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## MAY 2014

**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 Family Festival,** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
*Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Place SE*
Bellevue's annual Arbor Day Earth Day event marks the city's 23rd year of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The event will include a tree-planting ceremony and a family festival. On-site parking will be limited, so please carpool. A free shuttle will run between the Wilburton Park & Ride and Kelsey Creek Farm from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Ceremonial Tree Planting**, 11:30 a.m. - Join us for a ceremony that will recognize many wonderful volunteers and community groups, featuring Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2995. A prize drawing will take place immediately following the ceremony.

**Family Festival**, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Junior rangers can ask a park ranger for an Arbor Day-Earth Day Passport and journey through the festival area of Kelsey Creek Park to various eco-stations. Gain a stamp at every eco-station to earn a prize!

**Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Curtis 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.

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**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.

**May 8** **Crime Prevention Workshop,** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-108, 450 110th Avenue NE*
Find out how to protect yourself from online scams, home and car break-ins, and other crimes. Workshop will feature speakers from Bellevue Police, US Secret Service, Chinese Information and Service Center, and Eastside Legal Assistance. Workshop is sponsored by Bellevue Parks & Community Services' Cultural Diversity Program and Bellevue Police. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP recommended. **Info and to RSVP:** Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**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:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**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 sea 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity codes 85176 and 85177. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**June 7** **National Trails Day – All-Ages Hike,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
*Leaves from Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*
Let's go!! Explore the trails right in your own backyard on this National Trails Day. Come with our experienced TRACKS guide on a local trail to be part of this national event. Get outside, get moving, and help the world around you. Trails give you the opportunity to get your heart pumping, lungs expanding and muscles working at various levels of difficulty, thereby improving your physical as well as mental well-being. With obesity rates skyrocketing, exercise is increasingly important. Trails provide a wide variety of opportunities to be physically fit. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful area, full of trails. We will leave from Highland Community Center and travel to a nearby trailhead. Transportation from Highland Center will be provided. All ages (5+) and fitness abilities are welcomed. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $10 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 85255. **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov .

**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.

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**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 Squirmy 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.

**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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 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.

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**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.

**June 14-15** **Grand Opening Celebration – Bellevue Botanical Garden's New Visitor Center,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
*12001 Main Street*
Join us to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Visitor Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden! The Grand Opening Ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with festivities continuing on Saturday afternoon and into Sunday. Come see the new facility during the open house, and enjoy music, tours and children's activities throughout the weekend. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85168. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**June 29** **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.

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**June 13 – August 17** **Nature Photography Contest**
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
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**July 4** **Bellevue Family 4th of July,** 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street*
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the 2014 Bellevue Family 4th will bring the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to the Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the Main Stage, and formal Presentation of the Colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free entrance; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**July 4** **Volunteer for Bellevue Family 4th of July,** 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street*
We are looking for energetic, fun volunteers to help in the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone with tattoo art. Credit is available for school-required volunteer hours. Volunteers must follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in any kind of weather conditions. Join us on July 4th at the Bellevue Downtown Park and help make this year's Bellevue Family 4th celebration an event to remember! **Ages:** Must be 16 years and older, and will be required to complete a criminal background check which requires a Social Security number. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required; no day of event registrations will be accepted. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84563. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**July 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.

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**July 6** **"North America: No Place to Hide" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
*North America* is a Discovery Channel series featuring amazing cinematography to explore our own backyard and all of the marvels it holds. This episode focuses on the hardships of living on this continent, and how they have shaped all who dare to call it home. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older – **this film contains a predation scene that may be inappropriate for younger viewers**. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**July 8** **Lecture Series at Bellevue Botanical Garden,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
Richie Steffen of the Miller Botanical Garden presents Great Plant Picks, "Gardening for Fragrance." **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $5; non-BBGS members - $15. Payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

