

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services**  
**Events List**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

- Sept 1**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
*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 (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**      **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 2**      **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 know 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 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 3**      **Holiday Farm Tour: Labor Day, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them. **Ages:** 2 years and older, with an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1835371 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1835372 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.

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- Sept 7**      **“Wild Kratts: Build It Beaver” (Nature Movie)**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
When the Wild Kratts accidentally break a beaver dam, they must help the beaver family rebuild it and restore the pond’s ecosystem. Watch this family educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and stick around afterward for a beaver program! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 7**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Salamander Room”**  
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! Have you found a salamander hidden in the forest or wondered about what our mysterious amphibian friends are up to? There are thirteen species of salamander that call Washington home, and they come in all sizes and colors. This story time, we’ll read two stories all about some of our favorite amphibians! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Sept 8**      **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! Sale is hosted by the Hardy Fern Foundation and is open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.hardyferns.org/>
- Sept 8**      **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 know 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 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 11**      **Bellevue Main Club Open House**, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*Bellevue Main Club, 209 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
Sample upcoming Fall fitness programs for free at the Bellevue Main Club. Try 50-minute fitness classes to get you moving, as well as classes that create connections and promote lifelong learning. Class start times: Jazzercise (8:15-9:15 a.m.), Strength Training (9:30-10:30 a.m.), Mindful Movement (10:45 a.m.). Also, learn about upcoming education and enrichment classes. Fall topics include creative writing, intellectual property, and acrylic painting. The Fall session starts on September 17. Visit the Bellevue Main Club web page for more information about our programs. **Ages:** Adults, 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Sept 14**      **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden – Deepening Your Awareness,**  
10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Integrating elements of mindfulness meditation and Shinrin Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), we will cleanse and free our mind, body and spirit, creating a sense of inner strength, spaciousness and stillness. Instructors Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC, are psychotherapists in private practice and co-founders of Mindful in the Wild. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 15**      **Painting with Chickens,** 10 a.m. – noon  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child’s creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children’s finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1835361.
- Sept 15**      **Garden Class: Top Ten – Fabulous Foliage for Autumn,** 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This class, taught by George Lasch, will focus on the top ten trees that color up well before shedding. We will talk about how and why foliage changes, and best ways to maximize the show. The walk and talk will focus on good garden trees that reliably show off in the October drizzle. One of our most popular and entertaining speakers, George was the Supervisor of the Perennial Border garden at BBG for eight years. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 15**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.

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- Sept 16**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. - noon  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 16**      **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture: Truly Compelling Combinations – Creating Sizzle and Subtlety**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Award-winning author and garden designer Brenda Adams will explain how and why plant combinations work to create more beautiful and compelling spaces. You will discover new ways to use foliage, color, texture, form and other plant attributes to design upbeat, dazzling and exciting combinations as well as those with a calm, more subtle, but still very memorable presence. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$15 for non NWPA members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:**  
[http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Brenda\\_Adams\\_lecture.php](http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Brenda_Adams_lecture.php)
- Sept 19**      **Flu Shot Clinic and Community Resources Fair**, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine  
*Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Bring the whole family to visit the new Stevenson Elementary building! Join vendors, organizations, and community services providers at a fun event for everyone. Limited free flu shots will be available to low-income individuals and families. Bellevue organizations will share their informational materials at their tables. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez at [cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-456-6000.
- Sept 19**      **BBG Society Lecture: Entertaining – White House Style**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Laura Dowling was the Chief Floral Designer at the White House from 2009-2015. This program will include a slide show of White House events and a presentation about stylish entertaining at home. This lecture is presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and is open to the public. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:**  
<https://bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Sept 21**      **The Good Garter Snake**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Garter snakes are the only native snake in Bellevue. Nearly harmless, they slither through the wetlands hunting insects, frogs and other small creatures. Join us as we learn about this awesome snake, who was recently named the Master Naturalists' Creature of the Year! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 21**      **Welcoming Week Event – Brazilian Drumming Workshop**, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Create rhythms in an intuitive, spontaneous way. Brazilian instruments will be available as well as buckets, plastic oil pans, and anything that can make sound. Learn to play traditional and contemporary Brazilian grooves, and explore your own creativity. Enjoy playing as an ensemble with an instructor who has performed for celebrities such as Nelson Mandela, Paul Simon, Pope John II and the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama! **Ages:** Ages 10 to adults. **Cost:** \$10/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106, course 1803693.
- Sept 22**      **Master Gardeners of King County – Speaker Series and Plant Sale**,  
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Shop cool plants from unique, local nurseries, and attend sessions with excellent speakers. Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education credits for these sessions. **Cost:** Free parking and admission to the plant sale; costs of plants and speaker session fees vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.mgfk.org/events>
- Sept 22**      **Fall Farm Fun: Sheep, Chickens, and Bunnies, Oh My!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Meet a sheep, feed a chicken, and pet a bunny! Enjoy a fall morning on the farm in the company of our animals. Activities include animal petting, crafts, and snack time. Come dressed for the weather. This event is for adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803644.

