KELSEY CREEK FARM

PROMOTING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN A FARM ENVIRONMENT

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

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

FARM ANIMALS IN THE PASTURES DAILY FROM 9:30AM TO 3:30PM, 365 DAYS A YEAR
FRASER CABIN HERITAGE PROGRAMS
Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, invites visitors to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life; agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history.

Ages: All
Hours: 11am–3pm
Fees: FREE
Dates: Jun. 16, Jul. 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15

SUMMER KID’S SHOWS
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services presents FREE children’s events that will be held at Kelsey Creek Farm and Robinswood Parks.

Ages: All
Hours: 11am-noon
Fees: FREE

Dates | Location | Performer
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July 10 | Kelsey Creek Farm | Alt-Rock Retro Reboot Concert, Presented by Rick Huddle
July 24 | Robinswood Park | The Bing Bang Boom Show, Presented by Duo Finelli, Luz Gaxiola and Molly Shannon
Aug 7 | Kelsey Creek Farm | The Battle of the Bands, Presented by The Brian Waite Band
DAY CAMPS

KELSEY CREEK AND 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.

**Ages:** 4–6 (Kelsey Creek Day Camp) / Ages: 7–10 (Kid’s Connection Day Camp)

**Fees:** $180 (R) / $216 (N)
*Fees for short week: $144 (R) / $173 (N)

**Hours:** M-F, 9:30am–3pm

**Extended Care Available:** 7:30am–5:30pm
(R) $65 (N) $78
*Fees for short week: (R) $58 (N) $69

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. This week will include an educational presentation by “The Parrot Lady” and her talented trick birds. End the week with a tractor-pulled wagon ride.

#180105  Ages: 4–6  June 25–29
#180115  Ages: 7–10  June 25–29

SCIENCE ADVENTURES

Experiments galore! Stir up some cool concoctions using common household items. Each day will be filled with wacky experiments, outdoor games and activities. This week campers will participate in a hands-on discovery workshop provided by a special guest from Mad Science.

#180106  Ages: 4–6  July 2, 3, 5, 6*
#180116  Ages: 7–10  July 2, 3, 5, 6*

ANIMAL KINGDOM

Discover the wonders of animals. Campers will learn how to care for pets, as well as explore the world of creatures large and small. This week will include a field trip to a local place of interest.

#180107  Ages: 4–6  July 9–13
#180117  Ages: 7–10  July 9–13
EXPLORE NATURE
Walk the forest trails at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Create your own pair of binoculars to assist you on a nature scavenger hunt and get a closer look at small creatures in the Northwest. This week will include a field trip to a local park or beach.

#180108 Ages: 4–6 July 16–20
#180118 Ages: 7–10 July 16–20

SPORTS AND GAMES FOR ALL
Run relays, challenge yourself through an obstacle course and participate in a variety of active sports and games. This week will include a special activity on site. Join us as we celebrate the week with Camp Olympics, complete with inflatable fun.

#180110 Ages: 4–6 July 23–27
#180119 Ages: 7–10 July 23–27

YOUNG FARMERS
Open the barn door and get to know some of the larger animals at the farm. Go on a goat walk and make a tasty treat for the pig. Help with barn chores and you will be rewarded with a tractor-pulled wagon ride. This week will include a field trip to a local park or beach.

#180111 Ages: 4–6 July 30–Aug. 3
#180120 Ages: 7–10 July 30–Aug. 3
EARTH SCIENCE
Explore the wonders of the Earth. Create a volcano, learn about rocks and fossils and discover ways to protect the environment. This week will include a special guest. Explore the world of paleontology with Geo Adventures and go home with your very own fossil.

#180112 Ages: 4–6 Aug. 6–10
#180121 Ages: 7–10 Aug. 6–10

BEAT THE HEAT
Splishin’ and splashin’ our way through the week. Enjoy a water carnival complete with an inflatable waterslide. Get ready because we’re going to get wet! This week will include a field trip to Robinswood Park for a water carnival.

#180114 Ages: 4–6 Aug. 13–17
#180122 Ages: 7–10 Aug. 13–17

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
Fees: $180 (R) / $216 (N)
*Fees for short week: $144 (R) / $173 (N)
Hours: M-F 9:30am–3pm
Extended Care Available: 8:30am–5:30pm
(R) $54 (N) $66
*Fees for short week: (R) $50 (N) 59

WORLD OF MAKE BELIEVE
Open a book and step inside. Let’s pretend, be creative and tickle the imagination. This week will include an educational presentation by “The Parrot Lady” and her talented trick birds.

