

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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APRIL 2014

- April 4** **Gardening with Your Children**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Explore the world of gardening through hands-on experiences with soil, plants and water. Discover the wonders of seeds, growing plants and plant care in our outdoor raised garden beds. We will introduce you to some of our favorite pollinators – honeybees. As we investigate the world of plants, parents and their children can also grow joy together. Registration for this class includes one child and one adult. Please use the parent's name when registering. An additional child may attend. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2.50/residents and \$3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7225, course #82781.
- April 4** **Dream Weaver (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
Weave along with a small yellow spider as she enchants and inspires you! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #82833 and #82834. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 5** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- April 5** **Nature Haiku**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
April is National Poetry Month! To celebrate, we will learn how to write a haiku, and then incorporate nature themes. Poems will be displayed in the visitor center! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 5-6** **Bellevue Zip Tour Grand Opening**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Feel Wild in the City! Be one of the first riders on the Bellevue Zip Tour. The 6.5 zip lines and two suspension bridges are the newest addition to the Bellevue Challenge Course. Each 2-1/2 hour tour will take “zippers” through Eastgate Park’s second growth forest and provides exceptional views of downtown Bellevue and Mount Baker. Traverse Huckleberry Alley and perch high on the Cathedral and Lightning trees. It’s an experience to remember and share! Some restrictions apply, so call before registering. **Ages:** 9 years and older. **Cost:** \$44/youth and \$69/adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240, courses 83298-83320. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- April 6** **“Frogs: The Thin Green Line” (Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Frogs are some of the most wondrous and diverse creatures on earth, but are subject to harsh environmental conditions and are facing extinction. Come learn about the factors posing peril for frogs, as well as what is being done to save them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Ranger Program: Introduction to Birding**, 2 p.m. – 3 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. We’ll be going on a 30-minute guided bird walk. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 11** **Hiking Preparedness for Families**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Are you new to the area or new to hiking with your family? It can be intimidating knowing what to take on your first hikes with your little ones. Join a Park Ranger to learn about how to dress for the ever-changing Pacific Northwest weather, what to pack, how to be safe, and generally how to prepare for your first hike with your family. Please bring any gear that you have questions about, and any questions that you have. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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- April 12** **Metamorphosis**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Each year Lewis Creek experiences a great change... hundreds of caterpillars fill the trees and then disappear. Where do they go? Come learn about the incredible change that caterpillars undergo. **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 13** **“Wild Kratts: Bass Class” (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:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 13** **Ranger Program: Introduction to Birding**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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- April 15 and 17** **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:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81876. **Info:** 425-452-7688.
- April 18-19** **“The Tempest” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**, April 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.; and April 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Shakespeare’s mystical story about gods and islands comes to life on the stage at BYT. Thought not a “pure” Shakespeare experience, there is something for everyone in this adaptation, complete with 60s rock music. **Ages:** This show is suitable for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** All tickets are \$5. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- April 18** **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: 425-452-6885, course #82895. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 19** **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:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident (one child/one adult). **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #81780. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- April 19** **South Bellevue Green Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE
Explore the unknown trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open space ravines guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 19** **April Pool's Day**, noon - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for raffles and water safety demonstrations. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Ages 12 and under swim for free! Fee is \$6.75 for teens and adults. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.
- April 19** **The Great SBCC Family Challenge**, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
A team of three to five family members will challenge other family teams by performing physical feats, mind tasks and creative endeavors in this unique, fun event. Points will be awarded as tasks are completed, with winners announced at the end. The fastest will not necessarily be the winner, as tasks will provide several options to score points. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/team member. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4240, course 83701. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- April 19** **Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Saturday 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:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 22** **Cultural Event: Screening of “Finding Hillywood,”** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Library, Room 1, 1111 110th Avenue NE
Join us for this screening of "Finding Hillywood." Screening will be followed by a conversation with producer-director Leah Warshawski. This powerful and inspiring film focuses on the story of how new media in Rwanda plays a role in healing and empowerment. **Ages:** Best for 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP recommended. To RSVP: Contact Kevin Henry, khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886. **Info about the film:** <http://findinghillywood.com/>.
- April 25** **“Blue Planet: Tidal Seas” (Nature Film)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The sun and moon move billions of tons of water with every turn of the tide. The strongest tides empty entire bays, smash trees on riverbanks and strand sea creatures on suddenly-dry land. Weaker tides control the movements of huge numbers of fish, coaxing schools of stingrays through astounding underwater arches. And as the water recedes, the tide can create unbelievable landscapes – like a sparkling world of salt crystals inhabited only by tiny shrimp and bright pink flamingos. This video contains a shark scene which may not be appropriate for some younger viewers. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 26** **Sheep Shearing**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, and enjoy other farm/craft activities such as spinning demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides, inflatables, children’s crafts and food! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM will be on site, and no charge cards will be accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- April 26** **Sheep Shearing Volunteers**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue 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 to 18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #77867. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 26** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that related to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, long cabins, games and Eastside history. This program, part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event, is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 27** **Bird Identification**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn some of the finer points of identifying the bird species of our area. We'll discuss field marks, bird songs and some good places to go birding nearby. We will focus on the birds of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 2-4** **“Peter Pan” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
May 2 and 3 at 7 p.m., and May 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street, Bellevue WA