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- Sept 22**      **Family Discovery Series: Nature's Recyclers**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Who is cleaning up the forest floor? Fungus, bacteria and invertebrates are nature's busy recyclers working endlessly to break down organic material. Not only do they break down decaying matter, but they also turn it into rich, nutrient-filled soil necessary for healthy forests. Join a Park Ranger to enjoy a story, hand-on activities, and a chance to meet some wiggly recyclers. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 22**      **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 know 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 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 27**      **Garden Class: Gardening in Tough Spots**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This class will be taught by Christina Pfeiffer. Every garden seems to have a spot where it is more difficult to keep plants thriving. This class offers practical tips on how to turn those spots around and determining best plant choices. Common garden challenges will be covered, including soil conditions, light levels, too much or too little moisture, root competition, slopes, and tight spaces. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 27**      **Pasta Dinner Class**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upper Room, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Enjoy the farm in the evening as you learn how to make pasta with tools you probably have in your kitchen. We will use fresh herbs from the garden for the sauce to complement the pasta. Class includes recipes and hearty samples. No previous cooking experience is necessary. **Ages:** Adults only, 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/resident and \$48/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803563.

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- Sept 28**      **Nature Movie: “Life in the Undergrowth,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Join David Attenborough on his groundbreaking exploration into a spectacular miniature universe not normally seen but teeming all around us. Open your eyes to the bizarre, ferocious and surprisingly beautiful world of invertebrates. These creatures may be miniscule, but they live life on a truly grand scale. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome - best for ages 5 years and older.  
**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:**  
[MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 28**      **Evening Nature Walk,** 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we’ll explore some of the park’s nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Distance:** 1 mile. **Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults only.  
**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:**  
<https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course #1803884. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 29**      **Mountainfilm on Tour,** 7 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Mountainfilm on Tour is coming to Bellevue, bringing a selection of culturally rich, adventure-packed and inspiring documentary films curated from the Mountainfilm Festival held every Memorial Day weekend in Telluride, CO. These shows will explore themes connected to Mountainfilm’s mission: to use the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world. Mountainfilm on Tour in Bellevue is hosted by the City of Bellevue’s TRACKS program in partnership with The Mountaineers. **Ages:** Best for teens and adults.  
**Cost:** \$18/Bellevue residents and Mountaineers members; \$23/non-residents and non-members. **Pre-registration:** Tickets available through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)  
**Info:** Carrie Sabochik at [csabochik@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:csabochik@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6883.

