

Bellevue Parks & Community Services**Events List****(This list is a guide. Details may change.)****SEPTEMBER 2016**

- Sept 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Salmon Stream”**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Lewis Creek provides habitat for salmon, and they start running in the fall! Learn about the journey that salmon take at this time every year. We always make a fun craft to take home.
Ages: 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Required for children and adults. **To register:** or 425-452-6885, course 107835 or 107836. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 3** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 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.
- Sept 3-4** **Big Backyard Family Campout**, Saturday 6 p.m. to Sunday 9 a.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd NE
This event is perfect for first-time campers or experienced campers looking for a fun time with family and friends. This year we are camping at Newcastle Beach Park, so come join us for a night of camping out under the stars in the great outdoors! Dinner, breakfast, and campfire treats are included. Limited camping gear is available upon request. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. \$5 for children under 5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 106283. **Info:** Carrie Sabochik at csabochik@bellevuewa.gov.
- Sept 10** **Blueberry Festival**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Elementary School, 14310 SE 12th Street
Come enjoy this annual celebration of school, community services, and our local rich blueberry harvest. The back-to-school festivities provide an opportunity for local families to learn about Wrap-Around Services, a collaboration of the City, School District, United Way and East Bellevue Community Council to support youth and families. The event is co-sponsored by Wrap-Around Services in partnership with Lake Hills Neighborhood Association and Jubilee REACH Center. **Ages:** Families welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-5312.

