

KELSEY CREEK FARM

Promoting learning opportunities
in a farm environment



JANUARY-MARCH 2023



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**

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Weekday Classes

Adult/Child Teams

Little Farmers

Join us for hands-on fun in the barn and barnyard with your 2-3 year-old. Classes will feature various farm animals, seasonal themes, barn chores, feeding and petting farm animals, crafts, parallel play, and a pony ride – all the fun is right here! Children team up with an adult to actively participate in this class. Come dressed to play inside and outside and get dirty! Siblings under two are welcome in front or back packs. Each session focuses on a different set of animals and will have different activities. Some activities and animals will overlap each session but many will be new.

Ages: 2-3

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30 a.m.

3-Week Sessions

[Jan. 10-24 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Jan. 12-26 \(Thursday\)](#)

[Feb. 7-21 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[Feb. 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Feb. 9-23 \(Thursday\)](#)

[March 6-20 \(Monday\)](#)

[March 7-21 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 9-23 \(Thursday\)](#)

Fees: \$55 (R) \$66 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30 a.m.

2-Week Sessions

[Jan. 9-23 \(Monday\)](#)

[Feb. 6-13 \(Monday\)](#)



Fun on the Farm

Join Kandi & Beth 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 play, create and explore the farm. There will even be time to pet a chicken or hug a bunny. Each session includes a pony ride. Siblings under two are welcome in front or back packs. Each session has different activities, animals and some activities will overlap but many will be new.

Ages: 2-5

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

Hours/Dates:

4-Week Sessions

[Jan. 4-25 \(Wednesday\)](#) 10-11:30 a.m.

[Jan. 4-25 \(Wednesday\)](#) noon-1:30 p.m.

[March 8-29 \(Wednesday\)](#) 10-11:30 a.m.

[March 8-29 \(Wednesday\)](#) noon-1:30 p.m.

Fees: \$68 (R) \$82 (N)

Hours/Dates:

3-Week Sessions

[Feb. 1-15 \(Wednesday\)](#) 10-11:30 a.m.

[Feb. 1-15 \(Wednesday\)](#) noon-1:30 p.m.



Little Scientists

Join us for science experiments on the farm! You and your child will explore chemistry, biology, and animal science with interactive experiments. Outside, we will get to interact with one of our farm animals each week. This program includes a pony ride. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 2-3

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30 a.m.

[Jan. 13-27 \(Friday\)](#)

[Feb. 10-24 \(Friday\)](#)

[March 10-24 \(Friday\)](#)



Little Pioneers

Come to the farm with your little one and learn all about pioneer history! Each week, your child will learn different aspects of pioneer life and meet some of the animals on the farm. This class includes a pony ride. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 2-3

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 10-24 (Tuesday)

Feb. 7-21 (Tuesday)

March 7-21 (Tuesday)

Drop-off Programs

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 4-6-year-old. Curriculum is integrated with seasonal themes, arts and crafts, stories, and animal interactions. This program includes a pony ride. This class is designed for the independent 4-6-year-old.

Ages: 4-6

Fees: \$106 (R) \$127 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10 a.m.-noon

Jan. 10-24 (Tuesday)

Jan. 12-26 (Thursday)

Feb. 7-21 (Tuesday)

Feb. 9-23 (Thursday)

March 7-21 (Tuesday)

March 9-23 (Thursday)



Science Explorers

Come to the farm and have some fun with biology and chemistry! In this drop-off program, children will get to interact with a farm animal while learning about what they eat and why. Take a nature walk to find mushrooms and native plants. This program includes a pony ride. This class is designed for the independent 4-6-year-old.

Ages: 4-6

Fees: \$106 (R) \$127 (N)

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

[Jan. 13-27 \(Friday\)](#)

[Feb. 10-24 \(Friday\)](#)

[March 10-24 \(Friday\)](#)

Pioneer Explorers

Come and learn all about pioneer history on the farm at this drop off program for the independent 4-6 year-old! Each week, your child will learn all about different aspects of pioneer life and meet some of the animals on the farm. This program includes a pony ride. This class is designed for the independent 4-6 year old.

