

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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FEBRUARY 2013

- Feb 1** **“Frightful’s Daughter” (Children’s Activity)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions: choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow the story of a boy who watches over a family of peregrine falcons. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost per child:** \$2.50/residents and \$3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: 425-452-6885, course #72565 and #72566. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 2** **Reading Dance (family program)**, 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Attend a free “Reading Dance” family program to discover what type of movement contemporary dance uses, and learn how a dance is created. Program is presented by Eva Stone of the Stone Dance Collective. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Feb 2** **Contemporary Dance Class (family program)**, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Try a contemporary dance class; no experience is necessary. Program is presented by Eva Stone of the Stone Dance Collective. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240, course #73018.
- Feb 3** **“Raptor Force” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly with nature’s elite aerial killing machines! Learn the secrets of raptors and how they’ve mastered, more than any other type of bird, the art of soaring. Running time is 56 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 8** **Disco Dance (for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities),**
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
1970 at its best! Dress to match the era. Let's boogie to the sound of music played by a DJ and have some light refreshments. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9 for residents; \$11 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.
- Feb 8** **Valentine Friendship Dance, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.**
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Teens from all Bellevue Middle Schools dance to the hottest tunes! Bring an old friend/meet a new friend. All students must show their middle school ASB cards to enter the dance. This is a drug-and-alcohol-free dance cosponsored by the Bellevue Parks Department and Bellevue Police. **Ages:** Middle school students. **Cost:** \$5 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.
- Feb 9** **Woof Walk (ranger program), 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Meet at Robinswood House in Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Feb 9** **Happy Heart Valentine Fun, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Bring your dad and make a special box lunch for both of you to share. Together, make a special gift to take home to mom. Sing songs, do a little dance and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$22 for residents; \$25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.myparksandrecreation.com or call 425-452-4106, course #71586. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 9** **The Food Chain (family activity), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72595. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 9** **Public Lands of the Puget Sound Region**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue NE
The public lands of the Puget Sound region have many managers, ranging from cities to the Federal Government. Learn about some of the properties you may have overlooked, special designations and the incredible features some of these lands have to offer. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 10** **“Whale of a Squid” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 12** **Sweetheart Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Feb 13** **Farm Hands – Happy Valentine’s Day**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25 for residents; \$30 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #71638. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 16** **Local Area Hike: Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park**,
10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 16** **Green Hour (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us on the third Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Optional. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72591. Parent and child must both register. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 16** **Hot Topics in Washington Conservation: Backyard Wildlife Habitat** (ranger program), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Are you attracting the kind of wildlife you would like to visit your backyard? Join us to learn about how to provide a useful and beautiful backyard habitat for busy bees, curious squirrels, musical birds and you! Learn how to have your outdoor space registered as a certified wildlife habitat that will benefit both you and your wildlife neighbors. **Ages:** 12 years and older; those under 18 must be supervised by parent. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Feb 17** **Beavers – Nature’s Architects, (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 you can find beavers at Mercer Slough? Learn about the beaver’s amazing adaptations, how they shape the habitat around them, and why Mercer Slough’s beavers are unique. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 20-24** **Northwest Flower and Garden Show**, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Washington State Convention & Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle
This is one of the largest, most magnificent garden shows in the world. Please visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society’s booth. **Ages:** All ages. **Info:** check the show’s website at www.gardenshow.com or call 800-569-2832 for details.
- Feb 22** **“Nature’s Most Amazing Events: The Great Migration”** (nature movie), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The annual rains of the Serengeti draw in the greatest concentration of large animals on Earth, testing the survival skills of all those around. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Feb 24

Crows (Living with Wildlife series), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents – they are smarter than many mammals, have amazing memories and are very social. Find out why crows gather at Factoria Mall, and what’s all that fuss we hear. Learn what crows know – and discover how we can get along together. **Ages:** 8 years and older.

Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72620. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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MARCH 2013

- March 1** **In My Own Backyard (children’s activity)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions – choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Do you ever wonder who and what used to live where you do now? Hold on for an amazing story about the history of earth and who used to live in your backyard! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2.50 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885, course #72567 or 72568. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 2** **March Mania Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
This unique sale kicks off the local plant sale season. The show has evolved from its humble beginnings ten years ago into a successful event with a long line of gardeners waiting for the sale to begin. The sale is known for its unique specialties, spring ephemerals and treasures not readily found elsewhere. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.n-p-a.org.
- March 2** **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:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or 425-452-4106.
- March 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 2** **Spring Fling Dance**, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Welcome Spring with the “Sound of Swing.” USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dance the night away to all the Big Band favorites and the standards. It’s sure to be a fun night! **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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- March 3** **“Winged Migration” (nature movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A nature classic – witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. Running time is 89 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 9** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o’ the mornin’ to ya! Join us for art, games, music and all things green! Don’t forget to have your leprechaun wear something green so you won’t get pinched. There’s a pot of “gold” waiting for you at the end of the rainbow!
Ages: 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$22 for residents; \$25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-4106 to register for course #71430. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 9** **Tiny Critters (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the smallest animal you can think of? Think small! Come learn about the tiniest animals we share this world with... so small we will view them under a microscope! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; registrations required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72596. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 10** **“Tons of Fun” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us to watch this movie about the world’s biggest babies – hippos, elephants and rhinos. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 13** **St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us in being “Irish for a day!” Wear your favorite green outfit and enjoy a traditional Irish meal. We’ll play some Irish music and sing some favorite Irish songs. Your “Irish eyes” are sure to be smiling! Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7681 to register by March 4. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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March 16-24 “The Little Prince” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),

March 16 and 23 at 7 p.m.; March 17, 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way

Come see BYT’s version of this timeless tale of a pilot who crashes in a desert and meets a little boy. Stranded together, the pilot learns of the boy’s travels throughout the universe in pursuit of adventure, love and meaning, and ultimately his precious rose. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10-\$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

March 16 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Meet at entrance kiosk in Weowna Park, 1420 168th Avenue SE

Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue’s parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

March 16 **Local Area Hike: South Bellevue Green Spaces,** 10 a.m. – noon

Meeting Place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE

Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join us the third Friday of every month for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; registration is required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72592. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Orcas and Bellevue (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Killer whales are a source of pride for the residents of Washington State. But did you know that the Orcas inhabiting our waters are an endangered species? Join us for a presentation on Orcas, Orca conservation and how Eastsiders can help save these iconic creatures by conserving our salmon streams. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 20** **Farm Hands – Rabbits, Wiggles and Giggles**, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25 for residents; \$30 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #66878 **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 23** **Animal Art (ranger program)**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Draw and sketch different Pacific Northwest species from a collection of wildlife mounts! There is no other way to capture the magnificence of these creatures so close up and so still. Mounts, newsprint, charcoal pencils and drawing boards provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72629. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 23** **Wildlife Camouflage (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to see a bird or a squirrel when they're standing perfectly still in a tree? Why is it a good idea for them to blend in so well? Why are some animals dressed in bright, bold colors? Join a Park Ranger to explore the wonderful world of animal camouflage from all over the globe as well as in our very own Lake Hills Greenbelt. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- March 24** **Urban Wildlife (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Some pretty amazing species live within Bellevue's city limits. Join us for an overview of what's here, how to prevent conflicts and how to attract some desired species. Join us after the program for a fun urban wildlife food web activity. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 29** **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Flood" (nature movie)**,
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Thousands of animals make the long trek toward the life-saving annual flood of Botswana's Okavango Delta. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 4-7** **The Vintage Sale**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Office, 12001 Main Street
Sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, the Vintage Sale will feature quality antiques, collectibles and home décor items. Proceeds will benefit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's capital campaign. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of items varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org.
- April 4-7** **"Puss in Boots" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**,
April 4, 5 and 6 at 7 p.m., and April 6 and 7 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This is the fun-filled story of a wise cat with a wry sense of humor who creates havoc while helping a farm hand become royalty. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10-\$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 5** **"The Boy Who Drew Birds" (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
This is a beautiful children's story about the famous birder, John James Audubon. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2.50/residents and \$3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72569 or #72570. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Woof Walk (ranger program)**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at 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.
- April 6** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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- April 7** **Peep! Peep!**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs, as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! This is an adult/child class **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$22 for residents; \$25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-4106, course #71431. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- April 7** **“An Inconvenient Truth” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This documentary is about global warming and the future of our planet. Running time is 96 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 9 & 11** **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs, rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #71641. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 12-13** **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Office, 12001 Main Street
Thousands of locally-grown quality dahlia tubers from exhibition-quality dahlia varieties will be available for purchase. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.PugetSoundDahlias.org.
- April 13** **“The Nature of Haiku” (Guest Speaker)**, 10 a.m. - noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
April is National Poetry Month! Join Michael Dylan Welch, Vice-President of the Haiku Society of America, for an exploration of haiku poetry as a window into appreciating the natural world, its seasons and your five senses. Explore the myths and realities of haiku, hear a brief overview of haiku in Japan, and understand important targets for writing haiku in English. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #72528. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 14** **“Aardvark Town” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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- April 19-28** **“Robin Hood” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**,
April 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., and April 21, 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way
Join us for a fun-filled retelling of the classic tale of Robin Hood. Robin, Maid Marian and Friar Tuck will all be there to delight the audience and save England from the evils of Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10-\$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 20** **Arbor Day – Earth Day**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will include several volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony and family festival. This celebration will also mark the city’s 22nd year of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Call 425-452-4195 to volunteer. Pre-registration is not required for event attendance. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 20** **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:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or 425-452-4106.