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- Sept 11** **Lewis Creek Wilderness Tea Party**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you will make! Come learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on our selection of decaffeinated teas. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 years old. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4195, activity code 107844. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 14** **How Now, Brown Cow (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107564. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Sept 15** **Youth Link Open House**, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112, 450 110th Avenue NE
 This event will provide information on the 2016-2017 Youth Link program opportunities, including the Bellevue Youth Link Board, Bellevue Youth Council, Action Teams, and various special projects and event committees in which students can participate, get training, and receive community service hours for their participation. Interested students, parents, teachers, and staff are encouraged to attend this event. Returning Bellevue Youth Council members and Youth Link program staff will be present to help answer your questions. **Ages:** Youth and adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Patrick Alina at palina@bellevuewa.gov
- Sept 15** **All About Grasses**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Daniel Mount. The grasses, including sedges, rushes and true grasses, are one of the most carefree and long season groups of herbaceous ornamental plants. Dwarf to gigantic, shade-tolerant to sun-loving, evergreen or deciduous, the grasses are the stalwarts of the contemporary garden. In this class, you will learn how to lend color and texture to your garden, how to use grasses in combination with other plants, along with maintenance basics. You will come away with a renewed perspective and love for the versatile grasses. Class is limited to 40 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Sept 16** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4195, course 107846. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 17** **Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale**, 9 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Come to this fabulous fall fern sale and buy fronds and fiddleheads for your garden! Come browse the fantastic fern selection, and get all of your fern questions answered. New HFF t-shirts, hats and mugs will also be available for purchase. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Info:** <http://www.hardyferns.org/index.php>
- Sept 17** **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 now 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. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Sept 17** **Lewis Creek Wilderness Tea Party**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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- Sept 17** **Fabulous Fall Foliage**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to these questions and much more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 18** **Northwest Perennial Alliance (NPA) Annual Meeting and Lecture (open to the public)**, doors open at noon; lecture begins at 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This annual meeting and lecture are open to the public and to all ages. Doors open at noon for the plant and book sales. The lecture by Elizabeth Murphy, “Building Soil: A Down-to-Earth Approach,” begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** Free for NPA members; \$15 for non-members.
Info: <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>
- Sept 18** **Nature Films: Wild Kratts “Honey Seekers”**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 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:** Best for ages 3-7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 22** **Pruning Basics**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Alan Haywood. Pruning is all about decisions: how, what, when, and why to prune. Learn a basic systematic approach to pruning your landscape plants. We will discuss what you need to know before you start, how to make proper cuts, when the best time to prune is, and why proper cuts and timing matter. We will also talk about how to avoid the most common mistakes, and how to make your plant a better specimen instead of making more work for yourself. Class is limited to 30 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Sept 23** **Ducks, Our Web-Footed Friends**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Many ducks make their home in the Pacific Northwest all year round. As summer comes to an end, do you know how ducks prepare for winter? Learn about our web-footed friends, and how they live during the changing seasons. Also enjoy a duck craft! **Ages:** All ages welcome; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, activity code 107623. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Sept 24** **Master Gardener Fall Sale & Speakers, Cool Plants and Hot Topics**,
 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Celebrity garden speakers include Richie Steffen, Joan Helbacka, Susie Egan and Cass Turnbull. Find cool weather plants from Master Gardeners and local specialty nurseries. Enjoy all-day events open to all attendees. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.mgfk.org/events/fall-sale-speakers>
- Sept 24** **Fall's Fabulous Fellows**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Creepy, crawlies, hairy-scariest spiders, bats, and owls, OH MY! Join us for a fun, fact-filled morning learning about fall's fabulous fellows through art, music and games. Come join the fun! **Ages:** 2-5 years old; parent/child participation. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$27/non-residents. Each additional child is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107360. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 24** **Fabulous Fall Foliage**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to these questions and much more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Sept 27** **Bellevue Youth Court Open House**, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Council Chambers, 450 110th Avenue NE
 Bellevue Youth Court is a sentencing court and partners with the Diversion Program of King County Juvenile Court. Attorneys and King County Superior Court judges serve as mentors and trainers for participating students. Middle and high school age students volunteer to serve as jurors, court case advocates, clerks, bailiffs, and student judges. All participants are required to attend a general training on court procedures and learn the basics of the “Restorative Justice” model. This open house offers an opportunity for the general public to meet students already engaged in the program. **Ages:** Youth and adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Helena Stephens at hstephens@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2846.
