



# Kids Stuff



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## Youth football is all about fun with friends

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Fall means football, around here, along with other sports but there is something joyous about seeing a young kid put on a large helmet, shoulder pads and cleats and pretend he's turned pro while running around waving his arms for a cheering crowd only he can hear.

"He's going for the touchdown! He's got it! He's in!" his teammates yell, like miniature sportscasters. They all tumble to the ground, still pretending they had just won a big game.

The handful of tiny football players, who are part of the Snohomish 89ers White team, continue to play catch and keep-away, laughing and narrating their moves and tumbles into the pretend-endzone.

Soon after, their coach approaches and tells them to put on their gear and start warming up. The boys disperse and get down to business. It's football practice.

The Snohomish Panthers Junior Football Association

boasts several football teams with young athletes ranging from age 5 to 14. It is part of the larger North Sound Junior Football League, along with other area junior football leagues from Monroe, Lake Stevens, Everett, Stanwood, Arlington and Marysville. Each young team essentially "feeds" into their high school teams, as the athletes age and learn about the sport.

As the eight and nine-year-olds gear up for practice, head coach Travis Clark takes a minute to talk football.

"I love football because of what it teaches," Clark said. "It teaches players about accountability, team work, a chance to be part of a team and gives them the desire to finish something."

Clark's son, Chase, who plays for the team his dad coaches, agreed.

"I also like to play with my friends and to hit people - it's fun," Chase, 9, said. For his 89er White team, he plays quarterback and free safety. He said his favorite part about playing in a football game is scoring a touchdown. So far this season, he said he's

scored four.

"I want to keep playing up to high school," he said.

The other teammates were saying the same thing - that they love football and want to keep playing as they grow up.

"When I grown up, I want to go to Washington State University and then I want to go pro," said running back/linebacker Caden Acosta, 10. "It's fun to be with my friends and to be on the field, I've been playing since I was five. I want to keep playing."

It's as simple as that.

The 89ers team are taught football fundamentals such as player positions, plays, rules and discipline.

"I like football because it's a fun sport and you get to hit people," said slot receiver/linebacker Rider Walsh, 9. "It's not very hard to learn and play, either. I've been playing for four years now."

Coach Travis said teaching the kids about the sport is also part of what he does as a coach. He's been at it for six years.

"Football is a sport that is just different than the other sports, because it relies on total teamwork," he said.



photo courtesy of Leon Berman

The kids all seem to take to the teamwork well, since most of them said they love to play with their friends and have a job they need to do on the field.

"I block," said defensive tackle/offensive guard Trevor Lovell, 9. "I'm a lineman. It's my third season to play and I really like it. I play everyday,

even at recess, with my friends. I want to be an athlete when I grow up."

All the boys have dreams to keep playing, amid big cheering crowds and team praises, and it all starts when they begin playing at a young age.

"The competitiveness of

the sport gives them an opportunity to shine, but most importantly, be part of a team," Coach Travis said.

As the boys all gathered up to run warm-ups and drills, the enthusiasm was contagious. It was a good day, a good season, to play some football.

## Fun events for kids at local libraries this fall

### Snohomish Library 311 Maple Avenue

• Scavenger Hunt: Oct. 6 ~ Work together with a team or a parent to find all the clues before the other teams do! For 1st grade and up. 3pm

• Make a Book: Oct. 7 ~ Let your imagination run wild as you make and bind a book for your own fantastic story. For school age kids. 10am

• Reading with Rover: Oct. 7 ~ Read aloud to a loving canine listener. For school-age children with caregiver. 11am

• Building Blocks with Balloons 101: Nov. 3 ~ (Class 1 of 3): Learn basic balloon building blocks with David Rogers (Certified DR. of Balloonology) and how you can turn a simple balloon into a load bearing structure. No previous experience required. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Register by 8pm Nov. 2. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm. 360-568-2898