Enjoy the classic Broadway musical based on J.M. Barrie’s Peter Pan. Join Wendy and Peter Pan as they journey through Neverland. This show has song and dance numbers and is appropriate for all ages. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10/advance tickets or \$12 if purchased after March 10. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 3** **Arbor Day Earth Day, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Place SE
This annual Arbor Day Earth Day event will include several volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony and a family festival. Approximately 400 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects at Kelsey Creek Park and other parks around the city. Projects will include planting, trail resurfacing and removing invasive species. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by March 14 for volunteer projects. Projects are limited. **Info and to register:** Chris Kukal at CKukal@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 3** **Eastside Fuchsia Society’s Spring Fuchsia Sale, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main Street (half block east of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
This plant sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs of plants vary. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 4** **“Planet Earth: Fresh Water” (Nature Film), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow rivers as they run from mountains to the sea, nourishing wildlife along the way. Get a unique look into the animals that inhabit the world’s deepest lake to the world’s highest waterfall. Running time is 45 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 4** **Wild Babies (Ranger Program), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Springtime is when many species give birth. Discover some of the amazing ways wild babies survive and thrive out in the woods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 9** **Barn Dance**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come kick up your boots and enjoy a night of dancing with friends! This dance is for youth and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/Bellevue resident and \$11/non-Bellevue resident. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- May 10** **Woof Walks in Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Lake Hills Greenbelt Community Garden Kiosk, 15500 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the City steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. We encourage families to attend. Dogs must be on a 6-foot leash. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- May 11** **Mother's Day Social**, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This open house features light refreshments, music and beautiful scenery. **Cost:** Free admission. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.
- May 11** **Wetland Wildflowers**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring mom and join a Ranger for this fun, informal Mother's Day wildflower walk. See what Mercer Slough has to offer during the springtime wildflower months! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 11** **"Growing Up Wild: Kittens and Kaboodles" (Children's Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
"Growing Up Wild" gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. In this episode, find out all about leopards, cheetahs, lions, tigers and more! 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.
- May 16** **Spring is Here!**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m..
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to learn about all of the changes that the arrival of spring brings to the Lake Hills Greenbelt! We will do a fun spring craft to take home and read a children's story. Please dress for the weather. We encourage families to attend. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7225, course 85091. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- May 17-18 Rhododendron Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main Street (half block east of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
Come to this show and sale of beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds will benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs of plants vary. **Info:** LScott@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2750.
- May 17 Coal Creek Park Hike (Local Area Hike)**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 17 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are 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 at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- May 17 Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Saturday 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:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 18 Lewis Creek's Living with Wildlife Series: Tree Squirrels**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know there are six species of tree squirrels in Washington State? Have you ever seen a black squirrel? Find out about the native and introduced species, and how to keep these critters from becoming cute pests. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 85170. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 23** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to look for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 85156. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 25** **Ranger Program: Wild Babies**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Springtime is when many species give birth. Discover some of the amazing ways wild babies survive and thrive out in the woods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 30** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Wild America: Tender Times,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Share this magical time in the lives of adolescent animals as we explore the enchanting world of wild babies. Popcorn will be provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 1** **“Life: Creatures of the Deep” (Nature Movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover marine invertebrates from the shallow seas off of southern Australia, to the frigid waters beneath frozen seas ice in Antarctica. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 6** **Plant a Little Seed (Children’s Activity), two sessions, choose one -**
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn all about planting a garden and different ways that seeds are dispersed. 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:** 425-452-6885, activity codes 85176 and 85177. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 7** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- June 8** **Mercer Slough Guest Speaker Series: Wolf Haven, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join Washington-based conservation agency, Wolf Haven, for this informative family program on Washington’s wolves. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 8** **“Wild Kratts: Mystery of the Squirmly Wormy” (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:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 13 **A Midsummer Night's Stream**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
SSSHHHHH! What do you see and hear at a stream on a summer's night? Quietly observe Lewis Creek with a Ranger, and find out what the creek is like at night! 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: 425-452-6885, activity code 85158. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 13 – August 17 **Nature Photography Contest**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have some great nature shots taken in Bellevue's parks that you want to share with the community? Enter Lewis Creek Park's Nature Photography Contest! The winner's photographs will be displayed at Bellevue Parks' environmental education centers. Entries must be submitted by August 17, and the winner will be announced on August 31. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 14 **Third Annual Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride**, 9 a.m.
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
This enjoyable, non-competitive ride explores the hidden treasures of Bellevue. This ride is a little different, utilizing low traffic streets, bike lanes and part of the Lake to Lake Trail (non-technical gravel) and traversing much of the City. The Greenbelt Loop is a mostly flat 8-mile route; the Lake Loop is a more challenging, 22-mile route with significant elevation gain. The course is well-marked and supported by staff and volunteers. Experienced and beginning riders are encouraged to participate. All participants will receive a custom shirt, pre- and post-event snacks/food and giveaways. The first 150 to register will receive custom event socks! **Ages:** Recommended for riders ages 8 and older. Ages 8-12 will ride the Greenbelt Loop. Riders under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$15 in advance, or \$20 on day of event (pending availability). **Pre-registration:** Recommended; limited space. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 86106. On-site registration will be between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on day of event. **Info:** Ted Mittelstaedt, tmittelstaedt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.

