

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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AUGUST 2016

- Aug 2** **Nancy Stewart (Children’s Program)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a musical performance at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Join national award-winning children’s singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart for a fun-filled concert. Kids of all ages will enjoy the contagious sing-along fun that is part of every Nancy Stewart show! **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 3** **Theatre on the Green – “Puss N Boots” (presenting sponsor – The Cascade Team Real Estate)**, 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Relax with your family and enjoy this unique live theatre experience. Puss, the extremely fashionable and clever cat from Charles Perrault’s classic tale, not only charms a beautiful princess but outwits a shape-shifting ogre. It’s all to help Philippe, her master, start a new life in this original musical adaptation by Last Leaf Productions. Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from an onsite food truck. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 4** **Start Your Fall & Winter Vegetable Garden**, 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 Seattle Tilth. Keep the harvest going by planning ahead. Mid-summer is the perfect time to start planning for your fall and winter garden so you can keep eating fresh vegetables all year. Learn how to choose appropriate seeds and starts, fit new plants into your existing garden, and use special season extension techniques. We’ll discuss overwintering veggies and hardy greens that can be harvested throughout the fall and winter. A little planning and effort now will pay off deliciously during the dark days of winter! 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>
- Aug 4** **“Inside Out” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .

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- Aug 5** **Voices of the Wild (Story Time Series)**, 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
What animals do you hear when you walk through the woods? Come discover different animals' voices and how they respond to YOU! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106567 or 106568. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 5-21** **“Charlotte’s Web” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m.; August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come enjoy our summer presentation with this timeless classic of Charlotte, Templeton, Wilbur, and his friends. This show is a 90-minute performance with an intermission. **Ages:** All ages welcome; this show is suitable for the entire family. **Cost:** \$8. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 6** **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 105414. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 6** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 2**, 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. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host, are skills children will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in Part 2. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 105413. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 6** **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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- Aug 6** **How to Attract Backyard Birds**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Penny Bolton, a Master Birder with Seattle Audubon and a King County/WSU Master Gardener, will tell you how to invite birds and bugs to your garden. Set the table, step back, and prepare to receive these lively and entertaining visitors. Class is limited to 25 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>
- Aug 6** **Bees and Bugs and Slugs, Oh My!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
All the creatures of the forest and wetlands play an intricate role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. BEEcome a scientist as we head out on an adventure in search of bugs, slugs and other critters living in and around Mercer Slough. Investigate further into their complex world to discover the connections between healthy habitats and these busy, buzzing and slimy creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 9** **Annual Meeting & Trillium Celebration: “You Planted What????!!!” with Special Guest Speaker Meghan Fuller**, 6 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Meghan Fuller, groundskeeper and designer at Seattle Children’s Hospital, will talk about common sense problems in the garden resulting from misunderstood plants, pruning confusion, dysfunctional designs, wrong plant-wrong place, and maintenance nightmares. She’ll review hilarious photos of real life examples along with pictures of better alternatives, then she’ll discuss ways to evaluate your own garden. Meghan is a hugely popular speaker at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, among others. **Cost:** Free for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members (includes 1-year individual membership). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 10** **ChowDown(town) – Bellevue Food Truck Round-Up**, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Food and Fun! Come and meet your neighbors at Ashwood Park next to the King County Main Bellevue Library. Eleven different food trucks will be on hand with a variety of food to satisfy all taste buds. Entertainment will make the evening even better. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for a great night! Free parking at the Bellevue Library. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for food. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson – jswilson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4278.

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- Aug 10** **Theatre on the Green – “Treasure Island”**(presenting sponsor – **The Cascade Team Real Estate**), 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Relax with your family and enjoy this unique live theatre experience. Pirates, treasure, and adventure take center stage in this original musical for young audiences, adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson’s beloved novel. Young Jim Hawkins finds a pirate map that propels him on a grand journey of suspense and intrigue, and did we mention... pirates? Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from an onsite food truck. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 11** **Summer Perennial Borders: Plants that Keep on Giving**, 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 George Lasch. Come to the Garden on a warm summer evening and learn about hardy, herbaceous plants and best practices, while enjoying a focused stroll in the Perennial Border. The evening will start indoors with some guiding visuals and discussions about Northwest summer perennials. We will then head out into the Garden to walk and talk about what is happening in the border and which plants play a leading role in making the Perennial Border vibrant and wonderful at this time of the summer. Bring your questions for George Lasch as he shares his experience and humor in his ninth summer supervising the Perennial Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Class is limited to 25 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>
- Aug 11** **“Minions” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 12** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106582.