• Building Blocks with Balloons 201: Nov. 10 ~ (Class 2 of 3): Learn how simple structures that you design can be incredibly light but hold tremendous weight. No previous experience required, attending Balloons 101 is encouraged. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Register by

8pm Nov. 9. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm. 360-568-2898

• Building Blocks with Balloons 301: Nov. 17 ~ (Class 3 of 3): You can be a beginner or a balloon block master but must be ready to take your skills into a team environment. In this class, you will work in a special team to combine your efforts to a single challenging outcome. No previous experience required, attending Balloons 101 is encouraged. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Register by 8pm Nov. 16. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm. 360-568-2898

### Monroe Library 1070 Village Way

• Minecraft Build Challenge: Oct. 10 ~ Play Minecraft with your fellow tweens or on your own to build the best Minecraft structure. First-come, first-served basis. 3:30pm

• Prime Time Family Reading: Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 ~ Six free programs of stories, dinner, prizes, and fun! Children's books are read to encourage parents and children to read and talk about books as a family activity. Plan to attend each Monday for six weeks.

Register for the first class and you will automatically be signed up for all six programs, 360-794-7851 ext. 4141. 6pm

• Wii and Wii U: Oct. 17, 31, Nov. 7 ~ Drop in for some video games on our Wii and Wii U! Mario Kart, Smash Brothers, Nintendoland and more! 3:30pm

• Card and Board Games: Oct. 24 ~ Tweens choose from a variety of board and card games, bring your own favorite game to share, or battle your Teen Librarian using the Yu-Gi-Oh starter decks. 3:30pm

• Reading with Rover: Oct. 28 ~ Read aloud to a loving canine listener. For school-age children with caregiver. 11am

### Everett Library - Main 2702 Hoyt

• Brick Builders Club: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 28 ~ For students in elementary or middle school who like to build and create. Library provides LEGO bricks. 4pm

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• Brick Builders Club: Oct. 11, 18, 25, 27 ~ For students in elementary or middle school who like to build and

create. Library provides LEGO bricks. 4pm

• Paws to Read: Oct. 16, 23 ~ School-aged students practice reading aloud to gentle therapy dogs. 3pm

• BOO Bubbles & Dry Ice Experiments: Oct. 21 ~ Learn spooky tricks you can do with dry ice. Grinnin' Fish shows you how to make Boo Bubbles you can hold in your hands. Create a secret message. Mix your own color-changing concoction. See your mixture glow under the black light. To register call 425-257-8030. 2pm

### Lake Stevens Library 1804 Main Street

• Building Blocks with Balloons 101: Oct. 6 ~ (Class 1 of 3): Learn basic balloon building blocks with David Rogers (Certified DR. of Balloonology) and how you can turn a simple balloon into a load bearing structure. No previous experience required. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Space is limited, so please call 425-334-1900 to register by 8pm Oct. 5. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm.

• Building Blocks with Balloons 201: Oct. 13 ~ (Class 2 of 3): Learn how simple structures that you design

can be incredibly light but hold tremendous weight. No previous experience required, attending Balloons 101 is encouraged. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Space is limited, so please call 425-334-1900 to register by 8pm Oct. 12. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm.

• Building Blocks with Balloons 301: Oct. 13 ~ (Class 3 of 3): You can be a beginner or a balloon block master but must be ready to take your skills into a team environment. In this class, you will work in a special team to combine your efforts to a single challenging outcome. No previous experience required, attending Balloons 101 is encouraged. For ages 9-13 or in 4th-8th grade. Space is limited, so please call 425-334-1900 to register by 8pm Oct. 19. This 2-hour class begins at 3pm.

