

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Events List

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SEPTEMBER 2017

- Sept 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Fly, Chick, Fly!”**
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. Join us for two books about baby birds: a family of hatchling ducks learns to swim, and a clutch of owls learns to fly. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118743 or 118744. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 2-3** **Big Backyard Community Campout, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. to Sept 3 at 9:30 a.m.**
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Come experience Bellevue’s Community Campout! This event is perfect for first time campers or experienced campers looking for a fun time with family and friends. This year we are camping at Newcastle Beach Park, so join us for a night of camping out under the stars in the great outdoors. Dinner, breakfast, and campfire treats are included. Limited camping gear is available upon request. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$20 for Bellevue residents; \$25/non-residents. Children under 5 are \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required – space is limited! **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 117792. **Info:** Carrie Sabochik at csabochik@bellevuewa.gov
- Sept 3** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 8** **Swim, Salmon, Swim!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Autumn brings some of the best months to see wild salmon returning home. They may travel thousands of miles to lay eggs and spawn. Come learn about this incredible journey and why the salmon cycle is so important to life in the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Sept 9** **Master Gardener Clinic,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Get answers about what plants are best for you, plant identification, how to solve tough growing challenges, and lots more. If you're bringing a plant sample, please put it in a plastic bag. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 9** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 10** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger-Led Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. A Park Ranger will guide you through friendly neighborhood greenbelts. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 12** **Garden Class: "Mindfulness in the Garden – Creating Calm Within,"**
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. Join other women in restoring your mind, body and spirit. Let the stress and demands of daily life melt away as your experience the healing powers of nature. As you stroll slowly through the quiet trails of the Garden, Deborah and Jessica will help you experience the outdoors in a whole new way. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Sept 13** **Garden Class: “Walk the Waterwise Garden”**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Patricia Burgess. The Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden demonstrates how homeowners can have healthy, attractive landscapes while conserving resources and protecting the environment. This class will focus on waterwise basics, plants, and issues to consider. During a walk through the Waterwise Garden, Patricia will discuss the design, maintenance, and what the garden has taught us over time, including plant selection, soil preparation, and proper irrigation. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 16** **Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Purchase unusual ferns for your garden, and learn about ferns from the experts! **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.hardyferns.org/events.php>
- Sept 16** **Cultivating Clay Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
In this workshop, you will be introduced to a variety of hand building and surface decoration techniques to construct a geometric functional form. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Materials are included in the class fee. **Ages:** Adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident; \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 16** **Fall’s Fabulous Fellows**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Creepy crawlies, hairy scaries, spiders, bats and owls! Oh my! Join us for a fun, fact-filled morning learning about fall’s fabulous fellows through art, music and dance. Special treats await you, too! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member - \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 118406.
- Sept 16** **Bellevue Aquatics Center’s 20-Year Anniversary**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for this celebration of the City of Bellevue’s Aquatic Center, which has been operated by the City for 20 years. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Julie Byers – 425-452-4444.

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- Sept 16** **Garden Class: “Fall in the Border”**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Jen Boardman. Beauty in the fall garden is found in the changing leaves, fading flowers, and seed pods of dormant perennials. There will be a brief slideshow, followed by a stroll through the perennial border to discuss favorite fall plants with information about what to divide, cut back, and leave alone. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Sept 16** **Family Discovery Series: I’ve Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 16** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 19** **Bellevue Main Club Open House**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, Arts & Crafts Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
Sample upcoming fall programs, meet teachers, and visit with others with a common interest. Tours lasting 20 minutes start at 10 a.m., twenty-minute drop-in activities sessions will follow. Enjoy social time with coffee and treats provided! Fall program registration is available on site. Join us for great programs that create connections and enhance lifelong learning. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 20** **From Cows to Apples (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111275. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Sept 22** **Indoor Play at SBCC with Caspar Babypants**, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Caspar Babypants will perform a 45-minute show for children and their parents at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, we encourage families to stick around and participate in our Indoor Play Program. Many thanks to our Indoor Play Sponsor, Kritsonis and Lindor at Windermere Real Estate! **Ages:** Children up to 5 years old with a parent/guardian. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Sept 22** **Ranger-Led Hike: Nightfall in Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 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 Bellevue 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. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for Bellevue residents; \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 118762. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 23** **Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale and Speakers**, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop cool plants from unique, local nurseries, and attend sessions with celebrity garden speakers. Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education credits for these sessions. Event includes a Master Gardener Clinic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.mgfk.org/events/fall-sale-speakers>

