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JANUARY 2013

Jan 4 **Once There Was A Tree (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
Many creatures call this tree their home, but find out who actually owns it. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** Ages 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2.50/residents and $3.00/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885, course #72563 or 72564. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 4-13 **Free 7th Anniversary Classes at SBCC,** times vary
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
SBCC is turning seven years "young" and inviting you to attend free classes from January 4-13. Free classes include: Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Boot Camp with Karie, FitCamp, Strong & Fit for Seniors, Purna Yoga, Belly Dance, Tai Chi, Jazzercise, Nordic Pole Walking, Post-Rehab Strength and Conditioning, Pilates, Line Dancing. **Ages:** Ages 13 years and older for most classes. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Jan 5 **Lewis Creek 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! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 6 **"Alaska: Spirit of the Wild" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Witness the spirit of the wild in the thundering stampede of the caribou, the beauty of the polar bear, the hunt of the wolf pack and the majesty of resiliency of life itself in wild Alaska. Running time is 40 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 8 **New Year's 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.

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Jan 12 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Jan 12 **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 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:** $4/residents; $5/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child registrations are required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72594. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 12 **Mercer Slough Hot Topic Series: "Dams,"** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Our nation's waterways contain thousands of dams. Many of these dams have outlived their usefulness, are deteriorating, are a financial liability, or contribute to ecological degradation. Learn about dams, fish passage and a few projects that have sought to address some of the issues associated with dams. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 13 **Creepy Crawlers (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Beautiful butterflies and bugs galore – fleas, moths, beetles and caterpillars. 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.

Jan 15 **Kids Care Coat Drive,** 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Teens, families and adults will receive warm jackets and other outerwear. Bellevue residents only; must show proof of residence. This annual coat drive is sponsored by members of the Bellevue Youth Council. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** To donate or volunteer, please email Patrick Alina at palina@bellevuewa.gov .

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Jan 19 **Local Area Hike: Coal Creek Park,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 19 **Wonderful Winter Adaptations (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Where do all the animals go in the winter? How do bears sleep for so long without eating? How do birds find food in the snow? Come join a Ranger to explore the wintery Greenbelt to find out about how animals survive our long, cold and often wet winters. Be sure to dress appropriately for cold weather and walking. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Jan 19 **"Green Hour" (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us on 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:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72590. Parent and child registrations are required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 20 **"Wetland Birds" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wetlands are known for their wildlife. The birds that inhabit wetland ecosystems like the Mercer Slough Nature Park are fascinating creatures. We'll learn about herons, waterfowl, rails, bitterns and more. We'll also talk about what we can do to help these birds and their habitats. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 20 **Domestic Invasives (Hot Topic Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Nationwide, 42% of the species listed under the Endangered Species Act are at risk primarily because of invasive species. Some invasive species are more obvious than others, and, in fact, domestic pets make up a large percentage of our non-native predator population. Learn about Washington's invasive predators and ways you can help alleviate their impacts on our environment. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72624. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Jan 23 **Farm Hands,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community 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:** Ages 5-8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course #71637. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 25 **"Christmas in Yellowstone" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Celebrate the beauty and wonders of the season in one of the most extraordinary places on Earth. Here are sights that only a fraction of Yellowstone's almost three million visitors each year are privileged to see. This mesmerizing program captures winter in the wilderness in all of its splendor. Running time is 52 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 25 **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Melt" (movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Each season, as the ever-thinning Arctic ice recedes, polar bears face a daunting challenge. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 26 **Natural Start Preschool Open House,** 10 a.m. – noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit Natural Start Preschool for an open house. This unique program combines Kindergarten readiness with experiences in nature, creative art exploration and lessons in healthy living. Two, three and five-day programs are available. **Ages:** Ages 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or 425-452-4106.

Jan 26 **"Land of the Lost Wolves" Screening (movie),** 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a free screening of "Land of the Lost Wolves," the amazing BBC documentary about the return of wolves to the Washington Cascades. We will watch clips from the film along with new footage. Conservation Northwest representative Kit McGurn will be on hand to discuss the film and answer questions. **Ages:** 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 27 **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (Eastside Heritage Center program),** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888 there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here. Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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FEBRUARY 2013

Feb 1 **"Frightful's Daughter" (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
Follow the story of a boy who watches over a family of peregrine falcons. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost per child:** $2.50/residents and $3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: 425-452-6885, course #72565 and #72566. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 2 **Lewis Creek 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! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 3 **"Raptor Force" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly with nature's elite aerial killing machines! Learn the secrets of raptors and how they've mastered, more than any other type of bird, the art of soaring. Running time is 56 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 8 **Disco Dance (for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities),** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
1970 at its best! Dress to match the era. Let's boogie to the sound of music played by a DJ and have some light refreshments. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9 for residents; $11 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

Feb 8 **"Valentine Friendship" Dance,** 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Teens from all Bellevue Middle Schools dance to the hottest tunes! Bring an old friend/meet a new friend. All students must show their middle school ASB cards to enter the dance. This is a drug-and-alcohol-free dance cosponsored by the Bellevue Parks Department and Bellevue Police. **Ages:** Middle school students. **Cost:** $5 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

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Feb 9 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Robinswood House in Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Feb 9 **Happy Heart Valentine Fun,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Bring your dad and make a special box lunch for both of you to share. Together, make a special gift to take home to mom. Sing songs, do a little dance and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $22 for residents; $25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.myparksandrecreation.com or call 425-452-4106, course #71586. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Feb 9 **The Food Chain (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72595. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 9 **Public Lands of the Puget Sound Region,** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue NE
The public lands of the Puget Sound region have many managers, ranging from cities to the Federal Government. Learn about some of the properties you may have overlooked, special designations and the incredible features some of these lands have to offer. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Feb 10 **"Whale of a Squid" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Feb 12 **Sweetheart 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.