- Sept 28** **Here Goat, Goat, Goat (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107565. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Sept 28** **Wrap-Around Service/Community Flu Clinic and Resource Fair**,
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
 This event is coordinated by the City of Bellevue’s Wrap-Around Services Program at Stevenson Elementary in collaboration with our longtime partner, Molina Healthcare of Washington. Over 30 organizations are invited to provide services and information about resources to the community. **Ages:** Everyone is welcomed. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez at cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov
- Sept 29** **Ferns for Tough Places and Beautiful Spaces**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Ferns are the queens of the shade garden, and rightly so. With such diversity and versatility, there is a fern for almost any situation. Join Richie Steffen, curator of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden and author of *The Plant Lover’s Guide to Ferns* (co-authored with Sue Olsen), to learn how best to use these beautiful plants. Richie will share fern-growing tips and techniques, and will show some of the best selections for our region, as well as those suitable for our most difficult gardening situations. Class is limited to 40 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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Enjoy the natural world as you fly along with some of the world’s most amazing birds. This awe-inspiring film takes you to 40 different countries on each of the seven continents to capture a wide variety of bird migrations. Together, the team of experts, cinematographers, and pilots are able to lead you on a rare journey to follow these birds from a variety of unique perspectives. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 1** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 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.
- Oct 1** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- Oct 1** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival. Event features include: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pick-a-pumpkin (already picked from the vine but in a farm pasture), animal encounters, inflatables and farm animals. No pets, please! Free shuttle service from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary by activity. No ATMs on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 1** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Fair Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 103363. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Water Dance”**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Water takes many forms and is seen all throughout the world. Come see water’s dance and hear its story. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 107837 or 107838. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 8** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of thousands of hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins. Pick your favorite to bring home, or just come and see the beautiful hand-crafted art. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; pumpkin prices range from \$35 to \$200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 8** **Fall Tasks in the Mixed Border**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn which perennials and grasses to cut back and which to leave in a hands-on demonstration from our expert, George Lasch, the NPA Border Supervisor. George will walk you through the NPA Border and show you the specifics of fall garden jobs, including cutting back, pruning, clean-up, and mulching. Class is limited to 14 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Oct 9** **Making the Cut: The Locks, the Lake and a Century of Change**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Eastside Heritage Center’s 2016 speaker series will feature programming related to the opening of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the lowering of Lake Washington, and the impact this had on the Eastside and surrounding areas. This program features David Williams, author of *Too High and Too Steep* and historian of the Seattle region. **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 11** **Bellevue Youth Court Training**, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Council Chambers, 450 110th Avenue NE
 This introductory training is for students and adults serving as “Attorney Mentors.” Specialized training for advocates and officers of the Court will be provided later in the school year. All Youth Court participants are required to serve as jurors as a prerequisite before taking on specialized roles. Attorneys, judges and trained court personnel will serve as trainers. The training is an excellent first step to be introduced to the youth court system, and students receive community service hours for attendance in any youth court activity.
Ages: Youth and adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Helena Stephens at hstephens@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2834.
- Oct 12** **Clucks and Eggs (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
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- Oct 13** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race WORKSHOP**, 7 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 New to pumpkin racing? Learn tips and tricks to building a fast pumpkin racer, and see past entries for creative decoration ideas. A resource handout will be provided at the end of the workshop. The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race will be held on October 22. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register each person attending the workshop. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240; course 108041. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 14** **Who’s That at Your Birdfeeder?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Bring your children and join a Bellevue Park Ranger to learn what kinds of birds live in your backyard. You can also make a pine cone birdfeeder to take home with your child. **Ages:** All ages welcome; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, activity code 107626. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- Oct 14-15** **SpookFest Zip Scare**, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Check-in at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, 28th and 29th. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 12 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 12 and 13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 12-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (12-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 15** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lakemont Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
