

KELSEY CREEK FARM

PROMOTING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
IN A FARM ENVIRONMENT



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

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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 a.m. -3 p.m.
365 DAYS A YEAR**

Child and Family Activities

Little Farmers

Join us for hands-on fun in the barnyard with your 2-3-year-old. Classes will feature chickens, goats, barn chores, feeding, petting, and taking a pony ride – all the fun is right here! Children team up with a parent/ adult to actively participate in this class. Come dressed to play outside and get dirty! Siblings under two are welcome in front or back packs.

Ages: 2-3

Fees: \$75 (R) \$83 (NR)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30am

[Nov. 2-16 \(Tue.\)](#)

[Nov. 3-17 \(Wed.\)](#)

[Nov. 30-Dec. 14 \(Tue.\)](#)

[Dec. 1-15 \(Wed.\)](#)

[Dec. 2-16 \(Thu.\)](#)



Fees: \$50(R) \$58 (NR)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30am

[Nov. 4-18 \(Thu.\)](#)

Farm Explorers

Join us for a farm adventure featuring animal care, barn chores, a pony ride, and baking yummy snacks. This drop-off program is designed for the independent 3-5-year-old. Curriculum is integrated with seasonal themes, arts and crafts, stories and animal interaction. Children must be potty trained.

Ages: 3-5

Fees: \$75 (R) \$90 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[Nov. 1-15 \(Mon.\)](#)

[Nov. 29-Dec. 13 \(Mon.\)](#)



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, sheep, goats, chickens, 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. Children under 2 yr. will not be able to pet the animals. Each person that attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages: All

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

Hours/Dates:

Nov. 11 (Thu.)

10-10:30 a.m.

Nov. 11 (Thu.)

11-11:30 a.m.

Farm Animal Pen Pals

Are you curious about what Kelsey Creek Farm's animals are up to? Sign up for this program to receive a letter from one of our adorable farm animals! When you sign up, your animal will send you a letter and a photograph of him/herself. If you send a letter in reply to your farm animal, you will receive a customized letter in return. For each purchase, you will receive a picture of your animal, a self-addressed envelope, and up to two letters.

Animal choices: Rascal the Pony, Jackson the Cat, Harriet the Bunny,

Age recommendation: 4-10

Fees: \$6 (R) \$8 (N)



Weekend Workshops

Grateful for Goats and Happy for Horses

There's a lot to be thankful for at Kelsey Creek Farm! Children will ride a pony, take our goats on a walk, give treats to the animals for a job well done, and then come inside for a craft and a treat of their own. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 4-6

Fees: \$35 (R) \$40 (N)

Hours/Dates:

[Nov. 14 \(Sun.\)](#)

10-11:30 a.m.

Adventures in Pioneer Farming

Enjoy a fall morning immersed in farm life. Spend time with our animals and learn about pioneer farming in our historic log cabin that was built in 1888. Activities will include learning how to grind wheat into flour, feeding lunch to the farm animals, and working with real wool from our sheep. Children will have fun experiencing what life was like a hundred years ago.

Ages: 4-8

Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Hours/Dates:

[Nov. 7 \(Sun.\)](#)

10-11 a.m.

Bunny Buddies

Does your child love bunnies? In this program, you and your child will pet our bunnies, feed them some yummy treats, and do a bunny-themed craft. Your child will learn all about bunnies and listen to a fun story about an adventurous rabbit! Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 4-8

Fees: \$25 (R) \$30 (N)

Hours/Dates:

[Dec. 5 \(Sun.\)](#)

10-11 a.m.



Volunteer Programs

After School Teen 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. Maximum of 1 day per week sign up per participant. A guardian must be present, in person, at check in on every program day to complete the Covid health screening protocol before the teen will be allowed to begin their shift.

Ages: 12-18

Fees: \$15 (R) \$18 (N)

Hours/Dates: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

[Nov. 3-17 \(Wed.\)](#)

[Dec. 1-22 \(Wed.\)](#)

Saturday Morning Teen Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of the farm. You will assist farm staff with the daily operations, help with the animal chore routine, and learn responsible animal care. Volunteers need a willingness to learn, the ability to work independently, and to be able to be on your feet and be physically active. You must also have a tolerance for being outside in all types of weather and working in a farm environment in close proximity to hay, vegetation and dust. Volunteers must commit to the entire session. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. A guardian must be present, in person, at check in on every program day to complete the Covid health screening protocol before the teen will be allowed to begin their shift.

