

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services**

**Events List**

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**OCTOBER 2016**

- 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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- Oct 1**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 450 110<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hstephens@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2834.
- Oct 12**      **Clucks and Eggs (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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 107566. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-450-7688.
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. **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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>
- Oct 21-22**    **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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. **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 22**      **Pee Wee Pumpkin Patch**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
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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 20<sup>th</sup>. **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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

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- Oct 28**      **Creatures of the Night**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 29**      **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1**, 9 a.m. - noon  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Oct 29**      **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 2: Holiday Manners**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Join us as we churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Crafts, snack and active storytelling will round out our log cabin adventure. Children must be potty-trained. 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](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-450-7688.
- Nov 10**      **Little Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Join us as we churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Crafts, snack and active storytelling will round out our log cabin adventure. Children must be potty-trained. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 107550. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> 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, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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-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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Come join the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2.  
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:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 22**      **Christmas Ship Festival, 8:35 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.**  
*Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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**Dec 30**

**“The Arctic Warrior” (Nature Movie), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*

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](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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**YEAR-ROUND EVENTS**

**Kids on the Farm**

*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a woolly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

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

*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month**

**Reading with Rover**

*Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month**

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

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Council Chambers*

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or [hstephens@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:hstephens@bellevuewa.gov).

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Youth Link 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting**, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

Assist in planning our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov). Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule.

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#### **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Bellevue Youth Council Meeting**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

**Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) . Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Action Team Meetings**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) . Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule info.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month**

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

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

**Info:** 425-452-7681 or visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm).

#### **Every Thursday**

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

*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) . Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule info.

#### **1st Saturday each month**

**Lewis Creek Ranger Walk**, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

*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.

#### **Every Saturday**

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

*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*

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

**Info:** 425-452-7225.

## **Bellevue Parks & Community Services**

### **Events List**

**(This list is a guide. Details may change.)**

#### **Every Saturday**

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

*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

#### **Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

**Luncheon**, Noon

*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$6.00 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.