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Bellevue Parks & Community Services

JAN-MAY 2020



Kelsey Creek Farm provides the community an opportunity to cross the threshold of urban living into an agricultural experience, while maintaining the historic integrity of the farm, through interpretive displays and education. Our programs foster creativity and active play. The Farm's two historical barns sit prominently on the crest of a hill. There is no entrance fee; however, we welcome and appreciate your donations.

When visiting any of Bellevue's parks, all dogs and other pets must be kept on a leash. Out of consideration for our farm animals' health and wellbeing, please observe all posted signs prohibiting pets from the barnyard.

> FARM ANIMALS IN THE PASTURES DAILY FROM 9:30AM TO 3:30PM, 365 DAYS A YEAR



Child and Family Activities

Toddlers and Pre-K

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30am

Little Farmers

Join Farmer Jayne in a special hands-on opportunity to experience farm life with your toddler. Children team up with a parent/adult to actively participate in animal care, barn chores, and baking. Curriculum is integrated with seasonal themes, arts and crafts, stories and games. One adult per child. Additional adult, \$10 per session, Drop-in extra adult, \$5. Siblings under two are welcome in front or back packs.

Ages: 2-3

	4 Week Classes Includes a Pony Ride		
	Mondays		
	Jan. 6-27	2001482	
	Feb. 3-Mar. 2 (no class 2/17)	2001486	
	Mar. 30-Apr. 27 (no class 4/13)	20014910	
	Tuesdays		
	Jan. 7-28	2001483	
	Feb. 4-Mar. 3 (no class 2/18)	2001497	
	Mar. 31-Apr. 28 (no class 4/14)	20014911	
	Wednesdays		
	Jan. 8-29 2001484		
	Feb. 5-Mar. <mark>4</mark> (no class 2/19)	2001498	
	Apr. 1-Apr. 29 (no class 4/15)	20014912	
	Fridays		
	Jan. 10-31	2001485	
	Feb. 7-Mar. 6 (no class 2/21)	2001499	

Feb. 7-Mar. 6 (no class 2/21) Apr. 3-May 1 (no class 4/17) Fees: **\$90 (R) \$98 (N)**

2 Week Classes

Mar. 9-16, Mon. Mar. 10-17 Tues. Mar. 11-18 Wed. Mar. 13-20 Fri.

20014913

Fees: \$40 (R) \$48 (N)

Fun on the Farm

Join Mrs. Kandi for a fun time as an adult/child team. Each week we will have a different theme enhanced with sensory activities based on a farm topic or animal. We will cook, play, create, walk on the farm, pet a chicken, hug a bunny, and have lots more fun.

Ages: 2-5

Hours/Dates: 10:30am-noon

4 Week Classes Includes a Pony Ride

Wednesdays

Jan. 8-29	2001702
Mar. 4-25	2001704
May 6-27	2001706

Thursdays

2001703
2001705
2001707

Fees: \$90 (R) \$108 (N)

3 Week Classes

Feb. 5-26, Wed. (no class 2/19)	2003112
Feb. 6-27, Thur. (no class 2/20)	2003123
Apr. 1-29, Wed. (no class 4/15)	2003124

Fees: \$60 (R) \$72 (N)

Farm Explorers

Join Farmer Jayne for a hands-on farm adventure featuring animal care, barn chores, and baking. This drop-off program is designed for the independent 3 to 6-year-old. Curriculum is integrated with seasonal themes, arts, and crafts, stories and games. Children must be potty trained. Bring a lunch/drink. Snack will be provided.

Ages: 3-6

Hours/Dates: 10am-12:30pm 4-week classes include a pony ride

2001463 Jan. 9-30, Thur. Feb. 6-Mar. 5, Thur. (no class 2/20) 2001464 Apr 2-30, Thur. (no class 4/16)

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Fees: \$98 (R) \$116 (N)

2-week classes Mar. 12-19, Thur. 20003041 Fees: \$46 (R) \$54 (N)



Kelsey Creek Farm Story Time

Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farmrelated theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Pre-registration not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins.

Ages: 3-6 Hours/Dates: 10:30-11am

Jan. 17 Fri.	2001144
Jan. 31 Fri.	2001165
Feb. 14 Fri.	2001166
Feb. 28 Fri.	2001167
Mar. 6 Fri.	2001168
Apr. 3 Fri.	2001169
May 1 Fri.	20011610
May 15 Fri.	20011611
May 29 Fri.	20011612
June 12 Fri.	20011613
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Fees: Free

Elementary

Fiber Fun at Kelsey Creek

School is out, but the sheep are still busy at the farm. Join Mrs. Kandi for a fun day of fiber arts. We will visit the sheep, learn the process of making yarn, and felt a project with wool from the farm sheep. Please bring your lunch and wear close toed shoes.