**July 9** **Rabbit Tales,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE*
Get up close to the Kelsey Creek rabbits. Teen volunteers and staff will teach you about what rabbits eat, where they live and how they like to be touched. Create a craft project to take home. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free – donations suggested to help support the farm ($1/person or $5/family). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**July 11** **Fun with Frogs (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*
Find out the different places that frogs live and how humans can help them survive. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85178 and 85179. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**July 12** **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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**July 13** **"Really Wild Animals: Totally Tropical Rainforest" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Take a totally tropical trip to the rainforest and meet jaguars, poison-arrow frogs, sloths, monkeys and more! Running time is 40 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**July 13** **Ranger Program: Astronomy of the Sun,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Why are the days longer during the summer? How does extended daylight affect wildlife, and what does that mean for humans? Also, discover how the sun powers all of Earth's systems. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**July 15** **Etiquette – Preteen Style,** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
Girls, discover how to develop your own style and not just follow the crowd. True style and confidence shines from the inside out and enables you to be a leader. Learn valuable communication skills, party manners, ways to develop friendships, maintain a positive attitude, and tips on posture, clothing and nutrition. Experience the steps to great skin as you give yourself a facial! **Ages:** 9 to 12 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84686. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**July 15** **Backyard Birds of the Garden: How to Attract Them to Yours,** 10 a.m. – noon
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
Connie Sidles presents this program, which is limited to 20 participants. **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org

**July 18** **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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85157. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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**July 19** **Weowna Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
*Meeting place: 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street – limited parking, please carpool*
Bridges, waterfalls and Bellevue's oldest trees live in Weowna Park. Explore this deep ravine that was restored using bioengineering techniques. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (200 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**July 19** **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.

**July 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.

**July 20** **American Black Bear (Living with Wildlife Program),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
American black bears are the most common species of bear in North America; each year there are several sightings around Cougar Mountain! Discover the habits of these lumbering roamers and how to avoid conflict with them. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**July 20** **Ranger Program: Astronomy of the Sun,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Why are the days longer during the summer? How does extended daylight affect wildlife, and what does that mean for humans? Also, discover how the sun powers all of Earth's systems. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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**July 25** **Eli Rosenblatt (Children's Program),** 11 a.m. – noon
*Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE*
Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a children's event that will be held in the park, on the grassy area outside the Robinswood Barn. In his performances for kids and families, Eli focuses on three things: rhythm, positivity and being goofy. Swing, reggae, salsa, samba and other rhythms from around the world bring to life stories about silly animals, love, friendship and freedom. English, Spanish and French join forces with other languages to inspire movement, joy and celebration of life. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**July 25** **Buzzing Blueberries,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street*
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. *Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases.* Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Program is free! Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 85116. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

**July 25** **"The Vanishing of the Bees" (Nature Movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Join us in this collaboration with Whole Foods Market, Bellevue, for a screening of the award-winning film, *The Vanishing of the Bees*. Snacks will be provided! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP requested. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**July 26** **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 your create your very own food chain model to take home! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85160. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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**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.

**Aug 1** **Sing a Song of Science – Nancy Stewart (Children's Program),** 11 a.m. – noon
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE*
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a musical performance at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Aug 1** **See What's in the Sea (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*
Follow the adventures of a hermit crab as he tries to find a new shell and discover what lives along the shore! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85180 and 85181. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Aug 1** **Bats at Twilight,** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE*
Discover bats and the important role they play in nature. Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After dusk, we will scan the evening skies to see the bats that live at Kelsey Creek Park and use a bat detector to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 10 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Donations of $1/person or $5/family are suggested to help support Bats Northwest, a local non-profit organization. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Aug 2** **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.

