

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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JUNE 2012

- June 1** **The Very Best Bed (children's activity)**, 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Are you ready to snuggle down for the night in your very own bed? Come along as the gray squirrel searches for the very best bed as the moon rises higher in the night sky. We will make a squirrel puppet to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65717 or 66447. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 2** **Summer Solstice Dance**, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Welcome summer with the “Sounds of Swing.” USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Dance the night away to all the Big Band favorites. Sure to be a fun night! **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- June 3** **“Mystery of 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:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 4** **SnoCon Monday – Two-Year Anniversary**, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come celebrate our two-year anniversary of SnoCon Monday at the Bellevue Skate Park. The event will include the Northwest premier of the Almost Skate Video, featuring the Eastside's very own Mitchie Brusco. Enjoy the free BBQ food, tons of prizes, free Vitamin Water, skateboard contests and secret guest skateboarders. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2722 or <http://bellevueskatepark.blogspot.com/>.
- June 8** **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 world? **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65742. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 9** **Love Bugs (and Bees Too)**, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Parent and child go “buggy” together into the world of creepy crawlies and things that fly. Join us for crafts, stories, music and a yummy treat. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$25/non-residents. Fee includes one adult and one child; additional fee will be charged for additional children. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParkandRecreation.com .
- June 9** **Intro to Birding for Kids (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you think bird-watching is just for adults? No way! Birding is something anyone can do! Come learn how to hone your observation skills and train your eyes and mind to focus on the birds you see every day at home, in the park, and in your school yard. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65723. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 9** **Native Plants – A Basis for Survival (nature activity)**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, to learn how you could survive using the plant technologies developed by local Native Americans. Through hands-on experiences, plant ID, stories, artifacts and an outdoor interpretive walk, become immersed in the excitement of this fascinating program. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #65699. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .
- June 10** **Pollinators in the Garden (family activity)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who are the pollinators in your backyard? What do they do? Are they just bugs? Come discover all of the cool critters who help make flowers bloom and gardens bountiful! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- June 10** **“Insects” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
By assuming a variety of body shapes and incorporating armor and wings, insects have evolved diverse strategies and become the most abundant creatures on Earth. Many insects carry chemical weapons as a form of defense. Some insects gain an advantage through cooperation. When an American black bear destroys a bee’s nest, the colony survives by carrying their honey to a new site. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 12** **Father’s Day Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sounds of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- June 13** **Father’s Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy a delicious lunch along with a presentation on the history of the Model A car. See a variety of Model A’s, and talk with owners of these beautifully restored vehicles. Share your own Model A memories as well. Co-sponsored by Evergreen Chapter, Model A Club of America and Catholic Community Services/Community Dining. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60+; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** call 425-452-7681 to register by June 8. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- June 14** **The Ecological Home**, 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although most of us didn’t build or buy a “green home,” there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center – a Gold-Certified LEED facility. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 and up. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course # 65499. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov.
- June 15** **“Green Hour” (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66106. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 16** **Local Area Hikes – “Ecosystem Ecology” in Coal Creek Park**, 10 a.m. - noon.
Meeting place – Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance: 5 miles. Level of difficulty: Moderate. Ages: All ages are welcomed. Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE. Limited parking. Info: 425-452-4195.**
- June 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the 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. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages: All ages; family event. Cost: Free. Pre-registration: not required. Info: Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.**
- June 17** **Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast and More**, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Make Father’s Day a Greenway Day. Start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast, followed by adventurous 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. Cost: \$8 per person. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: 425-452-4240 or email SBCC@bellevuewa.gov .**
- June 17** **“Your Water” (Know Your Yard)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the source of your water at home? Come learn how your yard practices affect local water quality and what can be done to mitigate water issues or retain water on your site. **Ages: 12 years and older. Cost: Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. Pre-registration: Required. To register: 425-452-6885, course #66101. Info: 425-452-4195.**

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June 20-Aug 19 Nature Photography Contest

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Have some great nature shots taken in Bellevue 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. The winner will be announced on August 25th. Don't miss our Intro to Nature Photography class on June 24th for some extra pointers!