#180123 June 25–29
MYSTERIES OF SCIENCE
Mix-up icky, sticky, silly experiments as we discover the world of science. This week campers will participate in a hands-on discovery workshop provided by a special guest from “Mad Science”.
#180162 July 2, 3, 5, 6*

SAFARI ADVENTURES
Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Do you love animals? This week is all about our furry, feathery and slithery friends. This week will include a field trip to a local place of interest.
#180163 July 9–13

NATURE AROUND US
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. This week will include a field trip to a local park or beach.
#180164 July 16–20

OUTDOOR GAMES
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. This week will include a field trip to Kelsey Creek Farm for camp-wide Olympics.
#180165 July 23–27

AROUND THE WORLD
Travel with us as we explore diverse cultures around the world. Top the week off with a fiesta, complete with a piñata for all to enjoy. This week will include a field trip to a local park or beach.
#180166 July 30–Aug. 3
EARTH EXPLORATION
Learn about the Earth through rocks, fossils, weather and much more. Join in on a celebration of our planet. This week will include a special guest. Explore the world of paleontology with Geo Adventures and go home with your very own fossil.
#180168 Aug. 6–10

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE
Enjoy a water carnival complete with an inflatable waterslide. Create your own sea creatures and plan on wet fun all week long.
#180169 Aug. 13–17

FARM ANIMAL FRIENDS
Focus on a different animal each day. This week will include a trip to Kelsey Creek Farm. Take part in a farm chore and take a tractor-pulled wagon ride.
#180170 Aug. 20–24
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. For more information; www.DianeCulhaneArt.com.

Ages: 6–11
Fees: $290 (R) / $345 (NR)
*Fees for short week: $232 (R) / $278 (N)
Hours: 9:30am–3pm
Extended Care Available: 7:30am–5:30pm
(R) $65 (N) $78
*Fees for short week: (R) $58 (N) $69

#180016-1 June 25–29
#180016-2 July 2,3,5 6*
#180016-3 July 9–13
#180016-4 July 16–20
#180016-5 July 30–Aug. 3
#180016-6 Aug. 6–10
#180016-7 Aug. 13–17
#180016-8 Aug. 20–24 (No Extended Care offered)

CARTOONIVERSITY DAY CAMP

Explore the art of cartooning in depth with local Editorial Cartoonist/ Humorous Illustrator, Jeff Johnson, www.cartooniversity.com. Areas of study include character development, expressions, directional views, action poses, backgrounds, perspective and lettering. Daily projects include blank puzzles, flip-book animation, character profiles, comic strips and more!

Ages: 9–14
Fees: $300 (R) / $360 (N)
*Fees for short week: $180 (R) / $216 (N)
Hours: M-F, 10am–3pm

#180001-1 July 23–27
#180001-2 Aug. 20–24
#180001-3 Aug. 27–29*
INTRODUCTION TO BASIC HORSEMANSHIP DAY CAMP

Experience the wonderful world of horses in a small group setting. Students will learn riding balance, ground skills, independent seat and leading. Enjoy games, crafts, a tractor-pulled wagon ride and western style picnic in the park.

**Ages:** 5–6  
**Fees:** $375 (R) $425 (N)  
**Hours:** M-F, 10am–3pm  
#180941 July 9–13  
#180942 July 16–20  
#180943 July 23–27  
#180944 July 30–Aug. 3  
#180945 Aug. 6–10

PONY DAY CAMP

Experience a camp packed with pony activities at Kelsey Creek Farm. Assist in grooming, saddling, care and feeding. This week’s camp will include: pony rides, equine craft projects and games. End the week with a tractor-pulled wagon ride and western style cookout.

**Ages:** 5–6  
**Fees:** $325 (R) $375 (N)  
*Fees for short week: $195 (R) $225 (N)*  
**Hours:** 10am–3pm  
#180102-1 10am–3pm Aug. 20–24  
#180102-2 10am–3pm Aug. 27–29*
**LITTLE FARMERS CAMP**

Explore life on the farm. Campers will meet Kelsey Creek’s resident farm animals and make them treats. Create crafts and play games in this special half-day camp with Jayne Ash. She combines 25 years of early childhood education experience with her knowledge of animals to actively engage children in the joys of farm life.

**Ages:** 4–6  
**Fees:** $155 / $186  
**Hours:** M-F, 10am–1pm

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**LITTLE HOUSE ON THE FARM**

Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Little House books help children compare their life based on electricity and modern conveniences with the life of Laura and Mary. Grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, hammer nails, pump water, and play dress-up. Add in crafts and games to create special memories of a life long ago. Jayne Ash combines 25 years of early childhood education experience with her knowledge of animals to actively engage children in the joys of farm life.

**Ages:** 4–6  
**Fees:** $155 (R) $186 (N)  
*Fees for short week:* $124 (R) $148 (N)  
**Hours:** M-F, 10am–1pm

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**FUN ON THE FARM**

Adult/child farm classes with Mrs. D. Cooking, puppetry, farm walks, crafts, a pony ride, stories, and games. Each month will focus on a different theme: May-Farm Animals, June-Flowers on the Farm. Adult/child teams only.