June 14 **Woof Walks in Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Lake Hills Greenbelt Community Garden Kiosk, 15500 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the City steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. We encourage families to attend. Dogs must be on a 6-foot leash. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- June 15** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. – noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Make Father's Day a day to remember! Start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast (8:30-9:30 a.m.), followed by challenging activities. Climb the climbing wall, try out the vertical playpen on the challenge course, and take your family on an orienteering trek through Eastgate Park! Moms are welcome too!
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$8/person, free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 85182. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- June 20** **Bats and Bugs**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you ever wondered what bats we have around Bellevue and when they are here? How much or what they eat? What exactly do these little flying mammals do? If so, come to the Ranger Station to discover all about bats and their relationship with bugs. **Ages:** All ages welcome; families are encouraged to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225, course 85115.
- June 21** **Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community 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. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 21** **Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Saturday 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:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 22** **Ranger Program: Beavers, 2 p.m. – 3 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:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 27** **Movies at Mercer Slough: Beavers, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers plunges into the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers for an intimate look. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 28** **Monocular Making (Family Activity), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Magnifying things in nature can make them easier to learn about. We will make our own monocular and explore the park with our new eye! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 85159. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 29** **Animal Art, 1 p.m. – 2 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 and charcoal pencils will be provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident and \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 85168. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 29** **Ranger Program: Beavers, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
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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.

Daily, times vary – May only

Babies in the Barnyard – Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest animals, which may include chicks, goats and calves. Learn about their special care, and then finish up in the garden, planting pumpkin seeds. Available in May only. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size. **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

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

2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 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.

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

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.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1 and April 5.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered 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 Saturday and Sunday, May 24 through Labor Day Weekend 2014

(No trips on June 14-15 or August 2-3)

Canoe the Mercer Slough (ranger-led trip)

Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water! Bellevue park rangers lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. You'll see how this amazing ecosystem functions as you travel into the heart of Mercer Slough Nature Park, a 320-acre wetland. With a little luck, you may catch a glimpse of the otters, herons, turtles and other wildlife of Mercer Slough.

Canoeing experience is required. **Ages:** Must be 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$16/Bellevue resident and \$18/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 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.