Ages: 15 years and older.. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 23 Element – Make It Count International Skate Contest Series, Register at noon, contest starts at 1 p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road

Make It Count will be at the Highland Skate Park Plaza in Bellevue for Stop #9 of the Make It Count International Skate Contest Series. One canned food item will enter you into the contest, where you will compete for an experience of a lifetime – a trip to Element YMCA Camp and a private session at the Berrics. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** One canned food item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2722 or <http://elementeden.com/us/events/view/205>.

June 23 “Deer” (Living With Wildlife), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Deer are among the most familiar animals of Washington, and in many places they are the largest wildlife that people encounter. Learn how to identify mule deer, black-tailed deer and white-tailed deer. Also learn which plants are deer-resistant! **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65712. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 23 Bellevue Botanical Garden 20th Anniversary Celebration, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Please join us for free demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments as we celebrate the Garden's 20th anniversary. Festivities will be held in the Shorts Visitor Center.

June 24 Introduction to Nature Photography, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Learn the basics of nature photography. Come find out what those settings on your camera do and how they affect your photos. Whether you're trying to show off a tiny mushroom or capture the mountains in the distance, your photos can show your love for the outdoors. Bring your DLSR, and we'll practice connecting to nature through photography. **Ages:** 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65731. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 24** **“Rewilding North America: A Vision for Conservation in the 21st Century”**
by **Dave Foreman (Naturalists’ Book Club)**, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In *Rewilding North America*, Dave Foreman takes on arguably the biggest ecological threat of our time: the global extinction crisis. He not only explains the problem in clear and powerful terms, but also offers a bold, hopeful, scientifically credible and practically achievable solution. Sometimes dubbed “the *Sand County Almanac* for the current generation,” *Rewilding North America* offers both a vision and a strategy for reconnecting, restoring and rewilding the North American Continent. It serves as a guidebook for anyone concerned with the future of life on Earth. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 27** **Kelsey Creek Farm Gardening**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Pick from a variety of seeds, plant one to take home and watch it grow just like the gardens on the farm. Walk around the farm and see the plants that grow here at Kelsey Creek Farm. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations suggested to help support the farm - \$1/person or \$5 per family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- June 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Wolves – A Legend Returns to Yellowstone,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
After decades of absence from America’s first National Park, gray wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone in the 1990s. The return brought excitement but also controversy. Running time is approximately 55 minutes. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or msec@bellevuewa.gov.
- June 30** **“Wolves in Washington” (Hot Topic Series)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you heard? Gray wolves have returned to Washington nearly 70 after they were extirpated from the state! Should we be excited or nervous? Where are they coming from? Where are they traveling to? What is the State doing to prepare for their presence? Explore and inquire about wolves in Washington State. Learn where you can find more resources on this important topic. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66204. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 4** **Symetra Bellevue Family 4th**, 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate the 4th of July at Bellevue Downtown Park, enjoying the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the main stage, formal presentation of the colors, and a C-17 Globemaster III flyover. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. Admission is free, and activities begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices vary for the Family Fun Zone inflatables, bungee trampoline, candy art, face art and other activities. International food court prices vary. Roving entertainers, mascots, live music and community spotlight booths are free. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** No entrance fee; food and activity prices vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- July 4** **Volunteer for Symetra Bellevue Family 4th**, 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
We are looking for energetic, fun people to help with a multitude of tasks at the Bellevue Family 4th celebration. Credit is available for school-required volunteer hours. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on their feet in all types of weather. 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:** 16+. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required; no day of event registrations. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- July 6** **Secret Place (children's activity)**, 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hardly anyone knows about the secret place along the river that runs dark and shallow in its concrete bed. But if you can find the secret place, there may be ducklings and other wild friends to discover. We will make birdie clip ornaments to take home. **Ages:** Ages 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 per person. Parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65718 or 66448. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 8** **"Monkey Business" (children's movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