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- Sept 23** **Family Discovery Series: I've Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 24** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 28** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Visual Journaling (watercolor/sketching)**,
10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Arts & Crafts Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn basic drawing and watercolor skills, and explore ways to create a journal of daily activities by using ink, collage and watercolor. All materials included. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 28** **Garden Class: "Propagation 101"**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Gordon Polson. This presentation will de-mystify how to propagate plants using the various forms of plant propagation. Gordon's step-by-step demonstration will include tools to use, options for rooting solutions, and the most successful types of plants to propagate in our area. Participants will learn successful propagation techniques and will take home a handout with instructions to try propagating on their own. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Sept 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Bees: Tales from the Hive,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet at alarming rates in the past decade or more. This phenomena is referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). While endless hours and years of research have been dedicated to solving this mystery, a definitive answer has not been found. Come learn more about what may be leading to their demise, what it means for our future, and what we can do to help save the bees. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 30** **Adult Enrichment Series: Native Plant Walk,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wished you could identify more of our local plants? Join a Park Ranger on a walk through Mercer Slough Nature Park to learn more about the native trees and shrubs that thrive in the forest, meadow, and wetland. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 30** **Living with Wildlife: Crows,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our city’s most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory, and are very social. Find out why crows gather in huge 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:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 4** **Goats a-Plenty (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111286. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 5** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Poetry**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
Through photographs, music and objects, explore the theme of "flight" to create simple and elegant individual and group poems based on the group's ideas and imagination. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 5** **Garden Class: "Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation"**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
In this class we explore the roles mushrooms play in forest ecology and how those roles can benefit our gardens and our bodies. We will learn basic techniques to propagate and cultivate the wood-loving species, the Oyster mushroom. Each participant will have the opportunity to create an Oyster Spawn Mat that can be used to inoculate more substrate later at home. Participants will also receive a ready-to-fruit mushroom kit to take home. The class fee includes a \$40 supply fee. **Cost:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$75/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "The Lorax,"**
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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. Join us for the classic children's book, *The Lorax*, to learn the basics of safeguarding our environment. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118745 or 118746. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 7** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit the Glass Pumpkin Patch featuring over 1,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins crafted by local glass artists from the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Wander through a dazzling array of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins in a variety of colors, shapes, sizes and price range. Rain or shine, come pick the perfect pumpkin for yourself or as a gift. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. **Cost:** Free admission; pumpkins range in price from \$35 to \$200. Credit cards accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or Tacoma Glassblowing Studio – TGSGlass@gmail.com or 253-948-9699.
- Oct 7** **Farm Fair Volunteers**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at Kelsey Creek Farm’s special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 110926. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 7** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival! Featured events include: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pick-a-pumpkin (already picked from the vine but in a farm pasture), pony rides, farm animals, mascots, and food for sale. No pets, please! Free shuttle service from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary by activity. No ATMs on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kelsey Creek Farm at kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 7** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 7** **Family Discovery Series: All about the Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, then put your artistic skills to use, and take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 10** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Living Our Legacy – How Do You Want to Be Remembered?** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
We will talk about what we want our friends and family to learn from us. More than just remembering us, our lives hold lessons and messages we can start sharing now. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing 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 will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 10** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: “Pacific Feast: Where the Wild Things are Delicious!”** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn from forager, wilderness guide, professor and writer, Jennifer Hahn, about sustainably harvesting a cornucopia of delicious, nutritious seaweeds, wild and weedy greens, berries, and tree tips for enhancing health and table in all seasons.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [Facebook event](#) or http://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html

