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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 3 **Family Hiking 101,** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The *Every Kid in a Park* initiative is beginning this fall! All fourth grade students and their families will have free access to national parks, national forests and national wildlife refuges with the Every Kid in a Park Pass. To give families a jump start on getting outside, we have designed a program to help families learn some trail basics, and trailheads and parks in the area. Rangers from the Lewis Creek Visitor Center will teach participants about the 10 Essentials for Hiking and Leave No Trace practices. Afterwards, TRACKS staff will lead a hike. Transportation from Lewis Creek Visitor Center to the trailhead and back is provided. **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** $15. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95975. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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Oct 3 **Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) – Plant Sale and Environmental Festival,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
WNPS will offer over 4,000 native plants for sale, including over 200 species. Shoppers will be dazzled by the variety. A final plant list (sorted by common and Latin names) will be published on the web site two weeks before the sale. The theme of this sale is "Native Plants for Native Birds." Plant lists for birds, as well as plant lists for rain gardens, will be available for shoppers. The environmental fair will involve WNPS and several other non-profit horticulture-related groups. BBG visitors will be able to get information about wise use of water and best methods for noxious weed control. This is a great opportunity to learn how to increase wildlife habitat in our own backyards. Anyone wanting to join WNPS on-the-spot can shop early with the sale opening to WNPS members only from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. **Info:** http://www.wnps.org/join.html .

Oct 6 **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Meet at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. We will meet at North Bellevue Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades, or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years old. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95955. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

Oct 7 **Family Health & Fitness Night,** 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
This event promotes health and fitness among families by sponsoring physical activities and offering information about health options in Bellevue (food, fitness, health care). Service providers and local businesses will display information and will host health and fitness demonstrations. This event is sponsored by the City's Wrap-Around Services program. **Ages:** All ages welcome; open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-6014.

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Oct 8 **Choosing to Lead: Political Empowerment, Leadership and Networking,** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, Community Room, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for an evening with current and former political leaders to explore what it takes to become civically engaged in politics and how diverse representation in government makes a difference. This program is moderated by former House Representative Velma Veloria and Alice Tang Coil, co-founders of Political Empowerment Initiative. **Ages:** All ages welcome; open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Alaric Bien – abien@redmond.gov or 425-556-2458. If you need a specific accommodation to fully participate in this program, please contact Mark Manuel at mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.

Oct 8 **Preparing Your Vegetable Garden for Winter – and Spring! (Gardening Class),** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Prepare your vegetable garden for next year by improving your soil over the winter. Grab those last few days of sunshine and put your garden to bed! Soil building is an important component of organic gardening, and the fall and winter are perfect times to add organic matter that will feed your plants throughout the year. We will discuss key components of the final harvest, how to test your soil, what cover crops to plant and different techniques for mulching. Leave with the knowledge and skills you need to protect your soil so it is ready to go next spring. Presented in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. Limited to 27 participants. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

Oct 9 **School's Out Adventure Field Trip,** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
When school's out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** $45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95964. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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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 **Out-Fit (Bike the Lake Hills Greenbelt),** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue's parks! Spend one morning each month getting out and active. Hike through Lewis Creek Park (September 12), bike the Lake Hills Greenbelt (October 10), and hike Coal Creek trails (November 7). Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town! Come to all three sessions and receive a special TRACKS prize. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95969. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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.

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), 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.

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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 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 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 **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Meet at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. We will meet at North Bellevue Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades, or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years old. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95957. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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.

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Oct 13 **Creating a New Dream – on a 20-Acre Canvas (Gardening Lecture),** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Tom Hobbs is the owner of the renowned Southlands Nursery in Vancouver, Canada, and author of *Shocking Beauty* and *The Jewelbox Garden*. He's a larger than life human whirlwind, exuding both authority and laugh-out-loud humor on subjects from color to design. While he has the reputation of being the "bad boy" of horticulture as Vancouver's most famous gardening personality, he has a remarkable depth of plant knowledge. **Cost:** $5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay at the door. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

Oct 14 **Wilderness Wednesdays,** 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
School's out early on Wednesdays, which is the perfect time to get outside and have an adventure. We will be hiking, geo-caching, playing games and exploring all the area has to offer every other Wednesday in September and October. Please make sure to pack a snack, water, and weather-appropriate clothing. Meet at Highland Community Center at 1:30 – we'll head out and be back by 4:30 p.m. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** $10. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95962. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

Oct 14 **Farm Hands – Happy Halloween Goats,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90769. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 14 **Community Resource Fair,** 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
Individuals will be able to connect with community resources at this fair. Service providers, programs, and local businesses will display and share information with the Bellevue community. Come learn about resources, meet new organization and agencies, and walk away enriched. This event is sponsored by the City's Wrap-Around Services program. **Ages:** All ages welcome; open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-6014.