An all-star jungle cast from baby chimps to orangutans, and baboons to high-flying monkeys play and swing from the trees. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** Ages 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 10** **Bastille Day Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sounds of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- July 10** **Brand Yourself for Success – Preparing for Graduation and More**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
You will learn how to make a positive and lasting impression, listen effectively, dress to succeed, set goals, manage your time, and gain tips on interviewing. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** \$75/residents and \$90/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106; or visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com .
- July 11** **Rabbit Tales**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Teen farm volunteers and staff will introduce you to the world of domestic rabbits. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they like to be touched, listen to a story about bunnies, and do a craft project. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 12** **“Wetland Mammals” (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The wetland habitats of the Mercer Slough are home to a variety of mammals. Just minutes from downtown Bellevue are some of the most interesting creatures in King County. Learn about beavers, otters, muskrats and the other mammals that help make the Slough such a special place. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 14** **“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 such as 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 underwater world? **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66104. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 15** **“Who Is Our Backyard Wildlife?” (ranger program), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
From buzzing bees and hummingbirds, masked bandits and climbing squirrels, who is our backyard wildlife? What are they doing in your yard? Learn how you can identify similar species, and who makes tunnels and burrows and mounds.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- July 15** **“Hunters and Hunted” (movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Mammals have adopted diverse strategies to hunt their prey and evade predators. This program shows how a sure-footed ibex kid escapes a hunting fox, the fishing behavior of greater bulldog bats in Belize and brown bears at an Alaskan river mouth – the latter awaiting the return of spawning salmon. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 18** **Wool and Ewe, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
The farm staff will introduce you to our resident sheep. Learn things about sheep and experience the feel of real wool. Make a wooly craft to take home. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations (\$1/person or \$5/family) are suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 19** **Starlight Circus Show, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
The “Zaniac” reaches into his dreams to present a show that inspires kids to READ! Vegetables are sliced in half by flying playing cards, surprises are pulled out of a bottomless suitcase, and feats of juggling and balance will keep you awake past your bedtime. This children’s event that will be held in the park, on the grass area outside the Robinswood Barn. This show is presented by Alex Zerbe (Professional “Zaniac”) and Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 20** **“Green Hour” (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66107. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the 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. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/> or 425-450-1049.
- July 21** **We Scream for Ice Cream**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Stay COOL this summer enjoying the wonderful world of ice cream. Spend a fun-filled morning creating art projects, making ice cream and decorating cookies. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106
- July 22** **“Your Plants” (Know Your Yard)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Without plants, nothing else in the world would exist. Come learn about plant ecology and which plants are best for your property. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66102. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 22** **“Coyotes and Wolves” (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that there are at least 50,000 coyotes that roam Washington State? Urban coyote problems are growing, with the first recorded attack on a human in Washington in 2006 in Bellevue (coyotes had been deliberately fed by people). Also, wolves are making a comeback in Washington! Learn about coyote and wolf identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts if you encounter a coyote or a wolf. **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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- July 26** **Rocking, Reading and Dreaming**, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 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. The Not-It's performance will be to a rockin' tempo as they bounce around with fun, danceable music, movement and audience participation. **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.
- July 27-29** **Zany Worm Booth**, 9:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE
The Zany Worm Booth at Kidsfair is sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and offers kids the opportunity to do hands-on garden activities. The fun begins with learning about and experiencing earthworms. Kids are challenged with Worm Trivia and information on these amazing garden creatures. Earthworm stamps and coloring worm cards to take home make this a memorable event. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! This event is part of Kidsfair in the Bellevue Arts Fair. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-451-3755, or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org.
- July 27** **Local Area Hikes – “Fabulous Forests” in Weowna Park**, 10 a.m. to noon.
Meeting place – 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Meeting place:** 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street. Limited parking; please carpool. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 27** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Frogs – The Thin Green Line” (ranger program)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue Se