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- Oct 11** **Garden Class: “Put Your Vegetable Garden to Bed”**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). Prepare your veggie garden for next year by improving your soil over the winter. Soil building is an important component of organic gardening. Fall and winter are perfect times to add organic matter that will feed your plants throughout the year. We will discuss key components of the final harvest, how to test your soil, what cover crops to plant, and different techniques for mulching. Leave with the knowledge and skills you need to protect your soil so it is ready to go next spring! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 12** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Digital Storytelling**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
Participants will explore ways to share personal stories by using video and photography to create a digital narrative to share with family and friends. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 13** **Creepy, Crawly and Cool!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come learn about bugs, worms and spiders as we discover fun facts about these little creatures. Discover their benefits to us and our ecosystem. We will be going outside in search of these little friends, so please dress according to the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 13-14** **SpookFest Zip Scare**, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Arrive at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 9-13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (9-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged due to program popularity. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 14** **Coal Creek Natural Area “Woof Walk,”** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Come explore Bellevue’s largest park with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Limit is one dog (with leash) per guest, and bring a doggy waste bag. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Two miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. on October 13. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 14** **Family Discovery Series: All about the Bats,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, then put your artistic skills to use, and take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 15** **Who’s that Bird?,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to learn the “who’s who” and “what’s what” of our local bird species. We’ll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 18** **Roosters vs Hens (Early Release Wednesday),** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111287. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 18** **Garden Lecture: “Literature into Art: Books that Changed the Way We Garden”**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
In today’s fast-paced information age, it is hard to imagine a time when gardeners relied on books rather than YouTube videos for inspiration and practical advice. In this lecture, Colston Burrell examines the shifting roles that gardens have played in our culture, from Victorian bedding schemes to outdoor living rooms. He will highlight some seminal books that changed the way we envision, design, plant and maintain outdoor spaces. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 19** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Memoir Writing**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
During this workshop, participants will explore how to craft their personal stories into written narratives. We will explore techniques on how to generate, organize, and structure individual life experiences to include in a longer memoir to share with family and friends. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 19** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race Workshop**, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Classroom 200, 14509 SE Newport Way
New to pumpkin racing? Learn tips and tricks to building a fast pumpkin racer and see past entries for creative decoration ideas. A resource handout will be provided at the end of the workshop. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Encouraged; please register each person attending the workshop. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119040. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20-21** **SpookFest Zip Scare**, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Arrive at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 9-13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (9-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged due to program popularity. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 20** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 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 Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/course/118763>. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 21** **Who’s that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to learn the “who’s who” and “what’s what” of our local bird species. We’ll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 21** **The Great Pumpkin Hunt Festival**, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Gather your friends and family, and head down to Northwest Arts Center for an evening of holiday fun! Kid carnival games, Halloween crafts, entertainment, and the Great Pumpkin Hunt make this an event you will not want to miss. Pumpkin Hunts will be offered by age groups: ages 2-4 years will hunt at 6 p.m., ages 5-8 years will hunt at 6:45 p.m., and ages 9-14 years will hunt at 7:30 p.m. Children must check in 15 minutes prior to hunt time to ensure participation. Visit Prize Central and turn in tickets found in pumpkins for exciting prizes and treat. Wear your costume, and maybe you’ll win a prize for the best costume! **Ages:** Ages 2-14 years old. **Cost:** \$15 per participant (children); free for parents and grandparents. Admission gives you access to all carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and the Pumpkin Hunt. **Pre-registration:** Highly recommended; event sold out last year. Space is limited. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 22** **Who’s that Bird?**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to learn the “who’s who” and “what’s what” of our local bird species. We’ll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 24** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Dreaming Our Future,**
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
How has living your dreams showed up in your life up to now? What dreams do you still hope to fulfill? How do we continue to grow? Sharing our dreams out loud might just help them come true. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing 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 will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 26** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Improvisation Theatre,** 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
This interactive workshop teaches basic skills of improvisational theatre – how to say yes to new ideas, how to create characters and stories at the drop of a hat, and how to work together with other people to develop scenes and stories. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 27** **Nature Movie Night: “Secret World of Bats,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bats are often feared and misunderstood. However, without these amazing mammals, our ecological systems would be significantly altered, and life as we know it would drastically change. This film captures all aspects of bat behavior across five continents with remarkable slow motion photography. Wear your bat costumes! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
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South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Arrive at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 9-13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (9-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged due to program popularity. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 27** **Halloween Howl**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for people living with intellectual disabilities. Start planning your costume now! Come dance the night away if you dare. Our annual costume showcase will highlight the evening. We'll have witch's brew and spooky delights for all. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Oct 27** **Listen and Look for Creatures of the Night**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come enjoy an evening with a Bellevue Park Ranger on the Lake Hills Trail. We will keep an eye and an ear out for nocturnal creatures who sleep during the day and come awake through the night. Be sure to bring a flashlight so things don't get too spooky! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 27-Nov 5** **“The Pied Piper of Hamelin” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
October 27, 28, November 3, 4 at 7 p.m.; October 29, November 4 and 5 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This show follows the delightful story of a town overrun with rats and a bad mayor. The Pied Piper saves the town but not before helping the town realize what truly matters. The show is 90 minutes in length. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on October 23. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 28** **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** Ages 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 118407.