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**Aug 3** **"Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air" (Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Discover the fast and marvelous lives of the tiniest warm-blooded animals on Earth as they are captured at 500 images per second, from nose dives to mating rituals. Running time is 73 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Aug 5** **Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's Annual Trillium Celebration (annual meeting) – open to the public,** 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
*Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street*
Join us for the BBGS's annual meeting with speaker Dan Hinkley. **Cost:** Free for BBGS members; $25 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

**Aug 8** **Buzzing Blueberries,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street*
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. *Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases.* Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Program is free! Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 85117. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

**Aug 9** **Art of Etiquette #1 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 9 a.m. - noon
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84682. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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**Aug 9** **Art of Etiquette #2 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street*
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen #1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor or host, are skills they will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Ladies and Gentlement #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84684. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

**Aug 9** **Hurried Hummingbirds,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Did you know that a hummingbird flaps its wings 40-80 times per second? Or that they must eat more than half their body weight in nectar every day? Come learn about these amazingly agile birds, and make a hummingbird feeder to take home!. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Aug 10** **Ranger Program: Tree Walk,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We'll go on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem, and why they're so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Aug 10** **"Wild Kratts: Honey Seekers" (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.

**Aug 12** **Lecture Series at Bellevue Botanical Garden,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
Richie Steffen of the Miller Botanical Garden presents Great Plant Picks, "Made in the Shade." **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $5; non-BBGS members - $15. Payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

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**Aug 13** **Rabbit Tales,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE*
Get up close to the Kelsey Creek rabbits. Teen volunteers and staff will teach you about what rabbits eat, where they live and how they like to be touched. Create a craft project to take home. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free – donations suggested to help support the farm ($1/person or $5/family). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Aug 15** **Brian Waite Band,** 11 a.m. – noon
*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE*
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, welcomes the Brian Waite Band and Rock 'n Roll Adventurers. Their mission is to sow the seeds of top-quality music and storytelling, produce innovative, unique and imaginative shows and awaken kids to the joy of live entertainment. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

**Aug 15-17** **"Pippi Longstocking and the Wayward Pirates" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),** August 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., and August 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
*Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street*
Come join us as we meet the unconventional character you remember from the books – Pippi Longstocking. Pippi, along with some new characters, will entertain you in this delightful summer production. The approximate run time is two hours with an intermission. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** $5 per person, festival seating. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

**Aug 16** **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Aug 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
*Kelsey Creek Community 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.

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**Aug 16** **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.

**Aug 16-17** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale,** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
This show features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; price of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.

**Aug 17** **Ranger Program: Tree Walk,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We'll go on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem, and why they're so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Aug 20** **Goin' Batty!,** 10 a.m. - noon
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*
Barbara Ogaard is on the board of directors of the Sarvey Wildlife Center, the only wildlife ambulance service in the state of Washington. They take in all native species of wildlife from hummingbirds to eagles to bobcats to bats. Barbara was drawn to the intelligence and gentleness of the little bats, and a love affair bloomed. She has studied with many bat experts and traveled the world learning about bats. Her popular slide presentations educate the public on the need to help bats because of their many beneficial attributes such as pollination, agricultural pest and insect control, and medical research. **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $25; non-BBGS members - $35. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

**Aug 22** **Night Hike,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #85162. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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**Aug 23** **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.

**Aug 24** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Disappearing Bees,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
Honeybees have been disappearing in recent years at alarming rates, creating a sticky situation for humans, as bees pollinate one third of food crops. Recent studies have revealed several sources of this bee crisis. Come learn about these hazards, and find out what you can do to help! **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**Aug 29** **Aloha Picnic and Dance,** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
*Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*
This event serves teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. Come and bring your family to the annual picnic and dance. Hamburgers, salad, chips, drinks and desserts will be served. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/resident and $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686, course 76632

**Aug 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Empires of Industry: Timber,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE*
A History Channel film, this program visits logging camps and timber mills, tracking de-forestation and re-forestation in a country now attempting to renew its natural resources. Popcorn will be provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

**Aug 30** **Pond Dip (Family Activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*
The edges of ponds and wetlands are great places for budding naturalists to explore! We will use tools like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park. What will we find in this unfamiliar under-water world? **Ages:** 5 years and older. **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.

**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 – June 7, July 5, August 2
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, April through October**
**Docent-led Tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden,** 2 p.m.
*Meet at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street*
**Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

**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 form 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*

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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.