**Ages:** 2–5  
**Fees:** $56(R) $67(N)

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KELSEY CREEK SUMMER ART VOLUNTEERS
You will assist the Go Go Van Gogh art camp instructor and children ages of 6-11 with daily classroom activities. Qualifications include; enjoy working with children, able to play games with children during recess, desire to mentor, self-motivated, capable of understanding and following directions with a positive attitude. Volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. Limit 1, (ONE) session per participant for either the Farm, Art, Equine, Little Farmers summer volunteer programs.

Ages: 14–18
Fees: $15 (R) $18 (N)
Hours: 9:15am–3:15pm
#180124-1  Jun 25-29  #180124-5  Jul 30-Aug 3
#180124-2  Jul 2-6 No class Jul 4  #180124-6  Aug 6-10
#180124-3  Jul 9-13  #180124-7  Aug 13-17
#180124-4  Jul 16-20  #180124-8  Aug 20-24

LITTLE FARMERS CAMP VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers will work with children as they explore farm life, do farm chores, play games and do crafts. Qualifications include; enjoy working with children ages 4-6, willingness to learn, self-motivated, capable of understanding and following directions and a positive attitude. Volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. Limit 1, (ONE) session per participant for either the Farm, Art, Equine, or Little Farmers summer volunteer programs.

Ages: 14–18
Fees: $15 (R) $18 (N)
Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm
#180143-1  Jun 11-15  #180143-6  Jul 23-27
#180143-2  Jun 18-22  #180143-7  Aug 6-10
#180143-3  Jun 25-29  #180143-8  Aug 13-17
#180143-4  Jul 9-13  #180143-9  Aug 20-24
#180143-5  Jul 16-20
SUMMER FARM VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will help with the animal chores, participate in special projects and learn responsible animal care in this week-long program. 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. Volunteers are required to start on Monday, complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. Limit 1, (ONE) session per participant for either the Farm, Art, Equine, or Little Farmers summer volunteer programs.

Ages: 12–14; 14–18
Fees: $15 (R) $18 (N)
Hours: 9am–4:30pm

#180147-1  Jul 9-13
#180147-2  Jul 16-20
#180147-3  Jul 23-27
#180147-4  Jul 30-Aug 3
#180147-5  Aug 6-10
#180147-6  Aug 13-17

EQUINE VOLUNTEERS

Learn about horses as you work directly with children in the equine programs. Qualifications include; comfortable working with horses and children, 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. Volunteers will be required to attend a mandatory training and to pass a skills test. Training is Saturday, June 30th from 9am-noon. Volunteers are required to start on Monday, complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. Limit 1, (ONE) session per participant for either the Farm, Art, Equine, or Little Farmers summer volunteer programs.

Ages: 14–18
Fees: $15 (R) $18 (N)
Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

#180152-1  Jul 9-20
#180152-2  Jul 23-Aug 3
#180152-3  Aug 6-10
#180152-4  Aug. 20-29
**BUNNY BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Celebrate your child’s birthday by visiting the farm and meeting our friendly bunny. Activities include a farm walk, bunny craft, and special time with the farm bunny. Party packages include one hour bunny activities/farm walk and one hour room rental in our farm house. Total party size limited to 30 people.

**Ages:** 4Y–11Y  
**Fees:** $190(R) / $205(N) – up to 10 children  
Add’t’l children $10 each

**COOKIE DECORATING BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Visit the farm to celebrate your birthday. Each child will decorate six farm cookies and enjoy a farm walk. Party packages include one hour cookie decorating/farm walk and one hour room rental in our farm house. Total party size limited to 30 people.

**Ages:** 5Y–11Y  
**Fees:** $190(R) / $205(N) – up to 10 children  
Add’t’l children $15 each

**FARM BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Celebrate your child’s special day with a visit to the farm! Meet our goats, sheep, rabbits, pig, and ponies, then create your own wooly sheep to take home. Party packages include one hour tour/craft time and one hour room rental. Total party size limited to 30 people. Children under 2 years are no additional charge.

**Ages:** 2Y–11Y  
**Fees:** $190(R) / $205(N) – up to 15 children  
Add’t’l children $6 each
FARM TOURS FOR SCHOOLS AND GROUPS

Tour themes vary by season: Kids on the Farm, Springtime in the Barnyard, Fall at the Farm, Pioneer Days. Most tours appropriate for children ages 2 years and up. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. $90 for 15 or fewer people (children & adults). Additional attendees: $6.00 per child & $2.50 per adult. Staff are free. Call early for reservations and more information: 425-452-7688, or email KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov.

CRITTER ADOPTIONS

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

register.bellevuewa.gov

Scholarships available for many programs.