

Preschool/Kindergarten



Bellingham
Parks &
Recreation
Department

Quality of Play — Quality of Life

BLOEDEL DONOVAN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

INTRODUCTORY PRESCHOOL

A child's first exposure to preschool should be a warm, positive experience. Bellingham Parks & Recreation offers a two-morning-a-week program designed for children three and four-years-old new to preschool. The program provides a variety of activities and experiences geared specifically to their level of development, including art, sensory, literacy, music, and movement. An outdoor playground and indoor gym provide daily opportunities for large muscle development. The introduction program focuses primarily on socialization, cooperation, and recreation. Children must be fully toilet trained. Class size limited to 15 children with two instructors, Nancy Lawrence and Michelle Schulte. **Registration for fall session opens Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 a.m.** Call 778-7000 for class availability.

PROG# 21883
AGES: 3 & 4 years old
DAYS/DATES: Mon. & Tues., Sept. 7–Nov. 23
TIME: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$300 / 12-week session (optional 2-payment plan is available)
INSTRUCTORS: Nancy Lawrence & Michelle Schulte
MAX: 15

RECREATION PRESCHOOL

The recreation preschool program offers four and five-year-olds a chance to grow and develop at their own pace, as well as a warm-up to the kindergarten experience. Children participate in a variety of independent, small, and large group activities. Art, dramatic play, science, stories, music, pre-math, and writing skills are daily components of the program. Circle time promotes development of listening skills and encourages appropriate group participation. An outdoor playground and indoor gym provide daily opportunities for large muscle development. Children must be fully toilet trained. Class size limited to 17 students with two instructors, Michelle Schulte and Nancy Lawrence. **Registration for fall session opens Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 a.m.** Call 778-7000 for class availability.

PROG# 21884
AGES: 4 & 5 years old
DAYS/DATES: Wed., Thurs., and Fri., Sept. 8–Nov. 24 (no class November 11)
TIME: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$400 / 12-week session (optional 2-payment plan is available)
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MAX: 17

TODDLER TIME

The weather outside is brighter, but not always dry! Toddler Time is a great alternative on rainy days. You will enjoy pleasant conversation with other parents; your child will have the opportunity to run and play with other kids his/her own age, learning cooperation and sharing. The Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room is a large, dry, warm, and safe space for your child to play with his/her tricycle, scooter, or favorite active toy; no bicycles please. We will provide balls and hoops for everyone's exploration. This is a free, non-staffed program; parental supervision is required at all times. For safety consideration, children birth to 3 years only please. No registration needed. Calendar and Toddler Time guidelines are posted at the gym. **PLEASE NOTE:** Toddler Time will be closed for the summer after May 27, but will resume Tuesday, September 7.

AGES: 0–3 with parent
DAYS/DATES: Tuesdays & Thursdays through May 27
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Multipurpose Room
COST: FREE!

BIG HANDS, LITTLE HANDS

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, activities, and fun during these parent/child classes. Spend quality one-on-one time with your preschooler and connect with other families in the community.

SPRING FLING

Spring has sprung! Celebrate all things spring with flower, insect, and animal activities and projects.

PROG# 21890
DAY/DATE: Friday, May 21
AGES: 3–5 years old & adult
TIME: 2–3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$15 per child
COORDINATORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MIN: 6 **MAX:** 12

RAMBLING

Splat, poke, peek, dig, run, skip, jump, and climb. Look under rocks and in the trees to see what we can find! When we ramble we explore our vast and varied environment, learn about critters we may uncover and meet new friends. This spring we will greet the sun and the new green buds as we meander along Connelly Sehome Arboretum, the Upper Padden Trail, Big Rock Garden park and Arroyo Park. All of our walks will take us to a wide variety of environments just right for exploring. All walks are easy to moderate and very kid friendly. We will meet at trailheads, and driving directions and an itinerary are available upon registration. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather.

PROG# 21892
AGES: 3–5 years old & adult
DAY/DATES: Thursdays, May 6–27
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Itinerary available upon registration
COST: \$8 per child
COORDINATOR: Emily Watrous
MIN: 6 **MAX:** 10

SENSATIONAL TODDLERS

This is an inclusive parent-child play program for children 18 to 36 months of age. You and your child can explore learning through a variety of motor, sensory and perceptual activities. See how creative those little hands can be as they "get messy" with paint, play dough, glue, glitter and goop! The kid-friendly environment at Whatcom Center for Early Learning (WCEL) is just the thing to spark your child's imagination. Active parent participation, along with hands-on teaching by staff from WCEL will encourage skill building in all areas of your child's development. Wear an old T-shirt and get ready for some "sense"-ational learning. Co-sponsored by Bellingham Parks and Recreation and the Whatcom Center for Early Learning.