 This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside the creek as we ascend and descend through the forest. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 15** **No “Bats” about It**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, and put your artistic skills to use to take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 16** **“Really Wild Animals – Swinging Safari” (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Come along on a wild African Safari and experience the amazing ways that animals like cheetahs, crocodiles, rhinos, and elephants survive. Running time is 44 minutes. **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 19** **The Emergent City: Transforming the Urban Experience with Dynamic Landscapes**, 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Patrick Cullina will speak about cities across the nation seeking to revitalize themselves through interventions that will make them greener, more vibrant, and more livable. Patrick is an award-winning horticulturist, landscape designer, lecturer, and photographer who maintains a New York-based design and consulting practice. He served as Vice President of Horticulture and Park Operations for New York City's High Line Botanical Garden, among many others. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay at the door. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
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- Oct 22** **Pee Wee Pumpkin Patch**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Spend a fun-filled morning designing a one-of-a-kind jack o'lantern! We'll also make pumpkin brownies. Art, music, and playing harvest games are just some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** 2-5 years old; parent/child participation. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$27/non-residents. Each additional child is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107358. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Oct 22** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race – featuring the Pumpkin Jump**, 10 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Bring your decorated pumpkin complete with wheels to compete in the Sixth Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race. Upon registration, you will receive an email with basic rules and instructions on how to prepare your pumpkin for race day. Individual, families, and groups are encouraged to register. (Spectators and helpers do not need to register.) Your pumpkin doesn't have to be the fastest to be crowned a winner. Test your pumpkin's ability to fly off of a ramp and jump the farthest or smash the hardest to take home a prize! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Encouraged. Please only register one person per Pumpkin Racer. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240; course 108040. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 22** **SpookFest Carnival**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Expect classic carnival games with a Halloween twist, food for the family, and entertainment for all to enjoy. Tickets can be purchased at the SBCC front desk on the day of the event at \$1/ticket for climbing wall, inflatables and games.
- **Decorated Pumpkin Contest** – 11 a.m. Bring your decorated pumpkin to the SpookFest Carnival at 11 a.m. Carnival go'ers will cast their votes between 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with the winner announced just before Xakary the Magician's performance. There are no rules or restrictions. May the best decorated pumpkin win!
 - **Xakary the Magician** – 3 p.m. Come see Xakary the Magician, as seen on America's Got Talent! Free!
- Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; some activities require tickets, which you can purchase at the front desk for \$1/ticket. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 22** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Are Our Bats in Danger?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 The first case of white-nose bat syndrome west of the Rockies was discovered on March 11, 2016 near North Bend, WA. Come learn about the history of the syndrome and how we can help the bats. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 22** **No "Bats" about It**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, and put your artistic skills to use to take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 22** **SpookFest Haunted Golf**, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 We will be waiting for you after dark to play a round of Haunted Golf. The 9-hole course will be decorated to scare, so dress the part yourself if you dare!
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** 5 tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the SBCC front desk for \$1/ticket. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 22** **SpookFest Dessert Theatre presents “Alice in Zombieland”**, 7 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 This year at the annual SpookFest Dessert Theatre, you will be captured by the story of “Alice in Zombieland.” You thought you knew the story, but we are here to share what really happened. Come enjoy a wonderful dessert and a great show!
Ages: 7 years and older. Children 7-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 20th. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 22** **SpookFest Night Watchman Tour**, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Take a 45-minute tour through the trails and dark sides of Eastgate Park. Our Night Watchman will meet you at dark to walk ahead of you, bearing a lantern and untold tales of ghosts and werewolves howling at the moon, spooky spirits haunting the souls of the living, and humans themselves committing horrific deeds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240; course 109355 for 7 p.m. tour; course 109356 for 8 p.m. tour. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 26** **Boo to You, the Un-Scary Halloween (Early Release Wednesday)**,
 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107567. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.