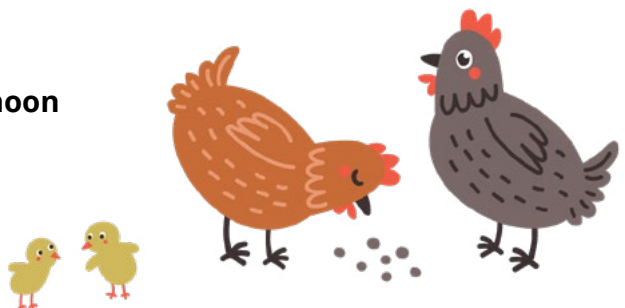
Ages: 15-18

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

Hours/Dates: 8:30 a.m.-noon

[Nov. 6-27 \(Sat.\)](#)

[Dec. 4-18 \(Sat.\)](#)



Adult Farm 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+

Fees: FREE

Hours/Dates: 8:30-10:30 a.m.

[Nov. 2-30 \(Tue.\)](#)

[Nov. 3-Dec. 1 \(Wed.\)](#)

[Nov. 30-Dec. 14 \(Tue.\)](#)

[Dec. 1-15 \(Wed.\)](#)

[Dec. 2-16 \(Thu.\)](#)



Camps

Winter Break Mini Camp on the Farm

Spend your winter break exploring Kelsey Creek Farm, meeting farm animals, playing active games, creating crafts, and making new friends. Experienced staff will provide a safe and supportive environment in a small group setting.

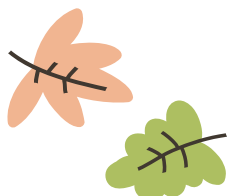
Ages: 4-7

Fees: \$150 (R) \$180 (N)

Hours/Dates: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

[Dec. 20-23 \(Mon.-Thu.\)](#)

[Dec. 27-30 \(Mon.-Thu.\)](#)



Farm Adventurers

Give your child a fun farm experience during the Winter Break! Activities include working with our farm animals, creating farm-themed crafts, and learning about agriculture. Participants will meet sheep, goats, cows, chickens, ducks, rabbits, and ponies. This is a hands-on program, so dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty!

Ages: 9-11

Fees: \$150 (R) \$180 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

[Dec. 20-23 \(Mon.-Thu.\)](#)

[Dec. 27-30 \(Mon.-Thu.\)](#)

Special Events

Holiday Barn Lighting

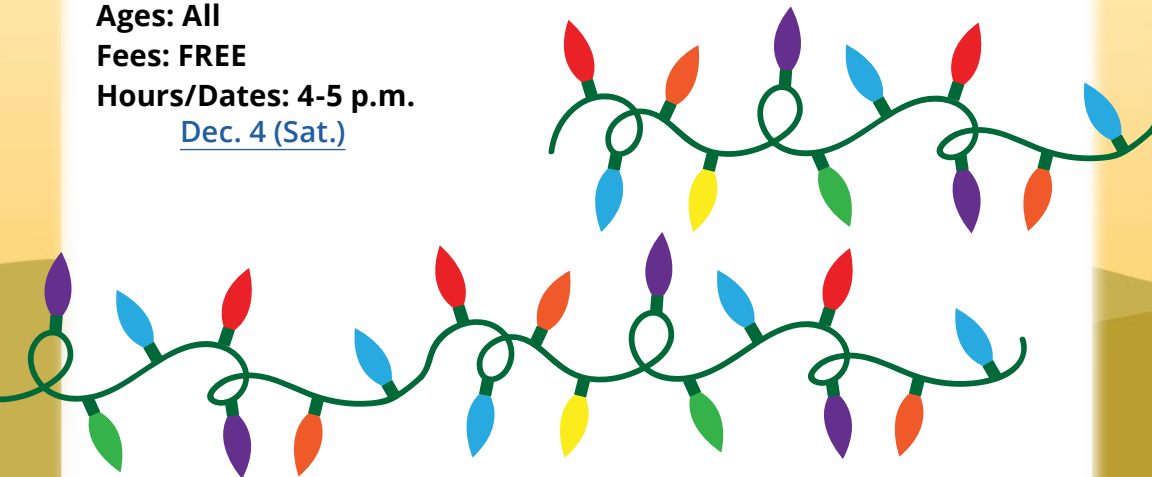
Join us for our 2nd annual barn lighting celebration at Kelsey Creek Farm. Bring the whole family to experience the magic of the farm lit up for the holidays. Enjoy traditional carols, meet resident farm animals decked out in the spirit of the season, and sip hot cocoa. Keep an eye out for Santa, who will be making a special appearance. Join us in making this holiday season memorable as we light up the farm and enjoy this wonderful season of giving. All ages are welcome. No entrance fee, some activities may have nominal fees.

Ages: All

Fees: FREE

Hours/Dates: 4-5 p.m.

[Dec. 4 \(Sat.\)](#)





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.



REGISTER ONLINE!

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**Scholarships available for
many programs.**



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