STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CHAMBER
LEADERSHIP STEAMBOAT

2025/2026 Course Outline

ALL SESSIONS RUN APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. INVITATIONS AND FINAL DETAILS WILL BE SENT UPON ACCEPTANCE.

ORIENTATION RETREAT
Thursday, September 18
Kick off the program with a full-day retreat designed to build connections among classmates and introduce the course structure. Dive into Talent Insights with a professional development expert and explore Steamboat's history.

CANDIDATES & CROISSANTS/LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Thursday, October 16
Meet the current City Council candidates and gain a deep understanding of how local government functions.

NONPROFITS & BOARD SERVICE
Thursday, November 20
Explore the Yampa Valley's most pressing issues, as identified by student applications and retreat conversations. Learn from local nonprofits tackling these challenges and begin considering your group project.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK
Thursday, December 18
Learn to lead more effectively through goal-setting and facilitation skills. The afternoon will be dedicated to working on your group project.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK
Thursday, January 15
Continue building leadership skills in the morning, followed by additional time to collaborate on your group project.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, RCEDP & STEAMBOAT SKI & RESORT CORPORATION
Thursday, February 19
Begin the day with professional development, then hear from the Routt County Economic Development Partnership. End with a behind-the-scenes tour of Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation's mountain operations.

YAMPA VALLEY BUSINESSES
Thursday, March 19
Gain insight from leaders across sectors such as healthcare, banking, construction, manufacturing, real estate, restaurants, retail, and outdoor recreation.

ARTS, CULTURE & LAND USE
Thursday, April 16
Learn from local organizations about open space and recreational land use management, then hear from leaders in Steamboat's rich arts and culture scene.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Friday, May 15

Attend the annual Steamboat Springs Economic Summit and hear from local leaders, entrepreneurs, and state experts to explore trends and challenges shaping our economy.

FINAL SESSION – AGRICULTURE

Thursday, June 18 - Morning

Visit a local ranch to explore agriculture, water use, and land conservation in the Yampa Valley.

GRADUATION

Thursday, June 18 - Afternoon

Celebrate your Leadership Steamboat journey with classmates, mentors, colleagues, or family.

Group Project:

A cornerstone of the Leadership Steamboat experience is the group project. While class time is set aside for collaboration, additional work outside of class is expected. Past projects include:

- Yampa Valley Gives Day
- Bear Aware
- Steamboat Bike Guide
- Recycling containers on Lincoln Ave.

  …and more!

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