• Professor Ficklestein's Physics Phactory: Nov. 10 ~ Watch this quirky physicist show his wacky experiments, kooky creations and goofy gadgets! "The Professor" will demonstrate Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Motion using comedy, mime, music, magic and sound effects. 11am

### Mukilteo Library 4675 Harbour Pt. Blvd.

• Read with Carmen and Risa: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 ~ Read with one of these sweet therapy dogs for 15 minutes and receive a "pawtograph" souvenir. For school-age children. 3:30pm

• Tween Spy Academy: Oct. 21 ~ Come be challenged by all the elements of espionage: invisible ink, secret codes, clever disguises, fingerprint analysis, obstacle course, target practice ... the list goes on and on. For ages 8 to 13. 3pm

• Haunted Gingerbread Houses: Oct. 24 ~ Use your creativity and imagination to make a creepy haunted gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and all kinds of sugary treats, and then vote for your favorites. Materials, snacks, and prizes provided. For grades 6-12. 3pm

### Mill Creek Library 15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy

• Treasure Island Puppeteer: Oct. 24 ~ Skeletons, ghosts, pirates and treasure! Clay Martin's puppet shows delight all ages. Come early for a good seat. 2pm

# FALL FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

## Stocker Farms and Pumpkin Park is Pumpkin Central



Stocker Farms is "Pumpkin Central" with acres and acres of pumpkins in all shapes and sizes. Select your pumpkins from two sites: Farm Market is open daily with a traditional pumpkin patch and lawn area. The Family Pumpkin Park is located across Highway 9 from the Farm Market. The Park includes a 10-acre pumpkin patch. The Family Pumpkin Park will feature Spookley the Square Pumpkin and will also offer a giant jumping pillow, duck races, pumpkin cannon, hay rides, corn crib,

face painting, human hamster wheels, craft booths and more. Your little pumpkins under two years old are admitted free.

Enjoy hot food, fresh cider, five acres of free parking and red wagons for your convenience.

Stocker Farms is noted for its yearly "themed" 10-acre corn maze and, this year, they've partnered with McDonalds of Western Washington to benefit local Ronald McDonald House charities of Western Washington and Alaska. The

maze is open Tuesday through Sunday, through the month of October and on October 31.

For the brave of heart, Stockers also features the Paint Ball Stalker Hunt for Zombies, Pogo's Funny Farm and The Harvest. Group rates are available. For specific days, hours and rates, please visit [www.stockerfarms.com](http://www.stockerfarms.com)

Stocker Farms Corn Maze, Family Pumpkin Park and the Stalker Farms is located at 8705 Marsh Rd. and the Stocker Farms Market is located at 10622 Airport Way

in Snohomish.



## Fall Family Fun at The Farm

Operating through October 31, The Farm at Swan's Trail has 50 acres of pumpkins as well as gourds, corn stalks and bales of hay for fall decorating. The Farm is home to the Washington State Corn Maze which is a 12-acre maze that looks like a giant map of the State of Washington. There are over 600 signs in the maze marking the roads, cities and towns that cover our state. The maze is used by teachers all over the region as a teaching tool to help students begin their study of Washington State History and Geography.

a petting farm, 9 hole putting course, flashlight maze, pig show, live duck races, hay barn maze/slide, children's play area which includes a cow train and giant covered

of sand with excavators.

There is also a large covered area available in case of weather mishaps.

If you have never seen the pig show or duck races you owe it to yourself to come out and witness some hilarious farm entertainment!

The gift shop, concessions, bakery, kettle corn and espresso will be open on the weekends.

The Farm also offers fresh, hand-picked, sweet corn and U-pick apple orchard!

Farmers Ben and Carol Krause and family are always on hand to help make your visit fun for the entire family. For details visit [www.thefarm1.com](http://www.thefarm1.com)



hay jump, a huge box of dried corn kernels (like a sand box), critter swings and a giant pile

Visitors who come to The Farm also enjoy wagon rides,

## Craven Farm Fall Festival



Craven Farm offers a 20-acre pumpkin patch with over 30 varieties of pumpkins!

Explore the 15-acre corn maze with Alice in Pumpkin Land-themed story.

Purchase a rubber duck and race with your friends using the old fashioned water pumps.

On the weekends, take a hayride through Minionville! Take aim at your target with the apple slinger!

Enjoy the Kids Adventure Maze with story boxes, obstacle course and maze with farm-related educational questions.