Ages: 4-6

Fees: \$106 (R) \$127 (N)

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

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Feb. 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Elementary Fun on the Farm: Baking

Join Beth & Kandi for a fun time on the farm after school on Wednesdays. We will bake together using four different recipes: bread in a bag, cinnamon rolls, decorated sugar cookies, and frosted cupcakes using the animals on the farm to inspire our creations.

Ages: 7-10

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m

[Jan. 4-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Young Scientists

Join us for science on the farm! Each day we will focus on a different subject and meet a different animal. We will learn about nature, chemistry, biology, and animal science. This is a drop off class.

Ages: 7-10

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Feb. 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Farm Art

Join us for an exploration of the connections between farm life and art! Each week we'll investigate a different animal and a different art form, including painting, collage and more. This is a drop-off program.

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m

Ages: 7-10

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Ages: 10-15

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Elementary Fun on the Farm: Candle Making

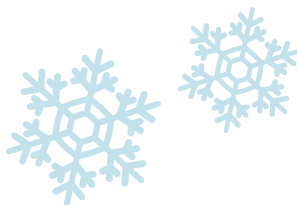
Join Beth & Kandi for a fun time on the farm after school on Wednesdays. During February, we will light up the dark winter by making three different candles. We will also visit with farm animals and take farm walks to complement our learning. This is a drop off class.

Ages: 7-10

Fees: \$59 (R) \$71 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m.

[Feb. 1-15 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Baking Bonanza

Are you interested in baking? Come learn to bake a different treat each week, master baking basics, and enjoy the delicious results in this weekly drop-off program! We'll make cookies, cakes, and more, and discuss important foundational methods for the tasty art of baking. Recipe cards included.

Ages: 10-15

Fees: \$120 (R) \$144 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-3:30 p.m.

[Feb. 1-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Elementary Fun on the Farm: Kitchen Science

Join Kandi & Beth in the Farmhouse for a month of Crazy Kitchen Science. We will teach kids several recipes that use different cooking skills to transform ingredients into a yummy, finished product that they will take home each week. We'll also visit with the resident animals at the farm each week. This is a drop off class.

Ages: 7-10

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m.

[Marh 8-29 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Farm School

Your child will be immersed in farm life in this after-school drop off program. Activities include interacting with our farm animals, exploring the park's natural habitats, and creating crafts. Your child will take the animals on walks around the farm, see what's growing in the garden, and explore Bellevue's past through the historic buildings at Kelsey Creek Farm.

Ages: 7-9

Fees: \$78 (R) \$94 (N)

Hours/Dates: 2-4 p.m.

[Marh 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Weekend Workshops

Dinotastic

Are you a dinosaur fan? Did you know that some of the animals on our farm have dinosaurs as distant ancestors? Come enjoy lots of dino fun as we play dinosaur games, learn about these majestic creatures, and go on an "archeological" dig! Adult/child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Jan. 15 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Jan. 15 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Winter Wonderland

In the Pacific Northwest, we don't get much snow. Sometimes, we have to make our own snowy fun! Come to Kelsey Creek with your little one and make wonderfully wintry crafts, visit some furry animals who know how to keep warm in the snow, and warm up with some hot cocoa! Adult/child teams only.

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

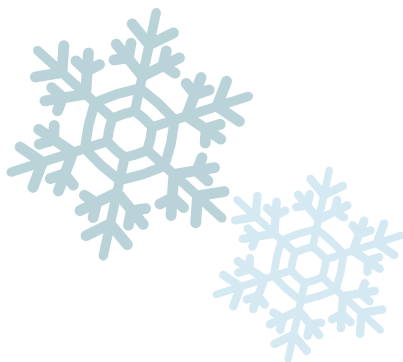
Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Jan. 21 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Jan. 21 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