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Oct 14 **Forcing Bulbs for the Holidays and Winter (Gardening Class),** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Many bulbs do well in containers. Amaryllis and Paperwhites bloom early and are often seen around the holidays, but other bulbs, including hyacinths and smaller daffodils, can be fooled into flowering early in order to brighten gloomy winter days with the essence of spring. The process is fun, easy and rewarding, and forced bulbs make wonderful gifts for friends and family. Attendees will receive a free bulb to get their indoor garden started! Joan Helbacka has been a King County Master Gardener since 1997 and was the Program Coordinator for the King County Master Gardener Program for three years. She lives on an acre in the middle of the woods and "shares" her garden with a variety of wildlife. Limited to 20 participants. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

Oct 14 **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race Workshop,** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
New to pumpkin racing? Learn tips and tricks to building a fast pumpkin racer, and see past entries for creative decoration ideas. A resource handout will be provided at the end of the workshop. Pumpkin Racer Kits will be available for purchase at the workshop. New in 2015 – rent a Pumpkin Racer Kit for $10 plus deposit. Limited quantities available. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com. course 96148. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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.

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.

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Oct 20 **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Meet at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
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Oct 22 **Edible Mushrooms of the PNW & Beyond presented by Daniel Winkler (Gardening Class),** 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Daniel Winkler will present his stunning pictures of choice Pacific Northwest edible mushrooms and some images of their toxic look-alikes. He will divulge information on the mushrooms' favorite hide-outs, their fruiting time, and the best ways to enjoy them. Lots of scientific information is woven into mushroom lore and offered in well-digestible bites. Daniel will include some photos and stories from his ethno-mycological research in Tibet and from his mushroaming travels in the Amazon, Colombia and the European Alps. Presented by Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://www.wnps.org/ or http://www.mushroaming.com/

Oct 23, 24, 30, 31 **SpookFest Zip Scare,** start times at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark! Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. 12 and 13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two youth. Arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour and check in at the South Bellevue Community Center's front desk. **Ages:** 12 years and older, and weigh between 60-275 pounds. **Cost:** $24/youth, $39/adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com. Registration closes each evening at 7 p.m. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Oct 23 **Halloween Howl Dance,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. Come dressed in your favorite costume and dance or socialize with friends. Light snacks and dessert will be served. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/resident and $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

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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 **The Fifth Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race,** 10 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your decorated pumpkin complete with wheels to compete in the Fifth Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race. Upon registration you will receive basic directions to prepare your pumpkin for race day. We encourage individuals, families and groups to register. Families and groups can designate one person to register. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! $10 rental supply fee. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 96147. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Oct 24 **Pee Wee Pumpkin Patch,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning designing a one-of-a-kind jack o'lantern! Art, music, making pumpkin brownies, and playing harvest games are just some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 96368. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Oct 24 **SpookFest Carnival,** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come celebrate Halloween with a good old-fashioned carnival with games, arts and crafts, entertainment and food! At 2 p.m., the carnival features Xakary the Magician as seen on America's Got Talent. **Ages:** All ages; fun for the entire family! **Cost:** $1 per ticket. Activity costs will vary between 1-4 tickets, with many free activities also. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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.

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Oct 24 **SpookFest Dessert Theatre,** two shows -
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. show and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. show
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come celebrate Halloween with Bellevue Youth Theatre at the SpookFest Dessert Theatre. This year the world is coming to an end, and what could be more pleasing than witnessing the "apocalypse" while enjoying a little dessert? Our annual treat will feature the end of the world in a fun-for-all setting. **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** $8/youth and $10/adult, or $70 for a table for eight. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com,
2 p.m. show - course 96149 (per person) or 96152 (table for eight)
7 p.m. show – course 96150 (per person) or 96151 (table for eight).
Info: sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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.