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- Oct 28** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race and Jump**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Upper Parking Lot, 14509 SE Newport Way
Race or jump your decorated pumpkin on wheels for prizes and bragging rights! There will be two “heats” – 10 a.m. to noon, and noon to 2 p.m.
Race: Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in the Seventh Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race. Upon registration, you will receive an email with basic rules and instructions on how to prepare your pumpkin for race day. We encourage individuals, families and groups to register. **Jump:** Your pumpkin doesn’t have to be the fastest to be crowned a winner. Test your pumpkin’s ability to fly off of a ramp and jump the farthest or smash the hardest to take home a prize! **Pumpkin Racer Kits:** Visit SBCC to purchase (\$25) or rent (\$10) a Pumpkin Racer Kit, which provides hardware for one pumpkin racer. Pumpkin not included. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Encouraged. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119039. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **Carnival on the Hill**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Games! Food! Bouncy houses! Entertainment! Expect classic carnival games with a Halloween twist, food for the family and entertainment for all to enjoy. “Trained Human” Matt Henry will perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; tickets required for some activities. Purchase tickets at the SBCC Front Desk on the day of the event for the climbing wall, inflatables and games. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **Living with Wildlife: Raccoons**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Are you neighbors with one (or several) of these mischievous mammals? If so, you’re not alone. Learn all about raccoons, and how to prevent conflicts in your neck of the woods. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 28** **Adult Enrichment Series: From Glaciers to Greenways**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What mysteries lie beneath the soggy surface and between the diversity of aquatic plants? Through both natural processes and human interactions, the area has changed drastically over thousands of years. Join a Park Ranger for a guided history hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to uncover the past and explore the future. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 28** **Dessert Theatre on the Hill**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Community Room A&B, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bellevue Youth Theatre presents “Snow White and the Seven Souls.” You thought you knew the story, but we are here to share what really happened. Come enjoy some wonderful dessert and a great show. Showtime is 7 p.m. **Ages:** Best for ages 7 and older; children ages 7-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required by Thursday, October 26. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119074. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **Haunted Movie on the Hill – “Hocus Pocus,”** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Gymnasium, 14509 SE Newport Way
Ladies and gentlemen! Boys and ghouls! Grab your pillows and blankets for a night out on the hill. Join us after dark for free popcorn and a Halloween classic projected on our 17-foot inflatable movie screen. Additional concessions will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Presenting Sponsor of Halloween on the Hill – Champions Centre. Gold Level Sponsor of Haunted Movie on the Hill – Cinerama. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and popcorn; additional concession for purchase. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 29** **Family-Friendly 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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 1** **Circle Dance Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Art Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
During this hands-on (and feet-on!) workshop, participants will engage in simple dance moves designed to build strength and community. Seated dance options are available. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 3** **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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. Do you know that black bears live on Cougar Mountain? We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118747 or 118748. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 4** **Cartooniversity Saturday Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This workshop will include character development, expression, directional views, action poses, background, and letter. Projects include blank puzzles, flip-book animation, character profiles, comic strips, and more! All supplies included. Bring snacks. **Ages:** Ages 9-14 years old. **Cost:** \$75/resident; \$90/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 5** **Living with Wildlife: Coyotes**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
So... there's a coyote in the yard... should I be worried? Nope, but there are definitely some tips and tricks to keep this fascinating urban creature as wild as possible. Join us to learn how! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 7** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Life Purpose**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
Reflecting on what we are meant to do can help us clarify goals for our present lives. Knowing our essential values and knowing what “turns us on” can be a path to self-discovery. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing 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 will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 8** **Pony Pleasure (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111280. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 10-19** **“As You Like It” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 10, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; November 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Our production is classic Shakespeare with a BYT twist. This fun and enjoyable comedy has great moments and lines which include “all the world’s a stage” and “too much of a good thing.” Deception and disguises lead to a delightful time in the theatre. The show is one hour and 45 minutes long. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$10. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 11** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. A Park Ranger will guide you through friendly neighborhood greenbelts. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 11** **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest, but they've been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 12** **Let's Plant a Tree!**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn some local trees with a Park Ranger! We'll 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 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 15** **Thankful for Our Animal Friends (Early Release Wednesday)**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111281. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 17** **A Trail of Autumn Leaves**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Why do trees lose their leaves in the Fall? Come learn more about the Autumn season, and what brings about this great change to our forests each year. For our leaf print craft, we will search the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail for fallen leaves, but feel free to bring your own from home as well! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 17** **Nature Movie Night: "My Life as Turkey,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Based on a true story, this beautiful, thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. Follow one man's incredible journey raising wild turkeys from hatchlings to adulthood. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 18** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season to make a mini gingerbread house, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun! **Ages:** Ages 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
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- Nov 23** **Laps Before Naps Masters Swim Workout**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for this two-hour Masters swim workout on Thanksgiving Day. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$12/person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 24** **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for swimming, raffles and water safety demonstrations. Free water-related t-shirts for the first 50 children (12 years and younger)! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 years and younger – free! 13 years and older - \$7/person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Julie Byers – 425-452-4444.