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- Oct 5**      **“Wild Kratts: Masked Bandits” (Nature Movie)**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
The Wild Kratts team starts to notice strange things happening in the Tortuga HQ. Jimmy is sure there is a ghost living with them, but they soon discover it’s a raccoon family causing all the trouble. Watch this family educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and stick around afterward for a raccoon program! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 5**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Creative Web Weavers”**  
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! Spiders might seem scary and weird, but once you learn more about them, you’ll see they’re an important part of our lives. After we read our stories, we’ll tap into some of the spider’s creative abilities for our craft. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Oct 6**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*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 (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 6**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival. The Farm Fair features live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, pick-a-pumpkin (gathered from the vine but in a farm pasture), and farm animals. No pets please. Free shuttle services from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** All ages – family event. **Cost:** No entrance fee; cost varies by activity. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 6**      **Volunteer for Special Event - Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Earn community service hours! Assist with children's activities and other event tasks. Volunteers need to be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. Participants must register by Oct. 5, 2018, and be enrolled in high school at date of event. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. **Ages:** 14-18. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 5. No day-of-event registrations will be accepted. **Info:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803642.
- Oct 6**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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. This event is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's annual Farm Festival. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children 3 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- Oct 7**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 7**      **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 9**      **Garden Lecture: What Everyone Should Know about Lichens,**  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Join us for this lecture by Dr. Katherine Glew. Common lichens will be presented and discussed to facilitate our understanding of what they can tell us about the health of our environment and how they are used as indicators of clean air. Presented by the Washington Native Plant Society and open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://wnps2.org/>
- Oct 10**      **Garden Class: Fall Care for Your Peonies,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This class will be taught by Kit Haesloop. During this class, you'll spend time outdoors in the perennial border for some hands-on time with peony plants, learning winterizing techniques and how to divide them. Kit is the president of the Northwest Perennial Alliance. This class is presented jointly between the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and the Northwest Perennial Society. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 12**      **Spiders!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Spiders! They're building webs and catching bugs. You can find a variety of different spiders in the Pacific Northwest. Whether you think they are creepy or cool, join us for this family spider class and even make a spider craft! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 12**      **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park,** 6 p.m. – 7:30 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 the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1803882. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 13**      **Introduction to Backyard Chickens**, 10 a.m. – noon  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Are you interested in keeping pet chickens in Bellevue? Kelsey Creek Farm staff can help you get started! We'll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to pick from, and how to care for them at all stages of life. You'll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you'll need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. **Ages:** Ages 14 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803535.
- Oct 13**      **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 14**      **Garden Class: Top Ten Evergreens**, 10 a.m. – noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
In this seasonal class, taught by George Lasch, we will talk about the plants that shine as backdrop plants during the winter months. We will discuss why plants are evergreen and how to best use them in your garden. Conifers and their pruning will be touched upon, but we won't limit "evergreen" to "conifers." Come and enjoy a winter garden stroll with George. He was the BBG's Perennial Border Supervisor for eight years and shares his extensive knowledge of plants and gardening with humor and wisdom. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 14**      **Living with Wildlife: Crouching Bobcats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
How can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougar, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we're lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats, and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 17**      **BBG Society Lecture: The New Perennial Movement - Bringing the Highline Home**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Tony Spencer is the creative force behind *The New Perennialist*, an award-winning blog exploring the frontiers of naturalistic garden design. Join us for his fascinating lecture. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 18**      **Garden Lecture: Fall Dahlia Care**,  
6:30 p.m. demonstration; lecture from 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This lecture is presented by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association. Come for a digging demonstration at 6:30 p.m., with the lecture following at 7:30 p.m. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- Oct 20**      **Painting with Chickens**, 10 a.m. – noon  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1835362.
- Oct 20**      **Family Discovery Series: All About the Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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, and put your artistic skills to use to take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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- Oct 21**      **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 25**      **Soup, Salad and Artisan Bread**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park Farm House Upper Room, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Learn to make two delicious soups, scrumptious salads, and artisan bread that will nourish your family through the winter. No cooking experience is necessary. We'll provide recipes and hearty samples. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** \$40/resident and \$48/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803564.
- Oct 26**      **Nature Movie: "The Secret World of Bats,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bats are often feared and misunderstood. However, without these amazing mammals, our ecological systems would be significantly altered; life as we know it would drastically change. This film captures all aspects of bat behavior across five continents with remarkable slow-motion photography. You don't want to miss it! Bat costumes encouraged. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages are welcome, but movie is best for ages 5 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 27**      **Fall Farm Fun: Pigs and Pumpkins**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Pigs love pumpkins, and we think you will too! Children get to make pumpkin treats, go on a scavenger hunt, do a craft, and learn all about pigs. Each child will pick out a pumpkin to take home. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803645.