Ages: 5-7

Hours/Dates: 9:30am-2pm

Jan. 20, Mon 2000317 Fees: \$50 (R) \$60 (N)

Painting with Chickens

Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable but wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm

Jan. 25, Sat. 20005361 Mar. 21, Tues. 2005362 Fees: **\$25 (R) \$30 (N)**

Kids Can Cook Cinnamon Rolls

Join Mrs. Kandi in the Farmhouse and learn the process of making cinnamon rolls from scratch. Each child will bring home a pan of cinnamon rolls and the recipe. Please bring your lunch and wear close toed shoes.

Ages: 5-11

Hours/Dates: 9:30am-2pm

Jan. 27, Mon. 2000334 Fees: \$50 (R) \$60 (N)

Cocoa and Canvas

Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home with you. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult.

Ages: 6-10

Hours/Dates:

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Apr. 9, Thurs.	2003232	6:30-7:30pm
Feb. 15, Sat.	2003221	1:30-3pm

Fees: \$60 (R) \$72 (N)

Kids Can Cook Pasta

Join Mrs. Kandi in the Farmhouse and we will learn to make pasta using three different methods with only two ingredients. We will make fresh butter to top the pasta. Each child will bring home the recipe, fresh pasta to cook, and compound butter. Please bring your lunch and wear close toed shoes.

Ages: 5-11

Hours/Dates: 9:30am-2pm Mar. 20, Fri. 2000534

Fees: \$50 (R) \$60 (N)

Private Horseback Riding Lessons

Kelsey Creek Farm's private riding lessons allow your child to work one-on-one with our riding instructor to deepen your child's understanding of horsemanship and develop foundational riding skills. Each one-hour lesson includes brushing and saddling your pony, groundwork, and riding time. Skills taught include mounting, steering, backing, proper balance, and posting at the trot.

Ages: 4-6

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Hours/Dates: May 9-23

es: \$140 (R) \$168 (N)		
3-3:45pm	2003795	
2-2:45pm	2003794	
1-1:45pm	2003783	

Camps

The Great Kelsey Baking Camp

Join Mrs. Kandi in the Farm House for the Great Kelsey Baking Camp. We will bake and decorate cookies, cupcakes, bread, pie, and a small cake. Experience royal frosting, fondant, buttercream, and put them together to make a masterpiece. Please bring your lunch and an apron to camp.

Ages: 7-11

Hours/Dates: 9:30am-2pm Feb 17-21, Mon-Fri 2000315 Fees: \$250 (R) \$300 (N)

Little Farmers School Break Camp

Children will be actively engaged with the joys of farm life. Learn about Kelsey Creek Farm's animal friends, work in the barn with rakes and pails and mix up treats for the animals. We'll create art, bake snacks, and play games too.

Ages: 4-6

Hours/Dates: 10am-1pm

Feb 17- 21, Mon-Fri 2001451 Apr 13-17, Mon-Fri. 2001472

Fees: \$155 (R) \$187 (NR)

Cartooniversity Camp

A unique opportunity for kids ages 9-14 of all skill levels to explore the art of cartooning with professional cartoonist and humorous illustrator Jeff Johnson. Multiple challenging projects and a positive, encouraging classroom environment make this one-of-a-kind cartooning camp fun and exciting! Areas of study include: expressions, character development, action/movement, layout, backgrounds, perspective, lettering and much more. The emphasis is on developing each student's own cartooning style. All materials provided. Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle each day. Please pick up your child promptly at 3:00pm each day.

Ages: 9-14

Hours/Dates: 10am-3pm

Feb. 18-21, Tue-Fri 2000125 Fees: **\$265 (R) \$313 (N)**

Weekend Activities

Winter on the Farm

Adult and child will team up to find out how the farm animals at Kelsey Creek survive the chilly winter months. Meet some of our fluffy and furry friends, then come in and warm up as we continue our fun activities in the historic barn. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Jan. 18, Sat. 2000335 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Valentine Fun

Adult and child will team up to create beautiful Valentine cards, share their love with a farm animal and participate in some fun holiday activities. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Feb. 8, Sat. 2000337 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Cowabunga with Cows

