

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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SEPTEMBER 2012

- Sept 6** **Garden Stepping Stone Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Add to the beauty of your garden with a special poured stepping stone to line a pathway. Class includes one stepping stone and all the supplies. If there is something more you would like to add, feel free to bring it. Accommodations provided for adults with disabilities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$35/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 7** **“The Tree” by Dana Lyons (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
This powerful song of an ancient Douglas fir celebrates the age-old cycle of life in the Pacific Rain Forest, revealing the interconnectedness of all things. We will make a tree that changes colors with the seasons 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 #66819 or #66820. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 11 & 13** **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This is for your horse-crazy little one. Children will learn pony safety, grooming, and basic parts of a pony, and will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs, rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.
- Sept 11** **Back to School Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Sept 14** **Bird Nests (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The breeding season is wrapping up, but come see some of the fascinating nests that Mercer Slough’s birds built this season. We’ll talk about what nests are, what they do and how you can help birds right here in Bellevue! Join us after the program for a game of nest hide-and-seek. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Sept 15** **Annual Lake-to-Lake Walk**, shuttles will run from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue WA SE
Join the Northwest Striders and the Bellevue Parks Department to hike one of the nation's most spectacular greenway trails. Participants of the 17K walk will be shuttled from the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm to the start of the Lake-to-Lake Trail. Please register at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm the morning of the event. There is also a shorter 6K route for those who prefer a shorter walk. The 17K Lake-to-Lake Trail route is not suitable for strollers or small children. No dogs. **Cost:** Free to the public and \$3 per person for Volkssport members. **Pre-registration:** Not available. 17K participants must register the morning of the event, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm. 6K registration is open until noon. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 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 settle 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 – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.
- Sept 15** **Nature Bingo (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the elements that make up the natural world while you race to yell "Nature Bingo!" first! **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66828. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 16** **"Plants" (nature movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Written and narrated by esteemed naturalist David Attenborough, experience the stand-out BBC nature documentary series, LIFE. In this movie, plants endure a daily struggle for water, nutrients and light. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for age 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 16** **5th Annual Cycle the Wave Bike Ride for a Great Cause,**
Start times begin at 7 a.m., based on distance chosen
Start from Issaquah High School, 700 2nd Avenue SE, Issaquah
Cycle the Wave is an all-women, non-competitive bicycle ride through Bellevue and adjacent cities. The ride will bond women together through fitness and the desire to make a difference in the community by supporting domestic violence programs. The ride begins and ends at Issaquah High School. Choice of distance – 12, 25, 42 or 62 miles. Cycle the Wave loves its riders and will pamper you with delicious food, mechanical support, girly gift bags and fun finish line festivities. This event is co-sponsored by the South Bellevue Community Center. All proceeds fund domestic violence programs. **Ages:** Riders under 16 must ride with an adult. **Cost:** \$75 before September 12; \$85 on day of ride. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.cyclethewave.org.
- Sept 19** **Falls Prevention Awareness Fair, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Do you or someone you know want to live independently as you age? Learn how to avoid the hazards and risks of falls and fires in your home. This fair will provide you with information to reduce those risks, including screenings, giveaways and tools from the experts on home safety, physical activity, medications and vision. Join us for this wonderful event in conjunction with Falls Prevention Awareness Day. **Ages:** Appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Sept 19** **Bellevue Youth Link Program Open House, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Youth Link is a premiere youth leadership and community service program in the City of Bellevue with over 22 years of experience. Come learn about our exciting program, which includes the Bellevue Youth Link Board, Bellevue Youth Council, Teen Closet, Bellevue Youth Court, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, Youth Link Marketing Team, and other projects and special events for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Youth Link members and staff will be present to answer your questions. **Ages:** Appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** palina@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5254.
- Sept 22** **Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
Start and finish at Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
This non-competitive, recreational, adventure ride consists of loops that travel through many of Bellevue's parks and bikeways on pavement, some gravel trails and dirt. **Ages:** Recommended for 8 years and older. **Cost:** Entry fees are \$15/adult, \$10/ages 17 and under, and \$30/family up to three people residing at same address. **Pre-registration:** Highly recommended; space is limited. All participants must sign-in/register on event day. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #67033. **Info:** Ted Mittelstaedt at tmittelstaedt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.