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- Aug 13** **Flower Arranging from the Garden**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Back by popular demand! Instructor Linda McDonald will provide arranging tips for combining stems into beautiful arrangements to take home. Returning participants can perfect their skills and add to the discussion of not only what has worked for them, but also any challenges they have had in their arrangements. Additional settings will be available to add to your own materials. Participants should bring a favorite vase, some flowers and greens, and clippers or scissors. Class is limited to 18 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>
- Aug 13** **EZRocks Never Been Done – Skateboard Competition**, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Highland Park/Bellevue Skatepark, 14224 Bel-Red Road
EZRocks NBD (Never Been Done) is a big stair, big rail and big ledge street skateboarding event, where a big roll-in will give skaters all the speed they need. Prizes will be awarded when tricks are landed and crossed off the large billboard. The day will also include: performances by The School of Rock, a tasty BBQ, free skate clinics, a street contest for all ages, a ladies' event, and tons of free stuff! Free admission to watch the event. **Cost to compete:** Entry fee is \$20 and will go to the Ethan Zakes Foundation to help fund newborn screening for ALD and the City of Bellevue Skatepark. **Pre-registration:** Not required; register on the day of the event beginning at 10 a.m. **Info:** <http://www.ezrocks.org/ezrocks-2016-nbd.html>
- Aug 17** **Theatre on the Green – Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost” (Presenting sponsor – The Cascade Team Real Estate)**,
6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Relax with your family and enjoy this unique live theatre experience. The King of Navarre’s bold plan to give up women for three years in exchange for intensive study quickly dissolves when a group of eligible females from the French court show up and camp outside the palace. This silly comedy, filled with funny characters, is recommended for children 8 years and older. Last Leaf performs in Shakespearean style with no microphones and sometimes movement through the audience. Actors often play multiple roles as well. Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from an onsite food truck. Bubble Station and the Children’s Art Station will be available for parents to enjoy with their children from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free admission and parking! Last Leaf Productions will gratefully accept donations following this show to help offset production costs. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Aug 18** **“Good Dinosaur” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 19** **Bat Walk, 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the local bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Ranger at dusk to watch for bats leaving their roosting sites. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106586. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 20-21** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show & Sale, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/> or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 20** **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. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 20** **Grand Opening – Northwest Perennial Alliance (NPA)’s New Plant Propagation Working Exhibit, Ribbon cutting - 10 a.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This new exhibit is adjacent to the impressive NPA perennial border and includes a potting shed and plant propagation tables. The exhibit and NPA perennial border will continue to be a source of education and hands-on learning opportunities for visitors, volunteers, horticulture students and gardeners throughout the Puget Sound area. The exhibit will complement NPA’s community service and member benefits of lectures, plant sales, classes, and popular tours of other members’ open gardens. **Ages:** All ages welcome! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

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- Aug 20** **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.
- Aug 20** **Bees and Bugs and Slugs, Oh My!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
All the creatures of the forest and wetlands play an intricate role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. BEEcome a scientist as we head out on an adventure in search of bugs, slugs and other critters living in and around Mercer Slough. Investigate further into their complex world to discover the connections between healthy habitats and these busy, buzzing and slimy creatures. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 20** **“Silence of the Bees” (Nature Film)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This award-winning film explores the mysteries behind the disappearance of the honey bee, one of nature’s most valuable pollinators. Join researchers as they follow the trail of clues around the world to find out why the honey bees are dying at alarming rates, and what can be done to stop this life-altering epidemic. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 22** **Flower and Garden Smartphone Photography**, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to make better flower and garden photos using nothing more than your smartphone or tablet. In this fun, hands-on class, award-winning California-based photographer, Charles Needle, will show you how to craft high-quality creative, expressive images using your iPhone, Android phone, or tablet. Charles will cover some of the technical aspects of smartphone photography, including equipment, accessories, how to shoot flower close-ups, workflow, and printing considerations. In addition, he will show you how to use several key shooting and editing apps in a “live” demonstration. You’ll also be given the opportunity to apply some of these techniques in the field at the Garden with Charles by your side. Class is limited to 20 participants. **Cost:** \$50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$65 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Aug 25** **“Pan” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Family, friends and neighbors, get comfy! Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs to see blockbuster movies on a huge screen with free popcorn! **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and <http://bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm> .
- Aug 26** **The Great Salmon Cycle, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As autumn approaches, the Salmon will soon be running up our rivers! But where does it all begin? Enjoy a family-oriented program on the life history of a Salmon taught by one of your local Park Rangers. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106584. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Aug 27-28** **Art in the Garden, 10 a.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by several outstanding Northwest artists will grace the gardens, each in its own private space. From the serious and simplistic to the whimsical and elaborate, exhibits will include works in metal, wood, blown and fused glass, bronze and other outdoor-appropriate materials. **Cost:** Free for and open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 27** **Living with Wildlife – Spider Finder (Adult Enrichment Series),**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wonder what type of spider makes the beautiful web outside your front door? At the end of summer, lots of spiders can be seen inside and outside your home. Come learn about the common spiders in Bellevue and how they control our insect population. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- 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. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com 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** **Guest Speaker: What’s It Take to be a Kokanee?** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery will present to kids and adults alike about watershed stewardship and protecting our local salmon populations. Come learn about the different types of salmon and how we can keep our community healthy and protected. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Aramsay123@aol.com.

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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. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **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:** 8 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** **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>
- 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 headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4195, course 107846. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- 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>
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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. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4195, activity code 107845. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- 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.

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- 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>
- 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.

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- 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. **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.
- 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:** 8 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 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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Sept 30

“Winged Migration” (Nature Film), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

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
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.
- 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), pony rides, animals encounters, 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 charge cards, and 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. **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 12** **Clucks and Eggs (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:** 8 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 or 425-450-7688.

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- 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.
- 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:** msec@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.
- 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** **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.
- 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:** 8 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.
- 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.

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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. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. 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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- 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. **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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

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- 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 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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DECEMBER 2016

- 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.
- 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. **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.
- 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.

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- 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! **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 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 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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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Kids on the Farm

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th 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 or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month

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

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

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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th 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.

4th Tuesday each month

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

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

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Assist in planning our 25th 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. Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

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

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

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

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th 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 . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

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

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

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

Every Thursday

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

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

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit 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 16th Street

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

Info: 425-452-7225.

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Every Saturday

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

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

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

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

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