

SUMMER  
CAMPS  
AND MORE

# KELSEY CREEK FARM

Promoting learning  
opportunities in a  
farm environment



**MAY-AUGUST 2022**



**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 various farm animals, 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. Adult/ child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

**Ages: 2-3**

**Fees: \$97 (R) \$116 (N)**

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

[May 3 \(Tuesday\)](#)

[May 4 \(Wednesday\)](#)

[May 5 \(Thursday\)](#)



## 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 interaction. This class includes a pony ride. Children must be potty trained.

**Ages: 4-6**

**Fees: \$110 (R) \$132 (N)**

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

[May 2-23 \(Mondays\)](#)



# Private Trail Rides

Your child will get to ride one of our adorable ponies on a private ride through the trails at Kelsey Creek Farm! They will learn the basics of horseback riding and experience the farm in a whole new way! Parents/guardians may choose to walk along, but no strollers allowed.

**Ages: 2-5**

**Fees: \$20 (R) \$24 (N)**

**Hours/Dates:**

**Ages: 2-3 1:30-1:45 p.m. or 1:45-2 p.m.**

**Ages: 4-5 2:30-2:45 p.m. or 2:45-3 p.m.**

May 10 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 12 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 17 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 19 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 24 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 26 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
May 31 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
June 2 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
June 7 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
June 9 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
June 14 (Tuesday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>
June 16 (Thursday)	<a href="#">1:30-1:45</a>	<a href="#">1:45-2</a>	<a href="#">2:30-2:45</a>	<a href="#">2:45-3</a>

# Mother's Day on the Farm

Join us with your child for a fun Mother's Day activity at Kelsey Creek Farm. You and your child will get to feed treats to our farm animals and take the goats on a walk. Then your child will help us prepare a fun Mother's Day surprise! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

**Ages: 4-8**

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

**Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.**

[May 8 \(Sunday\)](#)





## Hop into Spring

Bunnies love spring because the carrots are growing everywhere! You and your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, 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**

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

**Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.**

[May 15 \(Sunday\)](#)

## Around the World on a Farm

The plants and animals at Kelsey Creek Farm were domesticated all around the world. In this class, you'll visit our garden and pet our farm animals on a tour designed to teach about the domestication of farm animals and the places around the world where they came from. You'll see wheat and corn growing, learn about which animals were domesticated in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, and see one of the few species domesticated on North America. In this class, both children and adults will participate together in the activities! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult.

**Ages: 9-12**

**Fees: \$30 (R) \$36 (N)**

**Hours/Dates: 1-2:30 p.m.**

[May 22 \(Sunday\)](#)

## 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. A team is one child and one adult.

**Ages: 4-6**

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

**Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.**

[May 29 \(Sunday\)](#)



# Teen Programs

## After School Teen Program

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. Teens need to be able to attend the first two weeks of the program.

**Ages: 12-18**

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

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

[May 4-25 \(Wednesdays\)](#)

## Saturday Morning Teen Program

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. Teens need to be able to attend the first two weeks of the program.

**Ages: 15-18**

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

**Hours/Dates: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m**

[May 7-28 \(Saturdays\)](#)





# Adult Programs

## 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 suggested to reserve a seat, space is limited due to Covid restrictions.

Questions? Email Stacy at [sstenslie@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:sstenslie@bellevuewa.gov).

**Ages: 18+**

**Fees: FREE**

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

[May 13 \(Friday\)](#)

## Tour of Bellevue's Pioneer and Agricultural History

The stories at Kelsey Creek Farm provide a window into the wider history of Bellevue and the Eastside. In this tour, we'll visit the log cabin, which was built in 1888, and see authentic artifacts owned by the pioneers who built it. We'll tour the interiors of the barns, built in the 1930s and 1940s, to learn about dairy farming in the early twentieth century. Through historic photos, artifacts, and stories, we'll connect the history of Kelsey Creek Farm to the settlement and development of early Bellevue.