Kids young and old alike will have fun with the new Human Foosball!

Stop by the I Spy barn near the tractor ride to Minionville and try to find all the items on the list.

New this year is a 9-hole miniature golf course.

Craven Farm invites you to start a family tradition and

make a scarecrow! Bring him back each year to restuff!

The Night Owl Corn Maze is open October 20 and 27, it's not scary – just fun! Bring a flashlight!

Other activities include face painting, farm animals, harvest market and more!

For specific days, hours and rates, visit [www.cravenfarm.com](http://www.cravenfarm.com). Craven Farm is located at 13817 Shorts School Rd. in Snohomish.

Come see why Craven Farm was voted one of America's Best Pumpkin Farms by Travel & Leisure!

## Goblin Splash October 20

Show off your Halloween costume and exercise with splashy indoor fun. Enjoy some not-too-scary hijinks as you play games for prizes, swim and sample festive refreshments.

Please bring a generous canned food donation for the Volunteers of America Food Bank or pay admission to boost the Park Scholarship Fund.

This event will be Oct. 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. and is for ages 3-15. Forest Park Swim Center is located at 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd.



# FALL FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

## NW largest Harvest Festival at Remlinger Farms



Remlinger Farms opens their gates every fall for five full weeks of old fashioned Harvest entertainment starting Sept. 23. In addition to the Farm Market Fall specials, the Gift and Craft Shops, the Farm Restaurant and the U-Pick pumpkin fields, the North-west's largest Fall Harvest Festival continues every weekend in October from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festival

admission is \$19.75 plus tax – this one low admission gets you the “Full Farm for the Full Day.”

Among all the extravagant fall decorations and over 400 scarecrows, there are over 25 rides and attractions including: authentic steam train rides, hand-led pony trail rides, antique car rides, corn maze, 4-H barnyard animals, mini ferris wheel, mini roller

coaster, carousel and more. Little tykes rides include Remlinger's new additions of the Crazy Corn Ride and El Paso Train Ride – both under cover! There is also live entertainment in the Farm Theatre. You can also find a pumpkin from the mounds of pumpkins in the Festival Area or head out to the Pumpkin Patch to pick out your perfect pumpkin—priced by size.

Also on weekdays in October Remlinger Farms offers educational tours, by reservation. The tour includes live entertainment, a visit with the 4-H barnyard animals, an educational stop at the Pioneer Village, ride on the authentic steam train and more!

Remlinger Farms is located just south of Carnation off Highway 203.

[www.RemlingerFarms.com](http://www.RemlingerFarms.com)

## Thomas Family Farm offers fall fun

With a half-million pumpkins, 10-acre corn maze, The Nightmare on 9 Haunted House, Zombie Paintball Hayrides with live Zombies and glow-in-the-dark paintballs, and many more kids' activities in Kid Land, Thomas Family Farm is the perfect place to celebrate fall and Halloween!

Zombie Ride sales for online purchasing of “Timed Ticketing” has begun! ([www.thomasfamilyfarm.com](http://www.thomasfamilyfarm.com))

Bring the family and take a hayride to search for the perfect pumpkin, mine for gems, ride the Monster Truck, Pro-Karts and race down the new 100-foot Super Slide! The Super Slide is FREE October 7 and 8.

Children will also love the Kids Paintball, apple cannon, putt-putt golf, hay mazes and duck races. And of course, everyone will love the food court!

Grandparents Weekend is Oct. 14-15; everyone gets 50% off pumpkins and daytime corn maze if they bring their grandparents!

Try out your skills on the Mechanical Bull Oct. 21 and 28 (evenings only).

Thomas Family Farm is located at 9010 Marsh Rd. in Snohomish. For more information and hours of operation, visit [www.thomasfamilyfarm.com](http://www.thomasfamilyfarm.com).



## Sky Valley Classic Fun Run

Join the Monroe YMCA community for their 9th Annual Sky Valley Classic! Experience a 10K, 5K, or 1 mile route through the city of Monroe and Sky River, Lewis and Al Borlin Parks.

