



# STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CHAMBER

LEADERSHIP STEAMBOAT

## 2024/2025 Course Outline

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

### ORIENTATION RETREAT

**Friday, September 20**

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 take a deep dive into talent insights with a professional development expert and learn about Steamboat's history.

### NONPROFITS & BOARD SERVICE

**Friday, October 18**

Class will look at current issues impacting the Yampa Valley determined by input from participant applications and discussion at the retreat. We will take a deep dive into nonprofits and organizations in the community that are addressing these issues. This day will help guide the group project. Learn about Steamboat Creates and the strong arts and culture opportunities and experiences that make Steamboat Springs a wonderful place to live and visit.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Friday, November 22**

Students will take an in-depth look at local government. The second half of class will be dedicated to getting to know your fellow classmates better through their 5-minute personal branding pitch focused on the professional development results from the retreat.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK

**Friday, December 13**

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

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK

**Friday, January 17**

The first half of this class will focus on professional development. The second half of class will be used to continue group project work.

### YAMPA VALLEY BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Friday, February 21**

This day's schedule will start with a Routt County Economic Development Partnership presentation and be followed by meetings with various businesses in the Yampa Valley, determined from the retreat. A visit with industry leaders representing tourism, health care, manufacturing, construction, development, etc. will help class members better understand the various businesses sectors in our region.

### LAND USE

**Friday, March 21**

Hear from different groups in town charged with managing open space and recreational land use. There will also be group project work time.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Friday, April 18**

The first half of this class will focus on professional development. The second half of class will be used to continue group project work.

## **ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

**May**

Students will attend the annual Steamboat Springs Economic Summit. Time will be allowed following the Summit to wrap up group project details.

## **AGRICULTURE & GRADUATION**

**Friday, June 20**

In the final session, students will spend the day learning about agriculture, water, and land conservation in the Yampa Valley. 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.

### **Group Project:**

A large part of the program is a group project of the class's choice. There will be time allotted during some classes, but some meetings and tasks will need to be completed outside of class time. Past Leadership Steamboat projects include Yampa Valley Gives Day, Bear Aware, Steamboat Bike Guide, recycling containers on Lincoln Ave. and many others.

### **Program Facilitators:**

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