A Long Winter's Nap

During the wintertime, sometimes we just want to sleep all day, and some animals do too! Come to Kelsey Creek and find out all about animals that hibernate, read a fun story, make a hibernation craft, and meet a special animal friend! Adult/Child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Jan. 28 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Jan. 28 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Warm and Toasty on the Farm

It's beginning to get chilly outside! Come on over to the farm and take shelter from the cold. We will read a snowy book, make a wintery craft, meet some woolly friends, and warm up with hot cocoa! Adult/child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Feb. 4 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Feb. 4 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Winter Gardening

Even in the winter, lots of different plants can flourish! Join us for an investigation of winter gardens and crops, check out what's growing in and around the farm, taste some of winter's bounty, and plant your own winter seeds to take home. Adult/child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Feb. 5 \(Sunday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Feb. 5 \(Sunday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Winter Gardening

Even in the winter, lots of different plants can flourish! Join us for an investigation of winter gardens and crops, check out what's growing in and around the farm, taste some of winter's bounty, and plant your own winter seeds to take home. This is a drop-off program.

Ages: 7-10

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

Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.

[Feb. 5 \(Sunday\)](#)

Veggies for Valentines

Do you love farm animals? So do we! We'll celebrate Valentine's Day by making veggie treats for the farm animals and popcorn treats for the kids! Your child will meet our animals, make a Valentine card for an animal, and receive one in return! If you do not want your child to eat popcorn, please bring your own snack. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 4-8

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

Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.

[Feb. 12 \(Sunday\)](#)

Unexpected Animal Friends

Sometimes, animals make friends that are a little unexpected. Come to Kelsey Creek and learn all about some of these unusual friendships! We will also make a fun craft and meet our own unique friendship pair here at the farm. Adult/Child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[Feb. 18 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[Feb. 18 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Adventures in Pioneer Farming

Enjoy a 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 a snack to the farm animals, and making crafts with real wool from our sheep. Children will have fun experiencing what life was like a hundred years ago. Adult/child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[March 11 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[March 11 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Celebration

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the farm with the animals! We'll dress up a farm animal in green decorations, go on a treasure hunt to look for leprechaun gold, and do a craft. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 4-8

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

Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.

[March 12 \(Sunday\)](#)



Splish, Splash, Spring on the Farm

Rainy days make up most of our spring weather here in the PNW, so we might as well make the best of it! Come to the farm to play in puddles, make special rainy crafts, and meet an animal friend who loves the rain! Adult/Child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[March 18 \(Saturday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[March 18 \(Saturday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Bearable

Did you know that bears used to roam our nearby woods? Learn about the history of local bear populations, try acting and snacking like a bear, and enjoy bear crafts and games! Adult/child teams only.

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

Hours/Dates:

Ages: 2-3

[March 19 \(Sunday\)](#) 11 a.m.-noon

Ages: 4-7

[March 19 \(Sunday\)](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Tractor Tales

Bring your tractor-loving child to this fun tractor experience! Your child will get to ride toy tractors, sit in the seat of our real tractor for a photo, and watch the real tractor in action. We will do a tractor-themed craft and learn all about what tractors do on farms. Adult/child teams only.

Ages: 4-8

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

Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.

[March 26 \(Sunday\)](#)



Mid-Winter Break Camps

Cartooniversity Camp

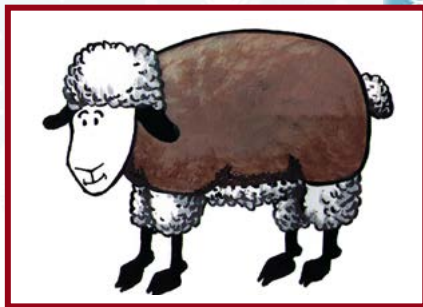
Join professional cartoonist Jeff Johnson for a unique opportunity for kids of all skill levels to explore the art of cartooning in an encouraging, positive classroom environment at Kelsey Creek Farm. Surrounded by historic dairy barns and the farm animals that call Kelsey Creek Farm, "home," students will have plenty of inspiration to create their own cartoons. A series of fun, challenging projects showcase multiple areas of study including faces, bodies, character development, layout, perspective, lettering and much more. Emphasis is on developing each student's own style. All materials provided. Come join the fun at Kelsey Creek Farm!

