



# STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CHAMBER

## LEADERSHIP STEAMBOAT

### 2021/2022 Course Outline

All sessions are 8AM-5PM unless otherwise noted.

#### **ORIENTATION RETREAT (half-day Thursday, all day Friday)**

**Thursday and Friday, September 16 and 17**

A day and a half retreat designed to allow students to get to know one another and discuss the contents of the Leadership Steamboat course. Students will get an opportunity to voice their opinion on issues important to them and decide the content of future seminars.

#### **CURRENT COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Friday, October 8**

We will look at current issues impacting the Yampa Valley determined by input from participant applications and discussion at the retreat. This day will help guide the group project discussions.

#### **ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

**Friday, November 12**

Students will attend the annual Steamboat Springs Economic Summit. Economic development is about choices. Communities can spend their time and money to recruit in new businesses, or they can focus on retaining and expanding existing businesses. They can also choose to invest in a single industry or invest in the development of multiple industry sectors that add good-paying jobs and create a balanced economy. Consistent and long-term community support can expand local businesses, attract a talented workforce, and activate new start-ups across an array of industry sectors.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK**

**Friday, December 10**

This session will focus on developing your skills as a leader. Learn from top leadership professionals about goal setting and facilitating masterful meetings. The second half of class will be used to dive into your group project.

#### **ECONOMY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK**

**Friday, January 14**

Students will take an in-depth look at the local economy and local government. The second half will challenge them to use strategic planning tools to make progress on the group project.

#### **YAMPA VALLEY BUSINESSES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Friday, February 11**

This day's schedule will be determined by retreat planning and will feature various industries in the Yampa Valley. A visit with industry leaders representing tourism, health care, manufacturing or construction will help class members better understand the businesses in various sectors. The second half of class will be dedicated to professional development skills.

#### **YAMPA VALLEY BUSINESSES**

**Friday, March 11**

This day's schedule will be determined by retreat planning and will feature various industries in the Yampa Valley. A visit with industry leaders representing tourism, health care, manufacturing or construction will help class members better understand the businesses in various sectors. The second half of class will be dedicated to group project work.

## **ARTS AND CULTURE & LAND USE**

### **Friday, April 8**

Learn about Steamboat Creates and the strong arts and culture opportunities and experiences that make Steamboat Springs a wonderful place to live and visit. Additionally, we will hear from different groups in town charged with managing open space and recreational land use.

## **AGRICULTURE & REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE FIELD TRIP - HAYDEN**

### **Friday, May 13**

Students will spend the first part of the day learning about agriculture, water and land conservation in the Yampa Valley. Additionally, students will take a regional field trip to learn firsthand what challenges and opportunities neighboring communities have at hand.

## **FINAL SESSION – SMALL GROUP PROJECTS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **Friday, June 10**

The final class session will include a session on leadership development and small group project presentations. Students will also analyze the program and group project work including individual efforts, teamwork, goal achievement and overall contribution to the community.

## **GRADUATION**

### **Thursday, June 10 (4-6PM)**

Celebrate your achievement at a gathering held in your honor. Bring your mentor, a family member or a co-worker to enjoy this event with you.

### **Projects:**

A large part of the program is a group project of the class' choice. There will be time allotted during some classes, but some meetings and tasks will need to be completed outside of class time.

Small group project: Students will select from several nonprofit organizations, learn about their work, vision, mission, and governance structure, then present to the class. Additional work with the organization is required.

### **Program Facilitators:**

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