Oct 27 **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Meet at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
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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 28 **Wilderness Wednesdays,** 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
School's out early on Wednesdays, which is the perfect time to get outside and have an adventure. We will be hiking, geo-caching, playing games and exploring all the area has to offer every other Wednesday in September and October. Please make sure to pack a snack, water, and weather-appropriate clothing. Meet at Highland Community Center at 1:30 – we'll head out and be back by 4:30 p.m. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** $10. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95963. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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 3 **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Nov 4 **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90770. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 5 **Little Pioneer Thanksgiving,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let's celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. With no electricity or indoor plumbing, how will we get all our chores done? Join Farmer Jayne as we churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Crafts, snack and active storytelling round out our log cabin adventure. Children must be potty-trained. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96058. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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.

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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 **Out-Fit (Hike Coal Creek Park Trails),** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at Coal Creek Parkway SE
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue's parks! Spend one morning each month getting out and active. Hike through Lewis Creek Park (September 12), bike the Lake Hills Greenbelt (October 10), and hike Coal Creek trails (November 7). Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town! Come to all three sessions and receive a special TRACKS prize. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95970. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

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 11 **School's Out Adventure Field Trip,** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
When school's out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** $45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95965. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

Nov 11 **Family Pioneer Thanksgiving,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let's celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. Join Farmer Jayne on this no-school day as we dress up in pioneer clothing, churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and play just like Laura in *Little House in the Big Woods*. Team up with one favorite adult helper for old-fashioned crafts, snack and active storytelling. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 2-6 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96059. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 12 **Painted Holiday Gourds,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create lovely gourd decorations or centerpieces for your holiday table. All materials provided. Bring snacks, sack lunch and beverages. All levels welcome. This is an integrated and adaptive class for adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $35/residents and $45/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 96385. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Nov 12 **Unity through Diversity Community Event,** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Join us for the first "Unity through Diversity" community event, hosted by the City of Bellevue's Youth Link and Diversity programs. This event celebrates Bellevue's diversity through a gathering of various community groups, performances, and presenters sharing unique perspectives, with opportunities for collaboration and youth involvement. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free, but spaces are limited. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** http://unitythroughdiversityevent.bpt.me/ **Info:** Patrick Alina (palina@bellevuewa.gov) or Mark Manuel (mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov).

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 19 **Holiday Ornaments and Decorations,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create great gifts for the holidays using porcelain, glass and other materials. All supplies included. Bring snacks, sack lunch and beverages. All levels welcome in this class. This is an integrated and adaptive class to include adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $35/residents and $45/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 96386. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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 21 **Visions of Sugarplums,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing, and eating yummies for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95914. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 21 **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This class teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners and more. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95925. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 21 **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen: Holiday Manners,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host are skills children will use lifelong. It's not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in this class. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95942. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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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.

Nov 28 – Jan 2 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The 21st Annual Garden d'Lights event will be bigger and better than ever. We are bringing back some long-time favorites such as the perennial border on the lawn, the aquarium in the Shorts House window, salmon swimming upstream and rhododendron blooms in shrubs. Come see your old favorites and find the new critters and flower displays! Also new this year is a ticket booth to make entry into the event easier than ever. **Cost:** $5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:** http://www.gardendlights.org/

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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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Nov 28 – Jan 2 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The 21st Annual Garden d'Lights event will be bigger and better than ever. We are bringing back some long-time favorites such as the perennial border on the lawn, the aquarium in the Shorts House window, salmon swimming upstream and rhododendron blooms in shrubs. Come see your old favorites and find the new critters and flower displays! Also new this year is a ticket booth to make entry into the event easier than ever. **Cost:** $5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:** http://www.gardendlights.org/

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
Lift your holiday spirit! 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; craft items vary in price. **Info:** 425-452-4106, or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov . **Crafter application/information:** hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or www.Bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com .

Dec 2 **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90771. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 3 **Christmas Ship Festival,** 8:55 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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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 4 **Holiday Ball,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come celebrate the winter holidays with friends. This is a chance to dress up in your formal attire, or dress in your most comfortable clothes. A full meal and dessert will be served at this dance, so come hungry! This event is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/resident and $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

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.

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.

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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.

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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Dec 22 **School's Out Adventure Field Trip,** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
When school's out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** $45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95966. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.

Dec 22 **Christmas Ship Festival,** 9:35 p.m. – 9:55 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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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 wooly 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.

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
(This list is a guide. Details may change.)

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.