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- Sept 22** **Grand Re-Opening**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for the grand re-opening of the Bellevue Aquatic Center (after being closed for annual maintenance). Events include free therapy/rehab (8 a.m. – 9 a.m.), free lap swim (8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.), free deepwater exercise class (10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., conducted by Aquarobics), free shallow water Aquarobics class (11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.), free water motion class (11:30 a.m. – noon, conducted by Aquarobics), free swim in both pools (noon – 2 p.m.). Enter the free raffles in the lobby (noon to 2 p.m.). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4444.
- Sept 23** **Tremendous Trees (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
These beautiful, gentle plants are as diverse and interesting as humans. Come learn about the ancient intelligence of trees: why do trees have bark? Why are their leaves green? How do you tell them apart? Join us for fun and games while learning about our tree neighbors! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Sept 23** **Guest Lecture Series: “Kokanee and You,”** 11 a.m. to Noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Lake Sammamish is home to a small population of Kokanee Salmon that is fighting for its life. Join a representative of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Workgroup to learn about Kokanee, what is being done to conserve them and how citizens can get involved in their own neighborhoods. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #66981. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 23** **“Fuzzy Wuzzy Bears” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Looking for food and looking for trouble out in bear country. See grizzly bears, polar bears, black bears and more – even giant pandas and raccoons, too. All fuzzy and fun! 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.
- Sept 25 & 27** **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This is for your horse-crazy little one. Children will learn pony safety, grooming, and basic parts of a pony, and will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs, rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

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- Sept 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth – Fresh Water,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Follow rivers as they course from mountains to the sea, nourishing unique and dramatic wildlife. From the world’s deepest lake inhabited by the only species of freshwater seal, to a stunning look at the world’s highest waterfall, “Fresh Water” offers a unique perspective on the secret lives teeming in our purest waters. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 29** **Creatures of the Night,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Creepy crawlies, hairy scaries, spiders, bats and owls – join us for a fun, fact-filled morning learning about fall’s fabulous fellows through art, music and dance! **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 30** **“What are People For?” by Wendell Berry (Naturalists’ Book Club),**
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wendell Berry identifies himself as both “a farmer of sorts and an artist of sorts,” which he deftly illustrates in the scope of these 22 essays. Ranging from America’s insatiable consumerism and household economies to literary subjects and America’s attitude toward waste, Berry gracefully navigates from one topic to the next. He speaks candidly about the ills plaguing America and the growing gap between people and the land. Despite the somber nature of these essays, Berry’s voice and prose provide an underlying sense of faith and hope. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195

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OCTOBER 2012

- Oct 5** **“When the Wind Stops” by Charlotte Zolotow (children’s activity),**
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where does the wind go when it stops? It does not stop – it blows away to make the trees dance somewhere else. We will make a wind sock 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 #66821 or #66822. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 5** **Guest Lecture Series: “Salmon in the City,”** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Find out what’s fishy in Bellevue with Stream Team Program Administrator, Laurie Devereaux. She’ll tell you which salmon use Bellevue’s streams and the best times and places to see them. Learn about the salmon life cycle, their habitat, and how you can help. Don’t miss this chance to learn about salmon in our city! **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #66982. **Info:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 6** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch,** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of 2,000 hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by the artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home or just come and see the beautiful, hand-crafted art. Rain or shine! **Ages:** All ages; children must be supervised by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; prices for pumpkins range from \$35 to \$200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 6** **Bird Identification for Families (family activity),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered which bird species live in our area? Join Eastside Audubon for a program on how to identify birds. There will be a free optional bird feeder craft project following the program. **Ages:** Best for families with children ages 5-13. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #66986. **Info:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 6** **Autumn Leaves Dance**, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 9** **Celebrate Autumn Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 13** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Fair Special Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at this Kelsey Creek Farm special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. **Ages:** 14-18 years old. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 13** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities such as live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids’ crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, pony rides, and barnyard animals. No pets please. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for activities. Sorry, no ATM will be on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 13** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 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 settle life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This event is part of the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.