Moooove on over to the farm for an afternoon with our adorable cows! Your child will meet our cows, prepare their stall for the night, and learn all about cows. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Feb. 22, Sat. 2000391 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

St. Patrick's Day

Adult and child team up to create holiday crafts, get up close with a farm animal and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Mar. 14, Sat. 2000360 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Hop into Spring

Bunnies love spring because it means it is time to plant carrots! Your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, go on a pony ride, do a bunny themed craft, and find out what's growing in the garden. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm

March 28, Sat. 2000363 Fees: **\$30 (R) \$35 (N)**

Spring Egg-stravaganza

Come to Kelsey Creek for a fun morning on the farm with our lovable farm animals and learn all about eggs. Collect eggs from our chicken coops and compare chicken, duck, and goose eggs. You will also pet a bunny, pet a chicken, and go on an egg hunt! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm

April 11, Sat. 2000368 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

What is Woolly, Wiggly, and Snuggly All Over?

A sheep! Come to the farm to meet our sheep and find out what it takes to be a shepherd. Help us clean the sheep stall, feed out hay, and pet a sheep! Each child will do a craft with wool from one of our sheep. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Apr 18, Sat. 2000371 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Pioneer Life on the Farm

Experience pioneer life in our historic log cabin. Children will try their hand at pioneer chores, learn about historic farming at Kelsey Creek Farm, and go on a pony ride! We will learn how horses were an essential part of pioneer farm life and what it takes to care for animals.

Ages: 4-8 Hours/Dates: 1:30-3pm May 2, Sat. 2

May 2, Sat. 2000390 Fees: \$30 (R) \$35 (N)

Mother's Day at Kelsey Creek Farm

Celebrate Mother's Day with your child in the company of our friendly farm animals. You and your child will pet a bunny, explore the log cabin, and prepare a special Mother's Day surprise. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm

May 10, Sun. 2001062 Fees: **\$25 (R) \$30 (N)**

Spring Has Sprung

Spring on the farm is always busy and exciting with plants growing, babies arriving and the weather warming up. Adult/child teams will spend time together working on craft projects, meeting a farm animal, and taking a pony ride.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-3pm

May 30, Sat. 2000365 Fees: \$30 (R) \$35 (N)

Let's Celebrate Ladybugs!

Grab your adult and join Mrs. Kandi for a ladybug release to populate our farm gardens. Learn about ladybugs, read a ladybug story, create ladybug art, and take home your own ladybugs to live in your garden.

Ages: 2-5

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30am May 30, Sat. 2000323 Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)

Father's Day Fun at Kelsey Creek Farm

Celebrate Father's Day with the animals at the farm! You and your child will feed treats to the pigs, take a sheep on a walk, and prepare a special Father's Day surprise. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

Ages: 4-8

Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Jun. 21, Sat. 2001065 Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)



Teen and Adult Activities

Make Pasta at the Farm

Join Kandi in the Farmhouse as we learn to make pasta using three different methods with only two ingredients. Kandi will provide sauce options and recipes. You will leave with a pound of fresh pasta and the confidence to make it again at home. Adults only.

Ages: 18 and up Hours/Dates: 7-8:30pm Jan. 24, Fri. 2000318 Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)

Make Soup and Bread at the Farm

Join Kandi in the Farmhouse and learn three different soup recipes and one bread recipe. We will make beef stew, butternut squash bisque, and barley-mushroom soup and pair that with 4-ingredient Dutch Oven Artisan Bread. Adults only.

Ages: 18 and up Hours/Dates: 7-8:30pm

Feb. 28, Fri. 2003202 Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)

Introduction to Backyard Chickens

If you're interested in keeping pet chickens, the staff at Kelsey Creek Farm can help you get started! We'll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to pick from, how to care for them at all stages of life, and much more. You'll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you will need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. Pre-register to reserve your spot. Day-of registrations accepted as space allows.

Ages: 12 and up Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm Feb. 29, Sat. 2000384 Fees: \$20 (R) \$25 (N)

Make Mozzarella at the Farm

Join Kandi in the Farmhouse and learn to make mozzarella cheese. You will leave with the recipe, know-how, and confidence to make the cheese at home and experiment with flavors. Adults only.

Ages: 18 and up Hours/Dates: 7-8:30pm Mar. 27, Fri. 2000542 Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)



Make Cinnamon Rolls at the Farm

Join Kandi in the Farmhouse and learn the process of making cinnamon rolls from scratch. You will leave with a pan of cinnamon rolls, the recipe, and the confidence to make them at home. Adults only.