Minimum must be met one week before first class

PROG# 22244 SESSION 1
DAY/DATES: Tuesdays, June 22–July 13
TIME: 10 11:30 a.m.

PROG# 22245 SESSION 2
DAY/DATES: Thursdays, June 24–July 15
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.

PROG# 22246 SESSION 3
DAY/DATES: Tuesdays, July 20–August 10
TIME: 10 11:30 a.m.

PROG# 22247 SESSION 4
DAY/DATES: Thursdays, July 22–August 12
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.

AGES: 18 months–36 months (please specify child's age in months)

LOCATION: Whatcom Center for Early Learning, 2001 H St (cross street is Girard, one block south of Broadway)

COST: \$50/4 weeks
INSTRUCTORS: WCEL staff
MIN: 8 **MAX:** 8

Program Registration begins Monday, May 3 at 8 a.m. For information call (360) 778-7000 (or 778-7011 TDD) or visit www.cob.org/ezreg

Preschool Day Camps



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PRESCHOOL DAY CAMPS

Our preschool day camps are designed to be fun, creative, active, and supportive as a way to introduce your child to the summer camp experience. Taught by our experienced and caring preschool teachers, these camps are a great way to get out and play while learning something new and meeting new friends. Please register for each week by the Thursday prior to camp. All campers must be fully toilet-trained.

WAY DOWN IN THE DEEP BLUE SEA

Swim on over for an undersea adventure as we explore the mysteries of the ocean and sea life. Build sandcastles, enjoy indoor water activities, create sea creature arts and crafts, read under the sea stories, and sing songs. Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22248
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, June 21–25
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

LAKE WHATCOM WONDERS

Wade this way and experience the wonders in our own backyard. Explore the animals who make their homes in or around Lake Whatcom through crafts, walks, songs, and more. Dress for mess – there may be wet and muddy adventures along the way! Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22249
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, June 28–July 2
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Nancy Lawrence & Michelle Schulte
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

SUMMER SPROUTS

Are you ready to dig in the dirt? We will be sprouting seeds, transplanting plants, and creating our own garden art as well as working in our preschool garden. Join us for a week of planting, painting, and creating many garden crafts. Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22250
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Tuesday–Friday, July 6-9
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$60
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

SUPER SAFARI

Go wild exploring the world of animals! Our adventure will take us to the jungle as we look for animals both great and small. We will make animal crafts, play games, and sing songs along the way. Wild or tame, you will be glad you came. Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22251
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, July 19-23
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Nancy Lawrence & Michelle Schulte
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

SEUSS ON THE LOOSE

From there to here, from here to there, Dr. Seuss is everywhere! Arts and crafts, Sam-I-Am, games and rhymes...perhaps try green eggs and ham? The Cat in the Hat, Horton, and more, Dr. Seuss is fun for sure. Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22252
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, July 26-30
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

SPACE CADETS

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!!! Venture out of this world and into space camp. Our voyage will include making space suits, rocket launchers, playing with moon mud, and much more. Join us as we reach for the sky and make our own starry creations. Please bring an a.m. snack and sack lunch daily.

PROG# 22253
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, August 2-6
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Nancy Lawrence & Michelle Schulte
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

ARTSTRAVAGANZA

Get creative as we experiment with many types of art, including paints, sculpture, collage, and print making. Experience opportunities to make your own unique masterpieces out of ordinary materials and everyday things. Dress for mess and let your creativity shine! Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22254
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, August 9-13
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Michelle Schulte & Nancy Lawrence
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

DRAGON WINGS AND ROYAL THINGS

Once upon a time, in an enchanted park, lived two fairy god-teachers who loved all things royal. From princes and fairies to dragons and castles, a wondrous adventure awaits. Join us for a week of timeless tales and happily ever-afters. Please bring an a.m. snack and lunch daily.

PROG# 22255
AGES: 4-5 year-olds
DAYS/DATES: Monday–Friday, August 16-20
TIME: 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Bloedel Donovan Preschool Annex
COST: \$75
INSTRUCTORS: Nancy Lawrence & Michelle Schulte
MIN: 9 **MAX:** 15

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR ACCOMMODATION?

If you have a disability and require assistance and/or accommodation to participate in any of our programs, please call at least two weeks prior to the registration deadline. Our staff can assist in obtaining special equipment, interpretive services, or other support necessary to make your involvement successful. Please look over our program offerings in this publication and contact Amanda at 778-7000 (778-7011 TDD) for more information. Please note that accommodations are most successful when we are notified as far in advance as possible.