Ages: 9-14

Fees: \$320 (R) \$384 (N)

Hours/Dates: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

[Feb. 21-24 \(Tuesday-Friday\)](#)



Teen Programs

After School Teen Farm Volunteers

Assist Kelsey Creek Farm staff with farm chores and learn responsible animal care while earning service hours for school. Participants will be working outside exposed to animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions.

Ages: 12-18

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

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

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Feb. 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Saturday Morning Teen Farm Volunteers

Assist Kelsey Creek Farm staff with farm chores and learn responsible animal care while earning service hours for school. Participants will be working outside exposed to animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions.

Ages: 15-18

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

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

[Jan. 14-28 \(Saturday\)](#)

[Feb. 11-25 \(Saturday\)](#)

[March 11-25 \(Saturday\)](#)



Adult Programs

Learn to Make Goat Milk Soap

Join Kandi & Beth for a one-and-a-half-hour class on goat milk. Each attendee will make approximately two pounds of soap. You will receive your own molds and all the supplies to create two loaves of soap in two different scents. A variety of scents will be available to customize your batch. Take home your soap to cure and a recipe to make it again.

Ages: 18+

Fees: \$95 (R) \$114 (N)

Hours/Dates: 7-8:30 p.m.

[Jan. 11 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Jan. 25 \(Wednesday\)](#)



Learn to Make a Wet Felted Scarf

Join Kandi & Beth in the Farmhouse to learn the tricks of wet felting and finish a beautiful scarf out of silk and merino wool. We will lead you through the wet felting process and you will leave with a lovely scarf plus the confidence to wet felt on your own!

Ages: 18+

Fees: \$95 (R) \$114 (N)

Hours/Dates: 7-8:30 p.m.

[Feb. 8 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Learn to Make Wet Felted Slippers

Join Kandi & Beth in this class where you will learn how to felt over a resist and create a wonderful pair of slippers for some very happy feet! We will take you step-by-step through the process of wet felting. Once you learn the basic process, you will be able to finish your slippers at home and then embellish to your liking. You can use your knowledge to fashion unique slippers again and again! All roving, soap, & resist included. Please bring a bath towel and a hand towel plus a plastic bag to bring home your slippers.

Ages: 18+

Fees: \$125 (R) \$150 (N)

Hours/Dates: 7-9 p.m.

[March 15 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 29 \(Wednesday\)](#)

Adult Farm Volunteers

Assist Kelsey Creek Farm staff with farm chores and learn responsible animal care. Participants will be working outside exposed to animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions.

Ages: 18+

Fees: FREE

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

[Jan. 10-24 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[Jan. 11-25 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Jan. 12-26 \(Thursday\)](#)

[Feb. 7-21 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[Feb. 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[Feb. 9-23 \(Thursday\)](#)

[March 7-21 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[March 8-22 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[March 9-23 \(Thursday\)](#)



Stitch Circle

Bring your current fiber project to Kelsey Creek Farm and work on it while meeting fellow crafters. This is an opportunity to gather, chat, and work on projects while meeting new people, not a formal class. Bring your own materials. Pre-registration encouraged. Questions? Email Stacy at [sstenslie@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ssstenslie@bellevuewa.gov).

Ages: 18+

Fees: FREE

Hours/Dates: 10 a.m.-noon

[Jan. 13 \(Friday\)](#)

[Feb. 10 \(Friday\)](#)

[March 10 \(Friday\)](#)

Birthday Parties

Kelsey Creek Farm offers a variety of party packages to make your child's day special. All party packages are approximately two hours long. Each party begins with a group activity led by a member of our farm team and is followed by a one-hour room rental for cake and presents. The locations of the room vary with the type of party and room availability. All party room locations are indoor and include:

- ◆ 3 preschool-height tables (6 feet long by 2.5 feet wide) with children's chairs
- ◆ A refrigerator/freezer
- ◆ Kitchen sink and trash cans
- ◆ A restroom with hand-washing soap and paper towels

Maximum capacity for all parties is 25 people and has been set to respect facility codes, the safety and well-being of the animals, and to ensure guest enjoyment. Please note: animals available for interaction may change without warning based on individual animals' health and wellbeing.