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Nov 24-Dec 3 “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),
November 24, 25, December 1, 2 at 7 p.m.; November 26, December 2, 3 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Join us for the endearing story of a parent’s love. Christmas is the backdrop for this wonderful story of Clement C. Moore, his family, and the beloved poem.

This show is filled with traditional Christmas carols. The show is 90 minutes long. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12.

Price increases to \$15 on November 20. All seats are reserved. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 25 Porcelain Adornment Workshop, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Create a one-of-a-kind gift or keepsake out of porcelain using a variety of tools and techniques that will help you capture how you celebrate the holiday season.

Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** Teens/Adults – ages 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$45/resident; \$54/non-resident. **Pre-**

registration: Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 25 – 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 lights that transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Each holiday season,

thousands of visitors enjoy this dazzling display. This year, the route has changed, critters added, and the lights more magical than ever. **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. **Free nights:** November 27-30 and December 4-7.

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/>

Nov 26 Family-Friendly 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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids

to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel

bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome.

Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:**

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- Nov 26** **Let's Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn some local trees with a Park Ranger! We'll 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 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 29-Dec 2** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, November 29-December 1, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and December 2, 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:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application and information:** hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or <http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/>

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Join us for the endearing story of a parent’s love. Christmas is the backdrop for this wonderful story of Clement C. Moore, his family, and the beloved poem. This show is filled with traditional Christmas carols. The show is 90 minutes long. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on November 20. All seats are reserved. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 1** **Who’s in Your Backyard: Bobcats and Cougars**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Two types of wild cats live right here in our Bellevue parks. Do you know how to tell them apart? Come learn about our local woodland felines and what to do if you come across a mountain lion! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Dec 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Let It 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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. It’s winter, all right... Join us for stories about snow and wildlife! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Required for children and adults. **To register:**
<http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118749 or 118750.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Dec 2** **Garden Class: “Holiday Wreath-Making”,** two sessions; choose one
10 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. -3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Start the holiday season right with a beautiful holiday wreath! Attendees will decorate and take home a lovely wreath made of natural greens. Decorations, ribbon, directions and ideas will be provided. **Cost:** \$60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$70/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Dec 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
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.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (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 3** **Seafair’s Holiday Cruise,** 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
This annual event serves individuals over 16 years old living with intellectual disabilities. Meydenbauer Yacht Club provides the ships and volunteers to join the parade along the Lake Washington shoreline. Individuals interested in attending must pre-register. Those utilizing a wheelchair or walker need to register directly through Seafair. Space is limited. Interested volunteers should contact Mary Boyle at 425-452-4118. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle –
Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. Info – 425-452-7686.
- Dec 3** **Christmas Ship Festival,** 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 3:40 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.

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- Dec 8** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Get out your holiday best, pack your festive spirit, lace up your dancing shoes, and join us for our annual holiday ball. The Highland Community Center facilitates this event each year for adults living with intellectual disabilities.
Ages: Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. Info – 425-452-7686.
- Dec 8-17** **“Miracle on 34th Street” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
December 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7 p.m.; December 10, 16, 17 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Is Macy’s Santa real or just hired? This work by Meredith Wilson includes some classics such as “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.” The show is one hour and 45 minutes long. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on December 4. All seats are reserved.
Pre-registration: Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 9** **Porcelain Adornment Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create a one-of-a-kind gift or keepsake out of porcelain using a variety of tools and techniques that will help you capture how you celebrate the holiday season. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** Teens/Adults – ages 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$45/resident; \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 9** **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 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:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Dec 13** **Happy Holidays for All (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111282. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 15** **Winter Visitors**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Some animals, such as the snow goose, travel incredible distances in the changing seasons. Come learn about some of these migrators and what brings them to the Pacific Northwest for the winter. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Dec 15** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 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 Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 118764. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 16** **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 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:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 17** **Life in the Forest Understory**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We'll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park's forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Christmas in Yellowstone,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Based on a true story, this beautiful, thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. Follow one man’s incredible journey raising wild turkeys from hatchlings to adulthood. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 30** **Life in the Forest Understory,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There’s an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We’ll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park’s forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 31** **“A New Year’s Hike” at Lewis Creek Park,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger 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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (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 31** **Family-Friendly 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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.