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- Oct 13** **Nature Bingo (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the elements that make up the natural world while you race to yell “Nature Bingo!” first. **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66829. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 14** **“Primates” (nature movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Written and narrated by esteemed naturalist David Attenborough, experience the stand-out BBC nature documentary series “LIFE.” Intelligence, curiosity and complex societies have enabled primates to exploit many different habitats. 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.
- Oct 14, 21** **Fish Ladder Fun**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Fish Ladder, 118th Avenue SE, just south of SE 8th Street. Park at the office park and meet at the blue sign for the ladder.
Salmon are running this time of year, so take the opportunity to learn something new about them! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an informal, question-and-answer session at the fish ladder. We may just see some salmon on their journey upstream. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 19** **Owl Prowl (family activity)**, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come in and learn about the mysterious animal called the owl. Then take a night hike with the park rangers and listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, as well as sturdy shoes! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$3. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66827. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 19** **Zumba Halloween Party**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for a fun-filled, hip-shaking Halloween party with music, dancing, costumes, refreshments and prizes! So much fun you won’t even know you’re exercising! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 19-20** **Haunted Miniature Golf**, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
It’s SpookFest at SBCC! Miniature golf is fun, but playing it with glowing golf balls in a dark haunted house is even better! **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 20** **SpookFest Pancake Breakfast and More**, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Halloween pancakes served hot off of the griddle are a great start to this fun day. After pancakes, Kimmie the Witch will be here for a special performance just for the littlest ones, and Halloween miniature golf is open for older kids and families. **Ages:** 2 years and older; family event. **Cost:** \$5 per person; children under 2 are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20** **Fungus Among Us (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ever wonder about these sometimes delicious, other times dangerous decomposers? These amazing living things are necessary for the survival of everything from the smallest flower to the largest animal. Come learn about the importance of fungi to our forests and to us! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Oct 20** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race**, 10 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Think Pinewood Derby – with a twist! Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in our Second Annual Pumpkin Race. When you register, you'll receive basic directions on preparing your pumpkin for race day, plus an entrance application. Wheels are available for a \$15 materials fee. Heats are set depending on pumpkin weight. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to register. **Ages:** 6 years and older; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20-21** **Drop-in Halloween Miniature Golf**, Saturday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your family and have fun playing nine holes of miniature golf with a Halloween theme. Parents are required to attend with children under 12 years old. **Ages:** 5 years and older; family event. **Cost:** \$3 for residents; \$4 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 21** **“Mom of a Croc” (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.

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- Oct 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth - Caves,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Descend into a habitat not directly driven by sunlight and discover some of the most peculiar creatures on Earth. From Borneo’s Deer Cave where five million bats roost to cave swiftlets that build nests out of saliva, “Caves” digs deep into an underground world where few people have ventured. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 26-Nov 4** **“Zombies” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
October 26, 27, November 2 & 3 at 7 p.m.; October 28, November 3 & 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way, Bellevue
This is BYT’s annual Halloween show and is suitable for the whole family. It will bring a new look at zombies with this original script by last year’s author of *Frankenstein*. Enjoy this new look at the zombie phenomenon. **Ages:** This show is rated PG. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after October 19. **Info and to purchase tickets:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.
- Oct 27** **Pumpkin Pals,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 28** **“Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom for the Urban Wilderness” by Lyanda Haupt**
(Naturalists’ Book Club), 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are more crows now than ever. Their abundance is both an indicator of ecological imbalance and a generous opportunity to connect with the animal world. *Crow Planet* reminds us that we do not need to head to faraway places to encounter “nature.” Rather, even in the suburbs and cities where we live, we are surrounded by wildlife such as crows, and through observing them we can enhance our appreciation of the world’s natural order. *Crow Planet* richly weaves Haupt’s own “crow stories” as well as scientific and scholarly research and the history and mythology of crows, culminating in a book that is sure to make readers see the world around them in a very different way. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Halloween Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Enjoy a delicious lunch and wear your best costume. There will be a costume contest with prizes! Lunch is co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation fo \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 21. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