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- April 26** **Owl Prowl (family activity), 7:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come in and learn about the mysterious animal called the owl. Then, take a night hike with the Rangers and listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, and wear sturdy shoes! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72597. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 26** **“Nature’s Most Amazing Events: The Great Feast” (nature movie),**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE
The annual plankton boom of Alaska’s coastal waters attracts humpback whales and sea lions, who must avoid predatory killer whales. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 27** **Sheep Shearing at Kelsey Creek Farm, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, and enjoy other farm/craft experiences such as spinning demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides, inflatables, children’s crafts and food. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and no charge cards are accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.
- April 27** **Sheep Shearing Event Volunteers, 11 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 and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #71649. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

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- April 27** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This heritage program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event. 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, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.
- April 27** **Outdoor Essentials (Ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ever wonder if you could survive if you got lost in the woods? Learn useful outdoor survival skills from a Ranger, including orienteering, how to tie a number of basic knots and what hiking essentials you should always bring with you on any hike. Come dressed in your best outdoor gear. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- April 27 – July 7** **The Owl and the Woodpecker in Washington (traveling exhibit)**,
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Award-winning photographer, author, conservationist and Washington resident Paul Bannick examines the intertwined life histories of owls and woodpeckers, and the unique roles they have played in defining and enriching their often-threatened habitats. This is a Burke Museum Traveling Exhibit. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 28** **Introduction to Birding (Ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bird watching is one of the most popular outdoor activities in America. From hanging a feeder to learning bird songs, there's a lifetime of learning and fun to be had! Learn some introductory skills and see what you'll need to get started. A ranger will be available for a 30-minute guided bird walk following the program. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **Woodpeckers (Living with Wildlife series)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Of the 11 species of woodpeckers (including sapsuckers) that live in Washington, the Northern flicker is probably the most commonly seen and heard. Come learn about the benefits of having woodpeckers in your yard, and view the Burke Museum's Owl & Woodpecker exhibit on display in the Visitor Center from April 27 to July 7. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72621. **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

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

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)

Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present “Snocon Night.” Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

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Every Monday

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

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

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

Last Monday each month

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

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday

2012-2013 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov.

Every Tuesday

Youth Arts Action Team, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Interested in youth art in our community? Learn, share and appreciate art with other young people. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

Every Wednesday

2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

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

Every Wednesday

22nd Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. Meetings take place during Bellevue Youth Council meetings. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

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

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

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**

425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (No walks offered on April 20.)

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (No walks offered on February 9 or April 20.)

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Saturdays and Sundays (May through September)

Canoe the Mercer Slough, 8:45 a.m. - noon

Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water, and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of four miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to three people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** Ages 5 years and older only. Children and youth must have at least one adult present for every two children/youth. **Cost:** \$16 for Bellevue residents; \$18 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.