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- Oct 28-Nov 6** **“Merry Fairy Tales” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
 October 28, 29, November 4 and 5 at 7 p.m.;
 October 30, November 5 and 6 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 This original fun script offers an irreverent look at the traditional fairy tales. Classic characters from different fairy tales find themselves mixed up in this delightful story. It brings fun and happiness to the whole family. All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after October 21. Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 28** **“Fortress of the Bears” (Nature Film), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Sustained by an abundance of salmon streams in an isolated and protected environment, nearly 2,000 Alaskan brown bears call Admiralty Island home. Located in southeast Alaska, this area is known to support the largest brown bear population in the entire world. These bears are part of a unique circle of life that has played out for centuries. Unfortunately, due to global climate change, these bears are beginning to get a bitter taste of what the future may hold for them. Follow the struggle of one young mother attempting to raise three little cubs in this changing environment. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 28-29** **SpookFest Zip Scare, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Check-in at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, 28th and 29th. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 12 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 12 and 13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 12-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (12-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** <http://parksreg.cityofbellevue.org> or call 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 28** **Creatures of the Night**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Just as the sounds of wild creatures fill the forest during the day, the night time forest is also filled with activity. Come learn what amazing creatures come to life at the Lake Hills Greenbelt after dusk. Afterward, we will go on a Night Hike, listening for the sounds of creatures living in the dark. **Ages:** All ages welcome; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 107627. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Oct 28** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4195, course 107847. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 29** **Great Pumpkin Hunt!**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Gather your friends and family, and head down to the Northwest Arts Center for an evening of holiday fun! Kid carnival games, Halloween crafts, music, and the Great Pumpkin Hunt makes this an event you will not want to miss. The Pumpkin Hunt is for children 2 to 12 years old, with hunts staged by age groups. Ages 8-12 years will hunt pumpkins by flashlight. Children can visit prize central and turn in tickets collected in found pumpkins for exciting prizes and treats. We encourage kids to wear costumes; there will be prizes for the best costume! Admission fee gives you access to all carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and the Pumpkin Hunt. Food vendors will have food for purchase. **Ages:** 2 to 12 years old (and parents/grandparents). **Cost:** \$15 per child. Parents and grandparents are free. **Pre-registration:** Recommended; a limited number of tickets will be sold. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 108239. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Oct 29** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1**, 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. ***There is no child care available for the hour between classes. Please consider this if enrolling your child in both classes. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107267. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 29** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 2: Holiday Manners**, 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 Part 1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest at a holiday party. Being a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host are life-long skills. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, practice 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's not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in this class. If your child has an allergy that would prevent them from sharing a store-bought cake, please feel free to bring your own cake or other appropriate treat. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107266. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 2** **Pony Pets (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107568. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Nov 4** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Time to Hibernate!"** two sessions, choose one –
 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. During the cold winter months, many animals take a very long nap called "hibernation." Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 107839 or 107840. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 28-Nov 6** **"Merry Fairy Tales" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
 October 28, 29, November 4 and 5 at 7 p.m.;
 October 30, November 5 and 6 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 This original fun script offers an irreverent look at the traditional fairy tales. Classic characters from different fairy tales find themselves mixed up in this delightful story. It brings fun and happiness to the whole family. All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after October 21. Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 5** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 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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- Nov 9** **Little Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Let's celebrate Thanksgiving in our log cabin, built in 1888. Join Farmer Jayne on this no-school day as we dress up in pioneer clothing, churn butter, grind wheat, pump water and play just like *Laura in Little House in the Big Woods*. This is an adult/child class. **Ages:** 2-6 years old and adult caregiver. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107551. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Nov 10** **Little Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Let's celebrate Thanksgiving in our log cabin, built in 1888. Join Farmer Jayne on this no-school day as we dress up in pioneer clothing, churn butter, grind wheat, pump water and play just like *Laura in Little House in the Big Woods*. This is an adult/child class. **Ages:** 2-6 years old and adult caregiver. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107550. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Nov 11-20** **“Bye Bye Birdie” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
 November 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.;
 November 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Take a nostalgic romp back to 1960 with BYT's production of “Bye Bye Birdie.” The plot revolves around the rock and roll idol Conrad Birdie (think Elvis Presley) and the complications that arise when his agents stage a publicity stunt on the Ed Sullivan Show. Conrad will kiss one lucky girl before being drafted into the Army. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after November 4. Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 12** **Puppets Come Alive! (Workshop)**, 10 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Explore puppetry from around the world. Developing creativity, public speaking, and puppetry theater skills can help children gain confidence and improve their cultural knowledge. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$39/residents and \$47/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 107878. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 12** **I'm Lichen Your Style**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Ever notice that orange stuff all over the tree trunks? There are many types of lichen in Washington and right here in Lewis Creek Park. Where does it grow, and what is its purpose? Come learn the difference and lichen's relationship to the trees. Take a walk with a Ranger to see lichen living in Lewis Creek Park.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 12** **It's o'FISH'ally Salmon Spawning Season**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest but have been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 16** **Thankful for Our Animal Friends (Early Release Wednesday)**,
 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107569. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Nov 18** **Discover Autumn: Fall into Fall**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Why do trees lose their leaves in the fall? Why does it start to get cooler outside, and why do the days become shorter? Come learn more about the autumn season, and what brings about this great change to our world each year. This program will include a leaf print craft, so feel free to bring interesting leaves to share!
Ages: All ages welcome! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, activity code 107628. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- Nov 18** **“Salmon: Running the Gauntlet” (Nature Movie)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Salmon play a vital role in sustaining millions of miles of diverse ecosystems here in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, human interference, over-fishing and habitat loss have led to the drastic decline in their numbers. Their imminent disappearance will have lasting negative effects on the richness of our entire region. This film forces us to take a closer look at our conservation efforts. It will shed new light on how we are all connected and play a vital role in the overall health of these iconic creatures and the health of our ecosystems. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 19** **Mandarin-Language Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a Park Ranger and a Bellevue Master Naturalist for a Mandarin-language Ranger Hike. 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.
- Nov 19** **It’s o’FISH”ally Salmon Spawning Season**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest but have been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 20** **Nature Films: “Growing Up Wild – Fun Family Frolics”**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 See how baby animals spend the day with their families: eating, sleeping, playing and learning. Check out episode “Spouts Ahoy,” all about whale and dolphin friends! Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 24** **Fit for the Feast Masters’ Swim Workout**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
 Join us for this Masters’ swim workout. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$10 (includes a designer t-shirt). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.