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- Nov 2** **“All the Places to Love” by Patricia MacLachlan (children’s activity – story time)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A moving homage to the American farm, this book recreates all the glory and sweet simplicity of one family’s connection to the land. We will make a family tree to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66823 or #66824. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 2** **Mercer’s Minnows (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that a few times each spring, hundreds of foot-long minnows travel up the Mercer Slough on their way to their spawning beds in Kelsey Creek? Come learn more about their fascinating journey and watersheds in general. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 2** **Puget Prairies (Adult Enrichment Program)**, noon - 12:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although Washington is known as the “Evergreen State,” native prairies were once common in western Washington. Learn about prairie ecology, natural history and where we can go to enjoy prairies in our region. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen I**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This hands-on and FUN workshop teaches basic manners, personal care, phone etiquette and more. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen II**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen I will teach your child how to be a gracious guest or host, meeting and greeting, polite conversation, basic table manners and more. Cake will be served in this class. It is not necessary to take Young Ladies and Gentlemen I to enroll in this class. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 9-18** **“Snow White” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; November 11, 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This famous story by the Brothers Grimm is re-imagined with elements of music. Enjoy a tale of the beautiful ousted princess and her seven charming little friends in the search for a happily ever after. This show will entertain and is suitable for the entire family. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 2. **Info and to purchase tickets:**
<http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.
- Nov 11** **“March of the Penguins” (movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Every year, thousands of emperor penguins make an astonishing journey to breed their young. They walk, marching day and night in single file 70 miles into the darkest, driest and coldest continent on Earth. Running time is 80 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 13** **Veterans’ Day Dance, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 14** **Thanksgiving Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 17** **Animal Art (Art in Nature program), 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Draw and sketch different Pacific Northwest species from a collection of wildlife mounts! There is no other way to capture the magnificence of these creatures so close up and so still. Mounts, newsprint, charcoal pencils and drawing boards will be provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66837. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 18** **“Penguins on Parade” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Emperor penguins, rock hoppers, road runners and ostriches are all birds that can’t fly no matter how hard they try. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 22** **FREE Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Class**, 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast while also supporting the LiveWire Eastside Domestic Violence Program with a donation. Ask for the list of needed donation items when you call to reserve a bike. Bring water and a towel. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE; suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required to reserve a bike. **Info and to register:** Joan at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 22** **Fit for the Feast 2012**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay when you arrive. **Info:** Scott Armstrong at sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.
- Nov 23** **Youth Appreciation and Safety Day 2012**, noon to 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts will be given to the first 50 children ages 12 years and under who come through our front door. Event features free open swim for children (12 and under), life jacket demonstration, active victim rescue demonstration, spinal victim rescue demonstration, water safety coloring books, candy and water safety bookmarks. Raffles will be held throughout the event. **Cost:** Free for 12 and under; \$6.25 for 13 and older. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and younger. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay when you arrive. **Info:** 425-452-4444.
- Nov 23-25** **“Annie” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**,
November 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.; November 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This is the classic Broadway musical with dancing, singing and those classic songs like "Tomorrow," "Maybe" and "Hard Knock Life." BYT's production of "Annie" is part of the Bellevue Downtown Association's Magic Season. Come enjoy some downtown Bellevue shopping and cap off your trip with this delightful musical. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 16. **Info and to purchase tickets:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.

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- Nov 24** **Great Migrations (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
A hummingbird that flies from Alaska to Mexico? Cliff swallows visiting from South America? All over the world, you can find animals that make unbelievably lengthy journeys every year, hundreds or even thousands of miles away, to find food, raise their young or just stay warm! Join a Ranger to hear tales of the harrowing adventures these amazing animals have on their travels through the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 24-Dec 31** **Garden d’Lights**, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Garden d’Lights features over a half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Tickets are available beginning October 15. Please visit www.gardendlights.org/ to (1) purchase your ticket (admission is \$5 per person; children 10 and under are free); (2) find out how to visit the show for FREE; (3) get updated parking information and directions to the Garden. **Info:** www.gardendlights.org/ or Garden d’Lights information line – 425-452-6844.
- Nov 27-Dec 1** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. all days except December 1 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It’s not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 360-668-1987.
- Nov 30-Dec 9** **“Clara and the Nutcracker” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**, November 30, December 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.; December 2, 8 and 9 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way
Before the famous ballet, there was the book. This is the story behind *Nutcracker*, and it comes to the stage for a delightful experience for the entire family. Come and make this part of your holiday celebration. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 23. **Info and to purchase tickets:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.