**Ages: 16+**

**Fees: FREE**

**Hours/Dates: 1-2 p.m.**

[May 14 \(Saturday\)](#)



# Summer Day Camps

## Kelsey Creek & Kid's Connection Day Camps

Explore the farm, play active outdoor games, create crafts, and make new friends. Trained staff will provide a safe and supportive environment in a small group setting. Each week will bring a variety of new and different activities.

**Location:** Kelsey Creek Farm

**Ages:** 4-6 (Kelsey Creek Day Camp)

**Ages:** 7-10 (Kid's Connection Day Camp)

**Camp Fees:** \$261 (R) \$313 (N)

**\*Adjusted Fees:** July 5-8 / \$209 (R) \$250 (N)

**Hours/Dates:** Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Extended Care Package Available**

**Fees:** \$113 (R) \$135 (N)

**\*Adjusted fees:** July 5-8 / \$90 (R) \$108 (N)

**Hours:** 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

## Out on the Farm

Gather eggs, get up close with the rabbits and learn what it takes to care for the smaller animals on the Farm. End the week with an old-fashioned tractor-pulled wagon ride and a western style picnic in the park.

**June 27-July 1**    [4-6 years](#)    [7-10 years](#)

## Creekside Fun

Explore creeks and wetlands at Kelsey Creek Farm. Search for hidden treasures, create fish print shirts and play a game of shark and minnows.

**July 5-8 \***    [4-6 years](#)    [7-10 years](#)

## Farm Science

How far can an egg fall without breaking? Mix up some magic milk and watch a bean grow. This week will be filled with farm-style experiments, outdoor games, and activities.

**July 11-15**    [4-6 years](#)    [7-10 years](#)



## Sports & Games for All

Barnyard relays, challenge yourself through a western-style obstacle course and participate in a variety of active sports and games. Join us as we celebrate the week with Farm Olympics.

**July 18-22**      [4-6 years](#)      [7-10 years](#)

## Twin Valley Science Adventures

Get ready for a wacky week of icky, sticky, barnyard experiments. Watch “dancing corn” and create a gak-style mud puddle for your own pretend pigs to roll in. Come dressed to get messy and explore the world of science.

**July 25-29**      [4-6 years](#)      [7-10 years](#)

## Wildlife Beyond the Barnyard

Did you know that owls, blue herons, beavers, and bobcats all call Kelsey Creek Farm Park their home? Create your own pair of binoculars and explore near-by wetlands, forest, and creek-sides in search of wildlife.

**Aug. 1-5**      [4-6 years](#)      [7-10 years](#)

## Stay Cool

Learn how the Kelsey Creek Farm animals stay cool on those long hot days of summer. Fill water troughs, make frozen treats for the rabbits and watch the pig play in the mud. Get ready for some wet and refreshing fun!

**Aug. 8-12**      [4-6 years](#)      [7-10 years](#)

## Young Farmers

Open the barn door and get to know some of the larger animals at the Farm. Help with barn chores, go on a goat walk and make a tasty treat for the pig. Enjoy an old-fashioned tractor pulled wagon ride.

**Aug. 15-19**      [4-6 years](#)      [7-10 years](#)



## **Robinswood Day Camp**

Active play, imagination, and creativity in a safe and caring environment. Trained and competent staff in a small group setting. Each week will bring a variety of new and different activities.

**Location: Robinswood Park**

**Ages: 4-7**

**Camp Fees: \$261 (R) \$313 (N)**

**\*Adjusted Fees: July 5-8 / \$209 (R) \$250 (N)**

**Hours/Dates: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Extended Care Package Available**

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

**\*Adjusted fees: July 5-8 / \$60 (R) \$72 (N)**

**Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

### **Wonders of Science**

Open the door to the world of science. Mix up some ooey, gooey experiments and see what cool concoctions you can make.

[June 27-July 1](#)

### **Around the World**

Travel with us as we explore different cultures around the world. Top the week off with a fiesta, complete with a piñata for all to enjoy.

