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## NOVEMBER 2012

**Nov 2** **"All the Places to Love" by Patricia MacLachlan (children's activity – story time),** 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
A moving homage to the American farm, this book recreates all the glory and sweet simplicity of one family's connection to the land. We will make a family tree to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66823 or #66824. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Nov 2** **Mercer's Minnows (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Did you know that a few times each spring, hundreds of foot-long minnows travel up the Mercer Slough on their way to their spawning beds in Kelsey Creek? Come learn more about their fascinating journey and watersheds in general. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen I,** 9 a.m. - noon
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This hands-on and FUN workshop teaches basic manners, personal care, phone etiquette and more. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen II,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
This follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen I will teach your child how to be a gracious guest or host, meeting and greeting, polite conversation, basic table manners and more. Cake will be served in this class. It is not necessary to take Young Ladies and Gentlemen I to enroll in this class. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**Nov 7** **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE*
Our new 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/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #66877. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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**Nov 9-18** **"Snow White" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; November 11, 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way*
This famous story by the Brothers Grimm is re-imagined with elements of music. Enjoy a tale of the beautiful ousted princess and her seven charming little friends in the search for a happily ever after. This show will entertain and is suitable for the entire family. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 after November 2. **Info and to purchase tickets:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

**Nov 10** **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.

**Nov 10** **Puget Prairies (Adult Enrichment Program),** noon - 12:30 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Although Washington is known as the "Evergreen State," native prairies were once common in western Washington. Learn about prairie ecology, natural history and where we can go to enjoy prairies in our region. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Nov 11** **"March of the Penguins" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Every year, thousands of emperor penguins make an astonishing journey to breed their young. They walk, marching day and night in single file 70 miles into the darkest, driest and coldest continent on Earth. Running time is 80 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Nov 13** **Veterans' Day 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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**Nov 14** **Thanksgiving Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE*
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, 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 by November 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

**Nov 16** **8th Annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
*Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*
This film festival celebrates human-powered experiences. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost and registration:** Advance tickets are available for $9 for Bellevue residents and Mountaineers Club members; $10 for others. Day-of-show tickets, if film festival is not sold out, whill be $12. Tickets are available through Brown Paper Tickets - http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/286425

**Nov 17** **Animal Art (Art in Nature 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 will be provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $2. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66837. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Nov 18** **"Penguins on Parade" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Emperor penguins, rock hoppers, road runners and ostriches are all birds that can't fly no matter how hard they try. 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.

**Nov 22** **FREE Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Class,** 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*
Burn 600+ calories before your feast while also supporting the LiveWire Eastside Domestic Violence Program with a donation. Ask for the list of needed donation items when you call to reserve a bike. Bring water and a towel. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE; suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required to reserve a bike. **Info and to register:** Joan at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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**Nov 22** **Fit for the Feast 2012,** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE*
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** $10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay when you arrive. **Info:** Scott Armstrong at sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.

**Nov 23** **Youth Appreciation and Safety Day 2012,** noon to 2 p.m.
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE*
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts will be given to the first 50 children ages 12 years and under who come through our front door. Event features free open swim for children (12 and under), life jacket demonstration, active victim rescue demonstration, spinal victim rescue demonstration, water safety coloring books, candy and water safety bookmarks. Raffles will be held throughout the event. **Cost:** Free for 12 and under; $6.25 for 13 and older. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and younger. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay when you arrive. **Info:** 425-452-4444.

**Nov 23-25** **"Annie" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.; November 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.
*Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street*
This is the classic Broadway musical with dancing, singing and those classic songs like "Tomorrow," "Maybe" and "Hard Knock Life." BYT's production of "Annie" is part of the Bellevue Downtown Association's Magic Season. Come enjoy some downtown Bellevue shopping and cap off your trip with this delightful musical. Ages: All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 after November 16. **Info and to purchase tickets:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

**Nov 24** **Great Migrations (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street*
A hummingbird that flies from Alaska to Mexico? Cliff swallows visiting from South America? All over the world, you can find animals that make unbelievably lengthy journeys every year, hundreds or even thousands of miles away, to find food, raise their young or just stay warm! Join a Ranger to hear tales of the harrowing adventures these amazing animals have on their travels through the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** Appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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**Nov 24-Dec 31** **Garden d'Lights,** 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Garden d'Lights features over a half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Tickets are available beginning October 15. Please visit www.gardendlights.org/ to (1) purchase your ticket (admission is $5 per person; children 10 and under are free); (2) find out how to visit the show for FREE; (3) get updated parking information and directions to the Garden. Info: www.gardendlights.org/ or Garden d'Lights information line – 425-452-6844.

**Nov 27** **"Native Vision,"** noon – 1 p.m.
*Bellevue College, C130 (Student Union), 3000 Landerholm Circle SE*
*Native Vision* is the story of Alice Benally, a young Navajo taken from her home and placed in a government-run boarding school as part of a government effort to "civilize" Native American children. Free, appropriate for ages 12 and older. Presented by Living Voices, "Where history comes alive!" We encourage you to RSVP; please contact Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.