Feb 13 **Farm Hands – Happy Valentine's Day,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community 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:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** $25 for residents; $30 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #71638. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Feb 16 **Local Area Hike: Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 16 **Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us on 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! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Optional. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72591. Parent and child must both register. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 16 **Hot Topics in Washington Conservation: Backyard Wildlife Habitat** (ranger program), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Are you attracting the kind of wildlife you would like to visit your backyard? Join us to learn about how to provide a useful and beautiful backyard habitat for busy bees, curious squirrels, musical birds and you! Learn how to have your outdoor space registered as a certified wildlife habitat that will benefit both you and your wildlife neighbors. **Ages:** 12 years and older; those under 18 must be supervised by parent. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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Feb 17 **Ranger Program: "Beavers – Nature's Architects,"** 2 p.m. – 2:30 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:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Feb 20-24 **Northwest Flower and Garden Show**, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Washington State Convention & Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle
This is one of the largest, most magnificent garden shows in the world. Please visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's booth. **Ages:** All ages. **Info:** check the show's website at www.gardenshow.com or call 800-569-2832 for details.

Feb 22 **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Migration"** (nature movie), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The annual rains of the Serengeti draw in the greatest concentration of large animals on Earth, testing the survival skills of all those around. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Feb 24 **Crows (Living with Wildlife series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents – they are smarter than many mammals, have amazing memories and are very social. Find out why crows gather at Factoria Mall, and what's all that fuss we hear. Learn what crows know – and discover how we can get along together. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72620. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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MARCH 2013

March 1 **In My Own Backyard (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
Do you ever wonder who and what used to live where you do now? Hold on for an amazing story about the history of earth and who used to live in your backyard! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2.50 for residents and $3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885, course #72567 or 72568. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 2 **March Mania Plant Sale,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
This unique sale kicks off the local plant sale season. The show has evolved from its humble beginnings ten years ago into a successful event with a long line of gardeners waiting for the sale to begin. The sale is known for its unique specialties, spring ephemerals and treasures not readily found elsewhere. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.n-p-a.org .

March 2 **Lewis Creek 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! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 2 **Spring Fling 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.

March 3 **"Winged Migration" (nature movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A nature classic – witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. Running time is 89 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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March 9 **Lucky Leprechauns,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for art, games, music and all things green! Don't forget to have your leprechaun wear something green so you won't get pinched. There's a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $22 for residents; $25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-4106 to register for course #71430. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

March 9 **Tiny Critters (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the smallest animal you can think of? Think small! Come learn about the tiniest animals we share this world with… so small we will view them under a microscope! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; registrations required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72596. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 10 **"Tons of Fun" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us to watch this movie about the world's biggest babies – hippos, elephants and rhinos. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 13 **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us in being "Irish for a day!" Wear your favorite green outfit and enjoy a traditional Irish meal. We'll play some Irish music and sing some favorite Irish songs. Your "Irish eyes" are sure to be smiling! Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $3 for those 60 years and older; fee of $6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7681 to register by March 4. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

March 15-24 **"The Little Prince" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
March 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.; March 17, 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Come see BYT's version of this timeless tale of a pilot who crashes in a desert and meets a little boy. Stranded together, the pilot learns of the boy's travels throughout the universe in pursuit of adventure, love and meaning, and ultimately his precious rose. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10-$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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March 16 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at entrance kiosk in Weowna Park, 1420 168th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

March 16 **Local Area Hike: South Bellevue Green Spaces,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of 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:** Required; registration is required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72592. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Orcas and Bellevue (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Killer whales are a source of pride for the residents of Washington State. But did you know that the Orcas inhabiting our waters are an endangered species? Join us for a presentation on Orcas, Orca conservation and how Eastsiders can help save these iconic creatures by conserving our salmon streams. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 20 **Farm Hands – Rabbits, Wiggles and Giggles,** 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community 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:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** $25 for residents; $30 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #66878 **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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March 23 **Animal Art (ranger program),** 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. Mounts, newsprint, charcoal pencils and drawing boards provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** $4 for residents and $5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72629. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 23 **Wildlife Camouflage (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to see a bird or a squirrel when they're standing perfectly still in a tree? Why is it a good idea for them to blend in so well? Why are some animals dressed in bright, bold colors? Join a Park Ranger to explore the wonderful world of animal camouflage from all over the globe as well as in our very own Lake Hills Greenbelt. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

March 24 **Urban Wildlife (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Some pretty amazing species live within Bellevue's city limits. Join us for an overview of what's here, how to prevent conflicts and how to attract some desired species. Join us after the program for a fun urban wildlife food web activity. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 29 **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Flood" (nature movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Thousands of animals make the long trek toward the life-saving annual flood of Botswana's Okavango Delta. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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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.

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
2012-2013 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
Youth Arts Action Team, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE
Interested in youth art in our community? Learn, share and appreciate art with other young people. Info: Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov .

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 .

Every Wednesday
2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 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 .

Every Wednesday
22nd Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. Meetings take place during Bellevue Youth Council meetings. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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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 .

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.

1st Saturday each month
Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – September 1, 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 winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about 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. (No walks offered on January 12, February 9 or April 20.)
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.

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Saturdays and Sundays (May through September)
Canoe the Mercer Slough, 8:45 a.m. - noon
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE
Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water, and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of four miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to three people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** Ages 5 years and older only. Children and youth must have at least one adult present for every two children/youth. **Cost:** $16 for Bellevue residents; $20 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885. **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.