NOVEMBER 2019

Oct 25-Nov 3 "The Phantom Tollbooth" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Oct 25, 26 and Nov 2 at 7 p.m.;

Oct 27, Nov 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Packed full of playful puns and wonderful wordplay, "The Phantom Tollbooth" is the story of Milo, a young child who has become disenchanted with life. Through the magic of a tollbooth, he is transported to the Land Beyond where he discovers the limitless powers of imagination. This show will be a delight for all ages.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 1 Lewis Creek Story Time: "Very Hairy Bear"

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! Where do our bears go when it gets chilly out? Join us as we read some fun stories about our local fuzzy neighbors. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Nov 2 Grateful for Goats and Happy for Horses, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
There's a lot to be thankful for at Kelsey Creek Farm! Children will ride a pony, take our goats on a walk, and give treats to the animals for a job well done. Then we'll come inside the barn for a craft and a story. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$35/resident and \$42/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1903139.

Nov 2 Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Nov 3 Mercer Slough Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 3 Let's Plant a Tree! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Nov 4 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a
different farm-related 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. Space is limited. Doors close when
the program begins. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an
adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info:
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 7 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – The Gifts of Memory,

11 a.m. − 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

"Your presence is your gift" speaks to the intangibles we each bring to our lives. What are your gifts of presence? What holiday traditions are most important to you? We'll share stories about how to bring ourselves and those close to us more fully to this season of celebration. Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System. Ages: Adults. Cost: Free! Preregistration: Required. To register: 425-452-4106, course 1935625. Info: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub

Bellevue Parks & Community Services Events List

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Nov 8-17 "The Monkey King" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Nov 8, 9, and 16 at 7 p.m.;

Nov 10, 16, and 17 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

A rambunctious young boy wants to be a god! In this adaptation of a portion of the classic Chinese legend, the Monkey King (Sun Wukong) has supernatural abilities. When his kingdom is overrun by demons, he sets out to be the first monkey ever to become an immortal. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 9 Let's Plant a Tree! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Nov 10 Salmon Sense, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Each year, salmon migrate inland throughout our region... but have you ever wondered why they make this perilous journey or how they find their way? Join us at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center as we dissect an adult salmon and discuss this incredible journey. Afterwards, we'll head outside to learn about stream habitat. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9-14 years old with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Nov 11 Holiday Farm Tour: Veterans' Day, Two sessions, choose one:

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. Pre-registration: Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, courses 1931401 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 1931402 (11-11:45 a.m.).

Nov 14 Ladies Musical Club of Seattle Concert, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Join us for a classical music concert by the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. This concert will feature an oboe recital and An American in Paris: piano solos and vocal music by Gershwin and French composers. Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4874.

Nov 16 Living with Wildlife – Cunning Crows, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Crows are one of Bellevue's most commonly-seen wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, an amazing memory, and are very social. Find out why crows gather in enormous numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 17 Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Dr SE

This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately Difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 18 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related 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. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info:

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 21 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Gratitude, More than Counting Blessings, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

All of the world's spiritual traditions emphasize gratitude as a central practice. How does gratitude manifest in your life? Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Preregistration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935622. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub

Nov 22 Wonders of Wilderness, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

The autumn season brings thoughts of appreciation and thanks toward all aspects of life, including nature and all its gifts. Join us for a very special program focused on being thankful for our wild spaces for the wonders they give us, whether through nourishment for our bodies or the simple joy of admiring nature's beauty. Wander through the park with a Park Ranger on a relaxed hike, and complete the journey with a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Nov 22 Story and a Stroll: "Owl Moon" 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Enjoy this heartwarming story of father and daughter out for a winter evening walk. While the trees are still and the night is quiet, the father knows there are creatures of the night. Do you know how to call the owls? Ages: Best for 3-5 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 22 Movies at Mercer Slough: "Seasonal Forests," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of Planet Earth explores our seasonal coniferous and deciduous woodland habitats and the animals that depend on them. Narrated by David Attenborough. Ages: All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Please RSVP. Info and to RSVP:

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Nov 22 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 6 p.m. – 7:30 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 the park home, and join a Park Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** https://register.bellevuewa.gov for course 1903220. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 22-Dec 1 "Madagascar, Jr." (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Nov 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m.;

Nov 24, 30, and Dec 1 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Take a walk on the wild side! Join four friends when they find themselves shipwrecked in Madagascar. This lively musical is appropriate for all audience members. There's plenty of song and dance for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 23 Visions of Sugar Plums, 10 a.m.. – 11:30 a.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread-type house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummies for your tummies. Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun! All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class - one caregiver/one child. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1902816. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 23 Appreciating Nature through Art, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m..