The Sky Valley Classic Fun Run is chip-timed and will be held Saturday, October 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the 100 Block of Main Street. Day of registration open at 8 a.m. at the race site.

Early bird registration of \$25 ends at 11:59 p.m. on September 30. Regular pricing of \$35 starts at 12

a.m. on October 1. Kids 6 - 15 always pay their age in the 5K and 10K. Race shirts are guaranteed with early bird registration. The 1 mile is \$15 for all participants.

Awards will be given for the top racers in the 10K, 5K and 1-mile races.

Everyone is welcome to wear their Halloween costume and enter the Costume Contest!

The 5K and 1 mile races are wheelchair and stroller friendly.

Download the registration form at [www.ymca-snoco.org](http://www.ymca-snoco.org).

## Harvest Festival October 14

Come to the Evergreen Cemetery Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a day of fun! There will be a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, Bouncy House, face painting, refreshments and much more!

The Cemetery is located at 4504 Broadway in Everett.



### HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH



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## Killer Whale Tales



photo courtesy of Jeff Hogan

On Saturday, October 7, at 1 p.m., the Adopt A Stream Foundation and Snohomish County Parks are presenting Killer Whale Tales at the Northwest Stream Center in Mc Collum Park, 600-128th Street SE in Everett. Reservations are required by calling 425-316-8592 (\$5 Adopt A Stream Foundation Members, \$7 non-members). In addition to seeing a fabulous killer whale event, reservation holders will be able to enjoy seeing a Trout Stream Exhibit and fall foliage next to a 1/2 mile long Elevated Nature Trail. The Gate House will open one hour in advance for early arrivals.

Killer Whale Tales was created by Jeff Hogan who has been conducting research on the San Juan Killer Whales over the last 17 years. In addition

to being a biologist, Jeff is a professional photographer and a trained actor. He puts on a "whale of a show" that has been enjoyed by more than 65,000 folks along the west coast!

Jeff is bringing the San Juan Killer Whale population to the Northwest Stream Center via amazing photographs and underwater video. After attending this show, when you see a Killer Whale in the wild, you will be able to recognize if that whale is swimming to get to another location, hunting for salmon, or just playing. You will also be able to tell if killer whales are sleeping. It turns out that their brains are so large that they put half their brain to sleep when they are tired and keep moving with the other half of their brain awake in slumber mode!

Thanks to a research webcam that was temporarily attached to a very large male Killer Whale's dorsal fin (the big fin on its back that sticks out of the water), Jeff will also provide you a "whale's eye view" of what it is like to swim with the San Juan pod!

During this event, which will be opened by Sammy the Salmon, you will be provided "whale trading cards" that will enable you to identify each whale by looking at its dorsal fin. You will also find out that it is fun to be a whale researcher. Killer Whale Tales is a wonderful event for elementary aged kids to old-timers...it is a good idea to register early as space is limited!

To learn about upcoming Streamkeeper Academy events go to [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org).

## Bat Show October 13

Attention all ghosts and goblins! The Bat Lady will be at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center on Friday night at 7 p.m. October 13 in Snohomish County's Mc Collum Park (600 128th Street SE in Everett). The Bat Lady also goes by the name of Barbara Ogaard. She rehabilitates injured bats for the Sarvey Wildlife Center and is a researcher for Bat's Northwest. Pre-register for the Bat Show by calling 425-316-8592; \$5 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members, \$7 non-members.

All ghosts and goblins who wear a costume will receive a free salmon poster!