Ages: 18 and up Hours/Dates: 7-8:30pm May 1, Fri. 2000333 Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)

Historical Walking Tour

Learn about the history of Kelsey Creek Farm during this one-hour walking tour of the park. In the 1920s and 1930s, this land was a working dairy farm that housed thirty cows and provided Bellevue residents with milk, cream, and butter. We'll put the story in the context of Bellevue's early development. We will tour inside both barns, visit some of the farm animals, and compare historic pictures of Twin Valley Dairy to the park as it is now. The program is designed for adults and teenagers.

Ages: 12 and up Hours/Dates: 1:30-2:30pm

Jun. 20, Sat. 2001064 Fees: Free

Teen and Adult Volunteers

After School Volunteers

Assist Kelsey Creek Farm staff with farm chores and learn responsible animal care. Volunteers will be working outside exposed to animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions. Volunteers need to be able to attend the first two weeks of the program and no less than a total of 5 sessions. Maximum of 1 day per week sign up per participant. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number.

Ages: 12-18 Hours/Dates: 3-4:30pm

Mar. 3-Apr. 21, Tue. 2001211 Mar. 4-Apr. 22, Wed 2001232 Mar. 5- Apr 23, Thu. 2001233 Fees: **\$10 (R) \$12 (N)**

Adult Volunteers

This is an opportunity to learn about livestock care and farm maintenance, as volunteers assist Kelsey Creek Farm staff with daily operations, animal chores, and learn responsible animal care. Volunteers will be working outside, exposed to animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. They will work independently and be physically active. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number.

Ages: 18 and up Hours/Dates: 9:3<mark>0</mark>-11:30am

Mar. 3-Apr. 28 Tues. 2001191 Mar. 4-Apr. 29 Wed. 2001212

Fees: \$10 (R) \$12 (NR)

Special Event Volunteers

Earn community service hours. Assist with children's activities and other event tasks at our annual sheep shearing event. Volunteers need to be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on their feet in all types of weather. Participants must register by April 21, 2020 and be enrolled in high school at date of event. Questions; kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov, or 425-452-7688. No day-of-event registrations will be accepted. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number which must be submitted by April 21, 2020.

Ages: 14-18 Hours/Dates: 10am-5pm Apr. 25, Sat. 2000153 Fees: Free

Special Events

Sheep Shearing Special Event

Watch the sheep being shorn of their winter coats. Enjoy wool spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pony rides, food, animal viewing areas and more. Free shuttle service available at Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park.

Please note: no pets allowed on shuttle bus or in the barnyard areas.

Ages: All ages

Hours/Dates: 11am-4pm

Apr. 25, Sat. 2000141

Fees: No entrance fee. Costs vary for food & activities.

Fraser Cabin Heritage Program

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, the Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049, or visit <u>eastsideheritagecenter.org</u>.

Ages: All ages.

Hours/Dates: 11am-4pm

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Fees: Free

Tours

Holiday Farm Tour: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person that attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration on site will be accepted as space allows. Cost is per person.

Ages: 2 and up

Hours/Dates: Jan. 20, Mon.

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Fees: \$8 (R) \$10 (N)

Holiday Farm Tour: President's Day

If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person that attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration on site will be accepted as space allows. Cost is per person.

A<mark>g</mark>es: 2 and up Hours/Dates: Feb. 17, Mon.

Fees: \$8 (R) \$10 (N)		
11-11:45am	2007653	
10-10:45am	2007642	

Family and Friends Tour

If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. This program is designed for children 2-6 but all ages are welcome. Each person that attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration on site will be accepted as space allows. Cost is per person.

Ages: 2 and up Hours/Dates: 10-10:45am

Fees: \$8 (R) \$10 (N)		
June 6, Sat.	2008623	
Apr. 4, Sat.	2008622	
Mar. 7, Sat.	2008621	

Farm Tours for Schools and Groups

Experience Kelsey Creek Farm with a tour designed specifically for groups. Tour themes vary by season. Tours are available on weekdays and are approximately one hour long.

Ages: Most tours are appropriate for children ages 2 years and older.

Fees: \$90 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees: \$6/child and \$2.50/adult. Staff are free.

Kids on the Farm Group Tour

Available Jan-April

Explore our farm with hands-on fun as you meet our goats, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Learn interesting animal facts then move inside to experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding. Children create fuzzy sheep to take home.

Springtime in the Barnyard Group Tour

Available May only

Welcome springtime in the barnyard with a hands-on tour amongst our favorite animals. Oink like a pig, befriend a goat, feed a cow, admire a chicken, plus more. Learn about their care, then get dirty in the garden planting pumpkin seeds.