Amphibians are in trouble worldwide. From Australia to North America, a mass extinction event is currently underway. Explore the problem and see what scientists are doing about it. Running time is approximately 60 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 27** **Bat Detectors**, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Discover bats and the important role they play in nature and the food chain. Afterwards we will walk the grounds with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Six years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations (\$1/person or \$5/family) are suggested to help support Northwest Bats (non-profit). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 29** **“In Defense of Food” by Michael Pollan (Naturalists’ Book Club)**, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Michael Pollan’s book, *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*, launched a national conversation about the American way of eating. Now, *In Defense of Food* shows us how to change it, one meal at a time. Pollan proposes a new answer to the question of what we should eat that comes down to seven simple but liberating words: “Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.” **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 1** **Exceptional Dancers Workshop**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Emerald Ballet Theatre offers children with special needs (physical or developmental) an opportunity to explore movement and music in a joyful and nurturing environment. **Ages:** 7 to 12 years. **Cost:** \$45/residents and \$55/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com .
- Aug 1** **Incredible Inflatables**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, International Plaza, 16000 NE 10th Street
If you are looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories, then you found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** Family event; kids over three years are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 3** **Dream a Dream Concert**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Caspar Babypants will sing songs about bedtime, sleep time and dream time mixed with traditional folk songs, nursery rhymes and original music. Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, present this musical performance. **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 3** **A Log's Life (children's activity)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One stormy day, a strong wind rages through the forest, causing an old oak tree to bend and sway and crash to the ground. Learn about the life cycle of a tree when a new oak grows from the fallen-down log. We will map out the oak tree's life cycle to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65719 or 66449. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 4** **Music in the Garden**, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Pack a picnic dinner and a blanket to spread on the lawn for a special night of beautiful music in the Garden. No alcoholic beverage and no pets, please. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-451-3755 .
- Aug 5** **“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:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 8** **Incredible Inflatables**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, International Plaza, 16000 NE 10th Street
If you are looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories, then you found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** Family event; kids over three years are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 9-12** **“Alice in Wonderland” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
August 9, 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; August 11 and 12 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Enjoy family theatre this summer with the classic tale. This delightful journey includes all of your favorites from the White Rabbit to the Mad Hatter. This production includes actors of all ages and is suitable for the whole family. This show will have two casts. **Ages:** This show is rated G. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 beginning August 4. **To purchase tickets:** 425-452-7155. **Info:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.
- Aug 10** **“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 such as 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 underwater world? **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66105. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 11** **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. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 11** **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 Gentlemen #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 12** **“Creatures of the Deep” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Marine invertebrates, the descendants of one billion years of evolutionary history, are the most abundant creatures in the ocean. Watch packs of Humboldt squid make nighttime raids from the deep to cooperatively hunt sardines. See fried egg jellyfish, giant cuttlefish, Giant Pacific octopus and more! Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 14** **Celebrate Summer Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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Aug 15 **Incredible Inflatables**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, International Plaza, 16000 NE 10th Street
If you are looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories, then you found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** Family event; kids over three years are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Aug 15 **Cream to Butter**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Have you ever made butter? Where does cream come from? Come discover answers to these and other questions. Explore activities common to a dairy farm in the early 1900s. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations are suggested to help support the farm - \$1/person or \$5/family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 16 **“Beginning Dendrology” (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Some pretty amazing trees grow within Bellevue’s city limits! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an introduction to the trees of the area. A ranger will be available following the presentation for a guided walk through the Slough to see the trees up close. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #65498. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov.