**Nov 27-Dec 1** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. all days except December 1 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 206-920-2957.

**Nov 30-Dec 9** **"Clara and the Nutcracker" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),** November 30, December 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.; December 2, 8 and 9 at 2 p.m.
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way*
Before the famous ballet, there was the book. This is the story behind *Nutcracker,* and it comes to the stage for a delightful experience for the entire family. Come and make this part of your holiday celebration. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 after November 23. **Info and to purchase tickets:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

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**Nov 30** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Planet Earth - Great Plains",** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Trek to one of Earth's largest land habitats, where vast open spaces play host to the biggest groups of animals in the world. From the 2,000-mile migration undertaken by three million caribou in the Arctic Tundra, to a pride of 30 starving lions hunting elephants, "Great Plains" reveals the most impressive migrations and the boldest hunts on the planet. 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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*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way*
Before the famous ballet, there was the book. This is the story behind *Nutcracker,* and it comes to the stage for a delightful experience for the entire family. Come and make this part of your holiday celebration. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 after November 23. **Info and to purchase tickets:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

**Dec 1** **Holiday Ball,** 7 p.m. - 11 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.

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**Dec 2** **"Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot with an Arctic Herd" by Karsten Heuer (Naturalists' Book Club),** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
For eons, female members of the Porcupine caribou herd have made the 2,800-mile journey from their winter feeding grounds to their summer calving grounds. They once roamed borderless wilderness; now they trek from Canada, where they're protected, to the United State, where they are not. What's more, beneath the calving grounds lay vast reserves of oil. Determined to convey both the enormity of the caribous' migration and the delicacy of their habitat, Heuer and his wife spent their honeymoon following the herd. Both a rousing adventure story and a sober ecological meditation, *Being Caribou* vividly conveys this magnificent animal's world. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Dec 7** **"Voices of the Wild" by Johnathan London (children's activity – Story Time),** 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
In the silence of a northern summer sunrise, a man kayaks down a winding river, past Bear, Lynx, Turtle and other animals. Each watches with caution and curiosity as he paddles quietly past. We will make deer/reindeer antlers to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66825 or course #66826. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Dec 8** **Visions of Sugarplums,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
Make mini-gingerbread houses, sing songs, dance and eat yummies for your tummies! Enjoy merry-making to welcome the holiday season! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. Additional child cost is $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**Dec 8** **Winter Wildlife Myths,** 11 a.m. – noon.
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street*
The change of the seasons is an eternal fascination of mankind's – the stuff of myths, each one as beautiful and unique as a snowflake. Come celebrate the season by learning about a variety of wintertime myths featuring our wildlife friends. **Ages:** Appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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**Dec 8** **The Ecological Home,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Although most of us didn't build or buy a "green home," there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center – a Gold-Certified LEED facility. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Dec 11** **Celebrate Snow Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE*
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

**Dec 12** **Holiday Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE*
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, 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 by December 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

**Dec 12** **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE*
Our new 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/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #66878. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Dec 12** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship,** 8:20 – 8:40 p.m.
*Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd. SE*
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this and a beach fire to keep you warm. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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**Dec 14** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship,** 8 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.
*Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE*
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this and a beach fire to keep you warm. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**Dec 16** **"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.

**Dec 20 or 21** **Merry Christmas, Animal Friends,** 10 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE*
What does a pony or a rabbit want for Christmas? Come help Farmer Jayne create merry Christmas gifts and delicious treats for all our animal friends at the farm. Bring your imagination! **Ages:** 3-7 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30 non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Dec 23** **"Stranger in the Woods" (children's story and movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Based on the award-winning children's book by the same name, the winter storm has ended, and the entire forest is wearing a coat of glistening white. As the animals come out of their shelter at daybreak, they discover there is something, or someone, new in the forest. Running time is 23 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. Crafty snack making will follow! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Dec 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Planet Earth – Seasonal Forests,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Investigate these temperate regions and find some of the most elusive creatures and well-adapted plant life on Earth. From the giant sequoia tree ten times the size of a blue whale, to the trackless Siberian forests where just 40 Amur leopards remain, "Forests" brings to life a seemingly familiar world that remains largely unexplored. 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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**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:** $2.00/residents and $2.50/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child registrations are 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 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.

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**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 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:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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**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 Friday 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 Invasions (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.

**Jan 24** **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 released 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.

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**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 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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## 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**
**Snocone 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.

**Every Monday**
**2011 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:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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**Every Monday**
**2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee,** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 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 .

**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**
**21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee**, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE*
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

**Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month**
**Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee,** 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119*
Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

**4th Tuesday each month**
**Bellevue Youth Court,** 6 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 visit www.youthlink.com.

**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 visit www.youthlink.com.

**1st Thursday each month**
**Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting,** 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*
**Info:** 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

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**1st Saturday each month**
**Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes,** first Saturdays – 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-led 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.
*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.