[July 5-8\\*](#)

### **Salty Seas**

Create sandcastles, sift through the sand, and cool off in the water. Use seashells to create an underwater scene and participate in a game of shark and minnows.

[July 11-15](#)

### **Ready, Set...Go!**

Join us for this fun-filled week, packed with great games, sports and non-stop action! Run relays and challenge yourself through an obstacle course. Participate in a camp wide Olympics.

[July 18-22](#)



## **World of Rainbows Through Science and Art**

This week, camp is all things science and art. Children will get a chance to put their creativity to work through rainbow themed science experiments and a variety of art projects.

July 25-29

### **Out and About in Nature**

Take a hike and explore the park for unique plants, bugs, and animals. Design your own binoculars to use when we go bug hunting. See how many different tiny creatures you can find.

Aug. 1-5

### **Let's get wet!**

Create your own sea creatures and plan on water fun all week long. End the week with a water carnival. Get ready because we're going to get wet!

Aug. 8-12



## Go Go with Van Gogh Art Camp

Fine arts on the farm, inspired by the Kelsey Creek Farm environment. Your elementary-age child will celebrate their individual creative expressions through exploration of multiple-medias. Paint with colorful acrylics, sketch on the farm, develop watercolor style with color theory exploration, sculpting with molding clay, create collages, and use oil pastels too. Dress for creative mess and bring your playful imagination. Instructor Diane Culhane is a renowned artist in the Pacific Northwest with a master's degree in Art Education and extensive teaching experience. Her work is represented in galleries and shows across the country.

\$20 supply fee due the first day of camp.

**Ages: 6-11**

**Camp Fees: \$390 (R) \$468 (N)**

**\*Adjusted Fees: July 5-8 / \$312 (R) \$374 (N)**

**Hours/Dates: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Extended Care Package Available**

**Fees: \$113 (R) \$135 (N)**

**\*Adjusted fees: July 5-8 / \$90 (R) \$108 (N)**

**Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

[June 27-July 1](#)

[July 5-8\\*](#)

[July 11-15](#)

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[Aug. 8-12](#)

[Aug. 15-19](#)





## Cartooniversity Day 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: \$400 (R) \$480 (N)**

**Hours/Dates: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

[Aug. 15-19](#)

[Aug. 22-26](#)

## Farm Discoveries Camp

Join us at this hands-on adventure as you explore Kelsey Creek Farm. Children actively participate in animal care, making animal treats, working on barnyard chores, and learning fun facts about the farm. Time to play, arts and crafts, and circle time helps children develop important social skills. This special half-day camp will have your child loving our chickens, goats, cows, pigs, and rabbits. A pony ride will be included.

**Ages: 4-6**

**Fees: \$250 (R) \$300 (N)**

**\*Adjusted fees: July 5-8 / \$202 (R) \$242 (N)**

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

[June 20-24](#)

[June 27-July 1](#)

[July 5-8\\*](#)

[July 11-15](#)

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[Aug. 1-5](#)

[Aug. 8-12](#)

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## Farm Adventurers Camp

Spend a week exploring the world of farming! Activities will include lots of animal interactions, agricultural education, and actual work experience for which your child will earn hours. Participants will learn to work with sheep, goats, cows, chickens, ducks, rabbits, and ponies. They will create crafts with material from the farm, learn about the history of Seattle-area agriculture, and participate in farm chores.

**Ages: 11-13**

**Fees: \$170 (R) \$204 (N)**

**Hours/Dates: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

[July 11-15](#)

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## Summer Teen Farm Program

Teens will help with the animal chores, participate in special projects, and learn responsible animal care. Qualifications include understanding and following directions, ability to be on your feet for a physically active day, tolerance for being outside and working in a farm environment near animals, hay, vegetation, and dust. Fees cover required supplies.

**Ages: 14-18**

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

**Hours/Dates: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

[July 11-15](#)

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## 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  
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