Aug 16 **A Night in the Life Concert**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Recess Monkey will soar through the sky! Meet a ukulele-playing space alien and dive deep into a black hole to discover oddities and lesser-known monsters on an epic musical adventure. Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, present this musical performance. **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.

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- Aug 17** **“Green Hour” (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66108. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 18** **Local Area Hikes – “Local Wildlife” in Lewis Creek Park**, 10 a.m. to noon.
Meeting place – Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Meeting place:** Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 18** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the 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. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Aug 18-19** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-452-2750.
- Aug 19** **“Wetland Wildlife” (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15415 SE 16th Street
Who lives in the wetland? There are many different wildlife species that are specially adapted to thrive in the wetland environment. Join a park ranger to see who lives here, and discover their wild wetland adaptations. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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- Aug 19** **“Your Animals” (Know Your Yard)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What backyard habitat have you created? What wildlife can you expect to see in your yard, and how do you mitigate impacts against our furry and feathered neighbors? **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66103. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 22** **End of Summer Picnic**, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us for this end of the summer picnic. Lunch will be served. Try the “Cupcake Walk,” play croquet, make crafts and win some great bingo prizes! This event is always a lot of fun. We’ll eat indoors; some activities will take place outdoors. Co-sponsored by Spiritwood. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required by August 13. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Aug 25** **Pirate’s Life for Me**, 10 a.m. - Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
A pirate’s life for me! Join us for a whale of a time learning about pirates. Hunt for treasure, play games, do art, sing songs and make a treat to eat and enjoy! **Ages:** 3 to 6 years. **Cost:** \$30/residents and \$38/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 25-26** **Art in the Garden**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by 25 outstanding Northwest artists will grace the gardens, each in its own private space. From the serious and simplistic to the whimsical and elaborate, exhibits will include works in metal, wood, blown and fused glass, bronze and other outdoor-appropriate materials. **Cost:** Free and open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.
- Aug 26** **“Raccoons” (Living with Wildlife)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Urban raccoon populations can get quite large, owing to hunting and trapping restrictions, few predators and human-supplied food. Learn how to prevent conflicts with these crafty urban neighbors. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65713. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 26** **“Stickeen” by John Muir (Naturalists’ Book Club), 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Scottish-born American naturalist and writer, Muir devoted much of his life to saving the natural beauties of the West from destruction by commercial exploitation. *Stickeen* details the Alaskan adventures of Muir and his adopted four-legged companion. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 31** **Movies at Mercer Slough - “Beavers – The Biggest Dam Movies You Ever Saw,” 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn about the world of beavers, from their perspective! Watch beavers grow, play and transform their world. Running time is approximately 70 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov.

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- Feb-Sept** **Garden d’Lights Classes**, offered monthly at various times
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn to make beautiful flower light creations that will actually become part of the display at the yearly Garden d’Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.
Ages: Adults. **For more info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, fees, times and dates.
- April-Oct** **Docent-led Tour**, every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.
May-Sept **Plant ID Tours**, 1 p.m. on May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Cost:** Free! **For more info:** 425-451-3755 or 425-452-2750.
- April 28 – July 8** **“Wolves in Washington State” (traveling exhibit)**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE
Wolves, once hunted to near extinction, are making a comeback in Washington State. Understanding how to coexist with wolves is crucial to their survival. A complex story, “Wolves in Washington State” examines wolf habitat and land development issues as well as highlights the critical role wolves play in promoting a healthy ecosystem. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 and older. **Cost:** Free!
Info: 425-452-4195.
- May** **Babies in the Barnyard**, times and dates vary.
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 your visit in the garden, planting pumpkin seeds. Available in May only. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies, depending upon the number in your group. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- May-Aug** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes**, first Saturdays – May 5, June 2, July 7 and August 4, 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.

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- May-Sept** **Canoe the Mercer Slough**, Saturdays and Sundays, 8:45 a.m. – Noon (no trips on August 4 and 5)
Launch at Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE
Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. After launching at Enatai Beach Park, we'll travel up the Mercer Slough, exploring the ecology and history of the area as we go. Please dress for the weather. Waiver form required for participation. Each canoe must have one experienced paddler. **Ages:** Family event; children must be at least 5 years old and accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$14/residents and \$16/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June & Sept** **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**, times vary
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. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .
- July-Aug** **FREE Indoor Cycling Summer Series**, Wednesdays, 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Catch an early morning or evening ride to start or end your day with a free, fun, all-levels ride. Morning rides begin Wednesday, July 11 and go through Wednesday, August 22. Evening rides begin Wednesday, July 18 and go through Wednesday, August 22. This is a great time to join others trying something new while burning up 600+ calories. Class is limited to 15 riders, so call SBCC to reserve a bike. **Ages:** 13+. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To reserve a bike:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** Email jperugini@bellevuewa.gov .

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every 1st Monday each month

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

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

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

Every Monday

2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Monday

2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

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

Last Monday each month

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

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

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

Every Tuesday

21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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

Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month

Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

4th Tuesday each month

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

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

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

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

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

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st Thursday each month

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

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-112

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

Every Saturday

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

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

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

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

NOTE: No walk on January 1, 2012 or April 21, 2012.

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.

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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.