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- Nov 25** **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
 Join us for water safety demonstrations. Free t-shirt for the first 50 children 12 years and under. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free swimming for ages 12 years and younger. \$7.00 for ages 13 years and older. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4444.
- Nov 25-Dec 4** **“How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
 November 25, 26, December 2 and 3 at 7 p.m.;
 November 27, December 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Come and share the magic and laughter of the holiday season as a group of misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. The whole family will enjoy this offbeat tale of Santa, who needs some big help from some little friends. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after November 18. Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 26** **Living with Wildlife – Deer Differences**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Deer are one of the most commonly-seen large mammals in our area. Come learn about the different deer species in Washington State and how to tell them apart. Then, get some tips on how to make sure they stay out of your garden! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 30 Nov 26** **Living with Wildlife – Deer Differences**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Deer are one of the most commonly-seen large mammals in our area. Come learn about the different deer species in Washington State and how to tell them apart. Then, get some tips on how to make sure they stay out of your garden! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Nov 30-Dec 3 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,

November 30, December 1 and 2 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

December 3 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. Items include: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for craft items. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**

<http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/> or 206-920-2957, or contact Northwest Arts Center at NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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November 30, December 1 and 2 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

December 3 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. Items include: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for craft items. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**

<http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/> or 206-920-2957, or contact Northwest Arts Center at NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 1**Christmas Ship Festival, 8:55 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.***Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE*

Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. We're providing the beach fire to keep you warm! Bring a flashlight for safety. Activities begin 30 minutes prior to the boats' arrival time.

Ages: All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 2**Where are the Wolves?, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.***Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street*

The Grey Wolf, once extinct from the Pacific Northwest, has returned, and this species is slowly growing in numbers. But are wolves dangerous to humans? Come hear some answers to this question and others you may have about the *canis lupis*, and learn what you can do to stay safe when traveling in wolf country. Have a howl of a time creating a wolf craft with your child at the end of the class!

Ages: All ages welcome! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:**

ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, activity code 107629.

Info: 425-452-6993.

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- Dec 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Who Lives in the Snow?”**, two sessions, choose one –
 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Lewis Creek provides habitat for salmon, and they start running in the fall! The woods are cold and quiet in the wintertime, though there are signs of life everywhere. Come look for clues to find who lives in the snow. We always make a fun craft to take home.
Ages: 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Required for children and adults. **To register:**
www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 107841 or 107842.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Nov 25-Dec 4** **“How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
 November 25, 26, December 2 and 3 at 7 p.m.;
 November 27, December 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Come and share the magic and laughter of the holiday season as a group of misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. The whole family will enjoy this offbeat tale of Santa, who needs some big help from some little friends. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after November 18. Group rates are available.
Info and to buy tickets: 425-452-7155.
- Dec 3** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 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.
- Dec 7** **Happy Holidays to My Favorite Animals (Early Release Wednesday)**,
 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107570. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.

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- Dec 9-18** **“A Christmas Carol” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
 December 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m.;
 December 11, 17, and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Come join the 25th anniversary celebration of this traditional retelling of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, BYT-style. We follow Ebenezer Scrooge as he is unwillingly taken through his past, present, and potential future. This ultimately uplifting tale has music and dance and will leave you ready for the holiday season. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after December 18. Group rates are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 9** **Hibernation Pajama Party, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the winter. Make sure to bring your PJ's and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for the winter! This is a parent/adult and child class. **Ages:** 5 years and older; adults and children must register. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 107849. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 10** **A Winter Wander, 10 a.m. - noon**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Come take a walk in Lewis Creek Park and explore the beauty of winter. Rain or shine, we will explore the mosses and lichens of the park, the deciduous and evergreen trees, and discuss wildlife preparations for the winter. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 10** **Creatures Below the Snow, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene. What lies beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter months while others thrive below the snow. Enjoy a story about these creatures' survival strategies and make a pine cone feeder for our resident birds toughing out the winter months. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Dec 14** **Happy Holidays to My Favorite Animals (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107571. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Dec 16** **A Warm Winter Home, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As the winter days become shorter and colder, many animals bundle up inside their little homes for protection. All sorts and sizes of animals build unique shelters to winter the cold season. Come learn about these animals, their homes, and what we can do to help them keep safe until the spring. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, activity code 107631. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Dec 17** **Creatures Below the Snow, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene. What lies beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter months while others thrive below the snow. Enjoy a story about these creatures' survival strategies and make a pine cone feeder for our resident birds toughing out the winter months. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 22** **Christmas Ship Festival, 8:35 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.**
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 90th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. We're providing the beach fire to keep you warm! Bring a flashlight for safety. Activities begin 30 minutes prior to the boats' arrival time. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Enjoy a rare opportunity to look closer into the life of a polar bear and her cub.

This film will take you across the vast wilderness of the Arctic for a breathtaking look at some of nature’s most fierce creatures. These arctic warriors fight for survival in what most would consider inhospitable conditions. For polar bears, the Arctic is their home where they can thrive. Narrated by David Attenborough.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.