Elves at the North Pole, but does he have what it takes to save Christmas and get rid of the Naughty List for good? “An Elf’s Tale” is an original musical filled with holiday spirit that will be fun for the whole family! All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after November 27. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 6 “Animal Homes” (Nature Film),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come investigate how animals build their amazing homes and the intriguing behaviors and social interactions that take place in and around them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 8** **Tuesday Sound of Swing 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** **Gifts from Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Get ready for the holiday gift-giving season by exploring the possibilities of gifts found right outside in your own backyard! Join us for story time and crafts, where we will make a fun gift from nature that your child can bring home and give to someone special. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Dec 11** **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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96261. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 12** **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 13** **Which Pass, to Which Park?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
If you are having trouble figuring out which pass you need to which park, you are not alone. Come learn the difference between Federal and State managed land, and which is the best pass for you this hiking season. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Dec 16

Animal Enrichment – Happy Holidays, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals.

Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:**

\$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:**

Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90784. **Info:**

kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

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, 4 p.m. - 5 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. - 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 . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link Marketing Committee, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 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 . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link University Project Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Assist in the development of a youth business training course during the school year. Students will work with other adult volunteers and business professionals in the planning of the training curriculum, marketing and delivery of the program. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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.

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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.