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

For centuries, individuals have better observed the natural world through sketching and keeping detailed notes. Learn how to fine-tune your observational skills by heading out on a walk into the forest with paper in hand, ready to pay close attention to the wide array of life in the parks! Paper and art materials will be provided for the day, but feel free to bring your own favorites. Program will partially take place outdoors, so be sure to dress accordingly. **Ages:** Best for ages 9 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Nov 23 Ranger Program: Nocturnal in November, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. Ages: Best for 5-10 years old. Cost: Free! Preregistration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP:

MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 23 Let's Plant a Tree! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Nov 30 – Dec 31 Garden d'Lights, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays *Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*

Garden d'Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beautify of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Cost: \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. Parking: \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. To buy tickets ahead of time (beginning October 15) and for driving, parking and general information: http://www.gardendlights.org/

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Dec 2 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related 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

animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 4-7 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,

Dec 4-6, 10 a.m. -8 p.m.

Dec 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 60 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products, including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:**

<u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106. Crafter application and information: <u>Bellevuehilltop@gmail.com</u> or <u>http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com</u>

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Dec 6

Dec 5 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Staying Connected, Strategy for a Full Life, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

As we age, our relationships and responsibilities change. How do we stay connected with our children, our communities, and the environment? What does it mean to stay connected with our minds, our bodies, and our spiritual lives? We all have wisdom we can share about this important topic. Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System.

Ages: Adults. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required. To register: 425-452-4106, course 1935623. Info: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or

https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub

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 can behave in strange ways in winter – from forming icicles to becoming hot cocoa's steam. We'll read to discover how it's all a part of the water cycle. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** <u>LCVC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4195.

Dec 6-15 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Dec 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m.;

Dec 8, 14, and 15 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

This delightful tale has all the joy of a holiday treasure. A prince longs for a new world within his kingdom and finds a town fallen to bad times. It is brought back to life with true love and Christmas joy. This is a great holiday adventure for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Dec 7 Garden Class: Build Your Wreath, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Come and learn how to create a holiday wreath from the ground up! We will provide the frame, evergreens, and some accent plants. You are welcome to bring extra accents from your hard (cones, rose hips, holly, etc.), and any ribbon or other decorations you want. We will show you how to wrap the evergreens onto the frame and how to attach decorations. **Cost:** \$30. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Dec 7 Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 7 Holiday Barn Lighting, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join us for a special holiday barn lighting celebration at Kelsey Creek Farm.
Bring the whole family to meet a resident farm animal, enjoy hot cocoa, complete a holiday-themed craft, and visit with Santa. Top off the evening of holiday cheer with the barn lighting and traditional holiday carols. Bring a flashlight to help make your way back to the parking lot as it will be dark at the end of the event. Join us in making this holiday season memorable as we light up the farm and enjoy this wonderful season of giving. Ages: All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 8 Mercer Slough Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 8 Whoooo's Hooting? 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

How does a barn owl find its prey in total darkness? How does a great horned owl clasp its talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silently flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl's diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration:

RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

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Dec 13 Conifer Connections, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street 'Tis the season to have evergreens on the mind, and what better time to learn

about them? Head over to the Ranger Station to learn about our parks' own species, how these stunning trees survive through the seasons, and what interactions they have with other creatures. Tag along on a walk through the woods with a Park Ranger, and end the morning with a craft you'll want to show off! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Dec 13 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 4:30 p.m. – 6 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 the park home, and join a Park Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** https://register.bellevuewa.gov for course 1903221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 14 Mix, Measure and Chop Holiday Fun! 10 a.m.. – 11:45 a.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Caregiver and child will mix, measure and cook a delicious and tasty mini-meal together. All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class; one caregiver/one child. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents/ and \$28/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1903145. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 15 Living with Wildlife – Deer in the Headlights, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Black-tailed deer are a welcomed friend in many of Bellevue's neighborhoods. Join us to learn about how to attract deer, deer biology, how to address potential conflicts (including how to protect your fruit trees), what to do if you find a fawn, and more! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Preregistration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 15 Christmas Ship Festival, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 8:15 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. Beach fire provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

- Story and a Stroll: "Who Lives in the Snow" 11 a.m. 12 p.m.

 Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

 Although the surface of the snow looks quiet and serene, life below is drastically different. Visit the mysterious world of winter in and under the snow. Ages:

 Best for 3-5 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP.

 Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Ranger Program: Breakfast for Birds, 2 p.m. 3 p.m.

 Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

 The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. Limited resources for these birds during the winter months can make survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times. Ages:

 Best for 5-10 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP.

 Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Whooo's Hooting? 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

 Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

 How does a barn owl find its pretty in total darkness? How does a great horned owl clasp its talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silently flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl's diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration:

 RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.
- Christmas Ship Festival, 7 p.m. 8 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 7:40 p.m. *Meydenbauer Bay Park*, 9899 Lake Washington Blvd 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. Beach fire provided! Ages: All ages welcome; family event.

 Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: nwa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Movies at Mercer Slough: "From Pole to Pole," 5 p.m. 6 p.m.

 Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

 The first episode of Planet Earth illustrates a journey around the globe revealing the effects of gradual climate change and seasonal transitions. Narrated by David Attenborough. Ages: All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Please RSVP. Info and to RSVP:

 MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 28 Holly's Not So Jolly, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Pull on some gardening gloves and join the battle against invasive English holly
plants. We'll learn how to identify this beautiful (but pesky) plant and how it
harms our forests. Afterwards, we'll go out to pull some of these invasive plants
and learn how to turn them into a fun craft! This is an indoor/outdoor program.

Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the
program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Dec 29 A Winter Wander, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Head outside this winter to reflect on the passage of time in nature. We'll ponder seasonality, forest changes, and the bygone residents of the area. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately one mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages are welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Jan 3 Lewis Creek Story Time: "Over and Under 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! Many animals burrow down into the subnivean zone to stay nice and toasty from the worst winter weather. Read along as we discover this hidden refuge under our feet! Ages: Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: RSVP required for children and adults. Info and to RSVP: LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Jan 4 Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 5 Mercer Slough Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 5 What's Up? The Canopy! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE There's an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue's forests. We'll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we'll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Jan 9 Ladies Musical Club of Seattle Concert, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for a classical music concert by the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. This concert will feature songs by Swedish composers. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Jan 10 Winter Wings, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
While many of the other animals in our region are tucked a

While many of the other animals in our region are tucked away, we still often notice plenty of different birds – even ones we don't usually see! On a Rangerled walk, we'll discuss why this is, how migration works, and learn which species to look for (and who knows, maybe we'll even see a few!) Back at the Ranger Station, use your creative side for a craft to take home! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Jan 11 Ranger Program: A Long Winter's Nap, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Can you imagine sleeping all winter and waking up in the Spring? Wouldn't you get hungry? While some animals can adapt to winter conditions, others will hibernate right here in our own backyards. Join a Park Ranger to find out what happens to their bodies that allows them to survive without food. Ages: Best for children 5 to 10 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 11 Living with Wildlife – Crouching Bobcats, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougars, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we're lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 12 Adult Enrichment: The Lowering of Lake Washington, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. *Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center,* 1625 118th Avenue SE

Local educator and Eastside Heritage Center staff member, Jane Morton details the effects of the 1916 lowering of Lake Washington on the economic growth of the region. She will discuss the varying affects that the exposure of new land had on individuals and businesses all over the Eastside of King County. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 15 Garden Lecture: "Ferns: A Bellevue Botanical Garden Legacy," 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Lecture by Richie Steffen, Executive Director of the Elisabeth C Miller Botanical Garden and the President of the Hardy Fern Foundation. Ferns have had an important place in the Garden since the Shorts family developed the land prior to it becoming a public garden. The BBG has a partnership with the Hardy Fern Foundation, which assists with maintaining the ferns and adding to its collection. Richie will share his knowledge of the best selections for our area as well as share the varied and interesting history of the fern in the Garden. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Jan 17 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related 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. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info:

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 17 Story and a Stroll: "Baby Bear is Not Hibernating" 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE*This story captures baby Black Bear's winter adventures with his friends moose, owl, and rabbit. He soon realizes that life outside his warm, cozy den may not be all that fun. With the help of his friends, he makes his way back to shelter to spend a long, cozy winter with his mom and dad. Ages: Best for children ages 3-5 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 17 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 4:30 p.m. – 6 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 the park home, and join a Park Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** https://register.bellevuewa.gov for course 20004221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 18 Winter on the Farm, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE 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 history barn. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. Ages: 4-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000335.

Jan 18 What's Up? The Canopy! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE There's an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue's forests. We'll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we'll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Jan 19 Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture and Event: "The Promise of Spring," 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

This NWPA event features plant sales, door prizes and speakers. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$15/non-members. **Info:** https://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3482888

Jan 20 Fiber Fun at Kelsey Creek Farm, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE 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 years old. Cost: \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register:

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000317.

Holiday Farm Tour: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Two sessions, choose one: 10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. Pre-registration: Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, courses 2006672 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 2006683 (11-11:45 a.m.).

Jan 23 Garden Class: Urban Gardening Series – Indoor Plants, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Taught by Penny Kriese, Master Gardener. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Jan 24 Make Pasta at Kelsey Creek Farm, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
Join Kandi in the Farm House 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. Ages: Adults only. Cost: \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register:
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000318.

Jan 25 Painting with Chickens, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
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 will 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 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register:

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 20005361.

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- Movies at Mercer Slough: "Planet Earth II Mountains," 5 p.m. 6 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

 In this episode we climb high into the world's great mountain ranges. Only a few pioneering animals have what it takes to survive up here. They are among the most elusive and mysterious on the planet! Popcorn provided! Ages: All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Night Hike with a Ranger, 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

 Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

 Most of us have taken walks or hikes during the day, but what about at night? A whole different world of creatures awaken in the evenings at our parks, ready to be discovered! Take a relaxed hike through the Lake Hills Greenbelt with a Ranger to look and listen for these mysterious animals. Bring warm clothing and a reusable cup for some free hot chocolate! Ages: Best for children ages 3 to 8.

 Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register:

 parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highland Open Space, 10 a.m. noon *Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. Distance: Approximately 3.5 miles. Level of difficulty: Moderately Difficult (680 feet elevation change). Ages: All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4195.

Jan 27 Kids Can Cook Cinnamon Rolls, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
Join Mrs. Kandi in the Farm House 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 years old. Cost: \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000334.

Jan 31 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

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