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- Oct 27**      **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> 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 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident.  
**Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106, course 1803616.
- Oct 27**      **A Batty Evening**, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Meet at - Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Spend the later part of your day going on a walk with a Bellevue Park Ranger. We will listen for nocturnal animals, smell the cool evening air, and see the park in a different light. Also, learn about local bats that live in Bellevue and make our parks their home in the evening hours. **Ages:** Families with children ages 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 28**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)*  
Join a Park Ranger at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.  
**Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 2**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Warm Winter Beds”**  
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! When the air gets chilly, our animal friends find homes for the winter. Some animals will find their winter beds close to home, but others will go on loooooong journeys. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 3**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
*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 (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 3**      **History of Wilburton and Kelsey Creek Farm, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
For a few decades, Wilburton was a larger town than nearby Bellevue. It had several hundred residents, its own culture, and a rich history. Come to Kelsey Creek Farm to learn about local Native Americans, early logging operations and the Twin Valley Dairy, all in the context of early Eastside history. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803534.
- Nov 4**      **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 4**      **Let's Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, 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:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 9**      **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park,** 4:30 p.m. - 6 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 the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1803883. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 10**      **Cocoa and Canvas,** 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home with you. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each participant, including parents and children, must register. **Ages:** 6-10 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident, per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803634.
- Nov 10**      **Salmon Sense,** 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Each year, salmon migrate inland throughout our region... but have you ever wondered why they make this perilous journey or how they find their way? Join us at Lewis Creek Visitor Center as we dissect an adult salmon and discuss this incredible journey. Afterwards, we'll head outside to learn about stream habitat. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9-14 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for youth and adult participants by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 11**      **Living with Wildlife: Cunning Crows**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Crows are one of Bellevue's most commonly-seen wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory and are very social. Find out why crows gather in enormous 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:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 12**      **Holiday Farm Tour: Veterans' Day**, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #18353911 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #18353912 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Nov 17**      **Turkey Trot**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Y'all come on down to the Northwest Arts Center to dance and play! Create a colorful fall turkey centerpiece to enjoy for your holiday table. Snacks included. Caregiver is required to be in class. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 17**      **Grateful for Goat and Happy for Horses**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
There's a lot to be thankful for at Kelsey Creek Farm! Children will ride a pony, take our goats on a walk, give treats to the animals for a job well done, and then come into the barn for a craft and a treat of their own. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803646.

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- Nov 17**      **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 17**      **Let's Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, 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:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 18**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – noon  
*Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE*  
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 22**      **Fit for the Feast Masters Swim Workout**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> 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; includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 23**      **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE*  
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for swimming, raffles and water safety demonstrations. Free 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:** 425-452-4444.

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- Nov 24 – Dec 30**     **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 sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **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 24-29. **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 25**     **Let’s Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don’t. We’ll try some experiments on tree leaves, 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:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 28-Dec 1**     **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, November 28-30, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and December 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application and information:** [hilltop.crafts@frontier.com](mailto:hilltop.crafts@frontier.com) or <http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/>
- Nov 30**     **Nature Movie Night: “Salmon: Running the Gauntlet,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Salmon play a vital role in sustaining millions of miles of diverse ecosystems here in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, human interference, over fishing and habitat loss have led to the drastic decline in their numbers. Their imminent disappearance will have lasting negative effects on the richness of our entire region. This film forces us to take a closer look at our conservation efforts. It will shed new light on how we are all connected and pay a vital role in the overall health of these iconic creatures and the health of our ecosystems. We’ **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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**Nov 30**      **Christmas Ship Festival**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; ship arrives at 7:10 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](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 24 – Dec 30**     **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 sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **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 24-29. **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/>
- Dec 1**     **Let It Snow, Let It Snow**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Winter is coming, and we have to get ready! Come to the farm to learn how we keep the animals comfy all winter long. Children will get to ride a pony, do a farm chore, pet one of our adorable bunnies, and do a craft. We’ll finish by snuggling up in the barn with cocoa and a story. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1803647.
- Dec 1**     **Garden Class: Holiday Wreathmaking – Elements from Nature**,  
10 a.m. - noon  
*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/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$70/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Dec 1**     **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*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 (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 2**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 2**      **Snoozing Bears**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Bears are snuggled up in their dens snoring away the winter, so now is a perfect time to discover more about them. Come find out about the different bear species that call North America home, and learn which kind you might see in Bellevue if you're lucky. We'll even try hibernating! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 7**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Snowflake Bentley”**  
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! Wilson Bentley had a fascination with snowflakes – he spent his whole life studying snowflakes and pioneered a new way to photograph them. Find out more about how snowflakes are made, and what Wilson “Snowflake” Bentley’s photographs show us about snow during this story time. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8**      **Whoooo’s Hooting?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Did you know that a barn owl can find its prey in total darkness? Or that great horned owls can clasp their talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silent flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl’s diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 15**      **Sugarplum Fairies**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. Caregiver is required to be in class. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 15**      **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is Hooting?** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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 artistic skills to use to take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
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- Dec 23**      **Whoooo's Hooting?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Did you know that a barn owl can find its prey in total darkness? Or that great horned owls can clasp their talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silent flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl's diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- Dec 28**      **Nature Movie: "The Animal House,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Animals build their homes for a variety of reasons, including safety from predators, availability of a nearby food source, and protecting their young. These places are often the site of great drama and extraordinary behaviors. *The Animal House* provides a fascinating look at the "home life of wildlife." We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome - best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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**Dec 30**

**A Winter Wander**, 10:30 a.m. - noon

*Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

Head outside this winter 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 (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

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