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Nov 30 **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth - Great Plains”**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Trek to one of Earth’s largest land habitats, where vast open spaces play host to the biggest groups of animals in the world. From the 2,000-mile migration undertaken by three million caribou in the Arctic Tundra, to a pride of 30 starving lions hunting elephants, “Great Plains” reveals the most impressive migrations and the boldest hunts on the planet. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 24-Dec 31** **Garden d’Lights**, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
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- Dec 1** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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- Dec 2** **“Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot with an Arctic Herd” by Karsten Heuer (Naturalists’ Book Club)**, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
For eons, female members of the Porcupine caribou herd have made the 2,800-mile journey from their winter feeding grounds to their summer calving grounds. They once roamed borderless wilderness; now they trek from Canada, where they’re protected, to the United State, where they are not. What’s more, beneath the calving grounds lay vast reserves of oil. Determined to convey both the enormity of the caribous’ migration and the delicacy of their habitat, Heuer and his wife spent their honeymoon following the herd. Both a rousing adventure story and a sober ecological meditation, *Being Caribou* vividly conveys this magnificent animal’s world. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 7** **“Voices of the Wild” by Johnathan London (children’s activity – Story Time)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the silence of a northern summer sunrise, a man kayaks down a winding river, past Bear, Lynx, Turtle and other animals. Each watches with caution and curiosity as he paddles quietly past. We will make deer/reindeer antlers to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66825 or course #66826. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make mini-gingerbread houses, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Enjoy merry-making to welcome the holiday season! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. Additional child cost is \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 8** **The Ecological Home**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although most of us didn’t build or buy a “green home,” there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center – a Gold-Certified LEED facility. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Dec 11** **Celebrate Snow Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 12** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 12** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 8:20 – 8:40 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd. SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 16** **“Christmas in Yellowstone” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Celebrate the beauty and wonders of the season in one of the most extraordinary places on Earth. Here are sights that only a fraction of Yellowstone’s almost three million visitors each year are privileged to see. This mesmerizing program captures winter in the wilderness in all of its splendor. Running time is 52 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 14** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 7:50 – 8:40 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 20 or 21** **Merry Christmas, Animal Friends**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
What does a pony or a rabbit want for Christmas? Come help Farmer Jayne create merry Christmas gifts and delicious treats for all our animal friends at the farm. Bring your imagination! **Ages:** 3-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30 non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Dec 23** **“Stranger in the Woods” (children’s story and movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Based on the award-winning children’s book by the same name, the winter storm has ended, and the entire forest is wearing a coat of glistening white. As the animals come out of their shelter at daybreak, they discover there is something, or someone, new in the forest. Running time is 23 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. Crafty snack making will follow! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth – Seasonal Forests,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Investigate these temperate regions and find some of the most elusive creatures and well-adapted plant life on Earth. From the giant sequoia tree ten times the size of a blue whale, to the trackless Siberian forests where just 40 Amur leopards remain, “Forests” brings to life a seemingly familiar world that remains largely unexplored. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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SEASONAL EVENTS

- April-Oct Docent-led Tour**, every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
These tours are open to the public, and no reservations are needed. **Cost:** Free!
For more info: 425-451-3755 or 425-452-2750.
- 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.
- 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 .
- Aug-Oct Garden d'Lights Work Parties**,
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
If you've completed the volunteer process and participated in one or more Garden d'Lights classes, you are invited to attend work parties as we prepare for our annual Garden d'Lights celebration at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Participants will help make and repair flowers and/or critters to be placed in the Garden this coming November and December. **For more information, contact the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society at www.bellevuebotanical.org .**
- Oct Pumpkin Patch Fun**, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Pick your pumpkin at Kelsey Creek Farm. Pumpkins are not on the vine but are located in a farm pasture for easy pickin'. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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Nov **Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days**, daily - times vary
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.

Dec & Jan **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. 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.

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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.

1st Saturday each month

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

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

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

Every Saturday

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

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

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