Farm Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday with a visit to our historic farm. Make memories meeting farm animal friends. Birthday party package includes an approximately 45-minute farm tour and farm-themed craft, followed by one hour of room rental.

Ages: 2-11

Fees: \$350 (R) \$420 (N)

Bunny Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday by visiting the farm and meeting our friendly bunny. Enjoy a farm tour, a bunny craft, and special time with the birthday bunny. Birthday party package includes approximately 45-minute farm tour/bunny activity, followed by one hour of room rental.



Ages: 2-11

Fees: \$350 (R) \$420 (N)

Pony Birthday Party

Celebrate your child's birthday by visiting the farm and meeting one of our ponies. Enjoy a farm tour, pony craft, and special time with the birthday pony. Birthday party package includes an approximately 45-minute farm tour and pony-themed craft, followed by one hour of room rental. Please note: this party does NOT include a pony ride.

Ages: 4-11

Fees: \$350 (R) \$420 (N)



Tours

Experience the farm with a tour designed specifically for groups. Tour themes vary by season. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately 45 minutes long.

Ages: most tours appropriate for children ages 2+ (see below for exceptions)

Kids on the Farm Group Tour

Available year-round

Explore our historic dairy farm with hands-on fun as you meet our farm animals. Learn interesting animal facts and local history as you travel back in time to when Bellevue was mostly farmland and forest. Go into the animal barn to see where the animals sleep at night and work on barn “chores” with child-sized pails and rakes.



Fuzzy Farm Friends Group Tour

Available year-round

Have you ever wondered where yarn and wool sweaters come from? How does a sheep give us a pair of warm wool socks? Meet the Kelsey Creek Farm sheep and practice the skill of carding wool all while learning about sheep and fiber processing. Children will create a fuzzy sheep craft to take home.

Pioneers on the Farm Group Tour

Available year-round (recommended for ages 4+)

Imagine life in Bellevue in the 1880s. Children spend time looking around the Fraser cabin, built in 1888, and learning about what life was like for the pioneers when they arrived in the Bellevue area. Practice pioneer living history skills and go on a farm walk to learn how some of our farm animals would have been used by the pioneers.

Springtime in the Barnyard Group Tour

Available May only

Welcome springtime in the barnyard with a hands-on tour among our favorite animals. Learn about their care, then get dirty in the garden planting and watering seeds.

Fall on the Farm Group Tour

Available October only

Experience harvest season on the farm! Visit with some of our friendly farm animals and watch them eat a pumpkin treat. Then finish up by enjoying a story in our indoor off-the-vine pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are available for purchase for an additional fee.

Rentals

For more rental information including pricing and room specs, visit BellevueWA.gov/kelsey.

Outdoor Rentals

Kelsey Creek Farm Picnic Shelter

Rent Kelsey Creek Farm's Picnic Shelter for your next event! This covered picnic shelter has a capacity of 75 people and includes 6 picnic tables and 2 charcoal grills. To reserve, send an email with requested dates and times to kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov



Indoor Rentals

Looking for space to host a party, class, or meeting? Kelsey Creek Farm features several indoor rental spaces including a farm house with a 760 square-foot community room and kitchen space as well as a 900 square-foot room in the historic 1943 barn. The unique farm setting makes these spaces perfect for memorable events.

Both rental spaces can be reserved seven days a week, and these spaces easily accommodate groups large or small with rooms for groups from 10 to 30 people. To reserve, send an email with requested dates and times to kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

Kelsey Creek Farm Room (Education Barn)



Kelsey Creek Farm House







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 farmhouse 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 farmhouse, barns and outbuildings. 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
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