Fall at the Farm Group Tour

Available October only

Experience harvest season in a traditional way. Visit a pony and pig. Work on barn "chores" with child-sized pails and rakes. Tour the garden and pumpkin patch. Children finish up by choosing a pumpkin from our harvest-themed indoor pumpkin patch! Extra fee for pumpkins.

Pioneer Days Group Tour

Available November only

Imagine life in the 1880's in our authentic log cabin. Children participate in activity stations learning to grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, hammer nails, pump water, play dress up, and engage in more living history skills. Storytelling about pioneer life with Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books helps children compare their life based on electricity and modern conveniences with the life of Laura and Mary.

Birthday Parties

Kelsey Creek Farm offers a variety of party packages to make your child's day special. All party packages are two hours long. Each party begins with group activity led by a member of our farm team and is followed with a one-hour room rental for cake and presents. The locations of the room vary with the type of party, but all locations are indoors and include: 3 preschool-height tables (6-foot-long by 2.5-foot-wide) with children's chairs, a refrigerator/freezer, kitchen sink and trash cans. A restroom with hand-washing soap and paper towels is also available.

- Maximum capacity for all parties is 30 people and has been set to respect facility codes, the safety and wellbeing of the animals, and to ensure guest enjoyment.
- Fees: \$200 (R) and \$220 (N), up to 10 children. Additional children-\$10/each (5 max additional children)
- Total party size limited to 30 people with a maximum of 15 children (no exceptions).

Bunny Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday by visiting the farm and meeting our friendly bunny. Enjoy a farm walk, a bunny craft, and special time with the birthday bunny. Package includes bunny activities and a farm walk followed by one hour of room rental.

Ages: 2-11

Chicken Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday by visiting the farm and meeting our friendly chicken. Enjoy a farm walk, a chicken craft, and special time with the birthday chicken. Package includes chicken activities and a farm walk followed by one hour of room rental. Ages: 2-11

Duck Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday by visiting the farm and meeting our friendly duck. Enjoy a farm walk, a duck activity and special time with the birthday duck. Package includes: Duck activities and farm walk followed by one hour of room rental. **Ages: 2-11**

Farm Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday with a visit to our historic farm. Make memories learning about sheep, rabbits, pigs, chickens and ponies. Tour inside our 1930's era dairy barn to learn local lore, too. Package includes a farm tour and craft time followed by one-hour

room rental. Ages: 2-11





CRITTER ADOPTIONS

The animals at Kelsey Creek Farm are an essential part of our community's education and enjoyment. Your support helps maintain these animals in a natural farm setting. Become a Kelsey Creek Critter Sponsor! Simply call for an application, care and custody of your critter stays with Kelsey Creek Farm. You can adopt any of the following farm animals: pony, pig, sheep, goat, cow, rabbit, and chicken. Adoption levels are available from \$25 for Best Friend to \$200 for Grandparent.

FARM HISTORY

The farm's history began in 1921, when the Duey Family rented 190 acres and began delivering cream and butter stamped with the name Twin Valley Dairy. In August of 1933 the original barn burned. Mr. Duey, a skilled carpenter, along with some hired hands rebuilt the barn in two weeks. Today, this barn is the smaller of the two barns and is called the Animal Barn. Mr. Duey also built the Red Barn, originally used as a milk house.

The second dairy barn was built in 1943–44 by Mr. Michaels, the new owner, (this is the north barn now known as the Education Barn) and the dairy herd was increased in size. After the end of WWII, he sold the farmstead to Ray and Nettie Fisher. The Fishers phased out the dairy operation and began raising Hereford beef cattle. They built the current farm house in 1954 and moved to live on the property.

In 1968 neighbors to the farm began a movement to petition the Bellevue City Council to purchase the property and secure it as a public park. The neighbors' petition succeeded and the City negotiated with the Fisher family to purchase the 80 acres, including the farm house, barns and out buildings. The Fishers sold their farm property to the City at a price much reduced from what they knew that they could get from developers. They did so because they believed in preserving the beauty and legacy of the agricultural buildings and the land.

In 1972 the oldest barn was modified to house an assortment of farm animals for public viewing. The other, larger barn, commonly referred to as the Education Barn, was remodeled inside and used to accommodate a variety of community programs, including children's day camps, art classes, and farm-themed classes, to name just a few.



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Scholarships available for many programs

For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-4253 (voice) or email asolomonson@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice). If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