"The Bat Lady puts on quite a show," says Adopt A Stream Foundation Director Tom Murdoch. "She has this unique ability to engage little kids and old gray beards at the same time." Live bats will be part of the presentation along with incredible photo images of bats from around the world and some very cool bat puppets. Murdoch advises that the Bat Lady has a unique ability to engage little kids and old gray beards at the same time - this is a very entertaining event

Attend this show and you will learn that bats are beneficial in many ways. "One of my favorite foods is bananas" says Murdoch. "After learning from the Bat Lady that Fruit

Bats pollinate banana trees, I became a big bat fan." They also pollinate



breadfruit, avocados, dates, figs, peaches and mangoes. In the tropics, bats spread seeds for trees that are essential for the rain forests. In North America bats control insects...a single Mouse Eared bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in an hour!

The whole family will learn that we really don't need to be worried about vampire bats. Real vampires are only found in the tropics and they don't care for human blood... sorry Dracula, there are no

vampires in Transylvania... and vampire saliva is being used in the development of a new medicine for people with heart disease!

At the bat show you will see that while many bats are scary to look at, others are very beautiful, and some are so cute that they will bring a big smile to your face!!

Registration proceeds benefit Sarvey Wildlife Center and the NW Stream Center. To learn about other great upcoming Streamkeeper Academy events, go to [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org).

For details on bats of the Pacific Northwest go to the Bats Northwest website: [http://www.batsnorthwest.org/meet\\_our\\_bats.html](http://www.batsnorthwest.org/meet_our_bats.html).

## Dinosaur Zoo Live in Everett October 29

Erth's DINOSAUR ZOO LIVE guides your family on a breathtaking tour through pre-historic Australia. You'll observe, meet and interact with an eye-popping collection of amazingly life-like dinosaurs and other creatures presented in a theatrical performance that will thrill and entertain kids while stimulating their imaginations in ways that will forever connect them to their world.

Brought to life by a team

of skilled performers and puppeteers, and designed with the help of professional paleontologists, Erth's DINOSAUR ZOO LIVE's puppets are so extraordinarily realistic you may feel the urge to run and hide - but don't! Because you won't want to miss a minute of this fun, unique, entertaining and educational live show created by Erth Visual & Physical of Sydney, Australia. While it may indeed have been 65

million years in the making, we think you'll agree, it's well worth the wait.

Erth's DINOSAUR ZOO LIVE will be at the Historic Everett Theatre Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$24 adults, \$15 children and are available for purchase at [www.historiceveretttheatre.com](http://www.historiceveretttheatre.com)

The Theatre is located at 2911 Colby Ave. in Everett.



## Take a family friendly hike

Everett Parks and Recreation is offering great hikes for low fees to cover transportation costs and guides. For more information, a complete list of hikes, or to register visit [www.signmeup.everettwa.gov](http://www.signmeup.everettwa.gov).

• **Thunder Knob & Washington Pass: Oct. 10** ~ This trip features two relatively easy hikes, one alongside a mountain creek, and the other climbing gently to a hilltop viewpoint. Round trip is 6 miles with 700 foot elevation gain. Adults \$51, youth age 8-17 are \$43. Code # 94852

• **Mountain Lake Loop: Oct. 18** ~ Take a leisurely hike around Mountain Lake then drive up to Mt. Constitution to see the fantastic views. Round trip is 4 miles with 200 foot elevation gain. Adults

\$68, youth age 8-17 are \$60 (includes ferry fees). Code # 94383

• **Cooper River & Lake: Nov. 4** ~ Follow a peaceful trail along a cascading river to a sparkling lake. This is one of the best easy hikes in the Salmon La Sac region. Round trip is up to 7 miles with 600 foot elevation gain. Adults \$48, youth age 8-17 are \$41. Code # 94842

• **Nooksack River & Silver Lake Park: Nov. 12** ~ Take a hike along one of the North

Cascades' grandest and wildest rivers. Also visit a county park along a serene mountain lake. Total hiking is 4 miles with 400 foot elevation gain. Adults \$42, youth age 8-17 are \$34. Code # 94844

• **Boulder River Trail: Nov. 14** ~ Highlights on this hike near Darrington include giant trees, waterfalls and soothing sounds of the wild river. Round trip is up to 5 miles with 600 foot elevation gain. Adults \$39, youth age 7-17 are \$31. Code # 94845