



2026/2027 Course Outline

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

ORIENTATION RETREAT

Thursday, September 17

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.

CANDIDATES & CROISSANTS/LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, October 15

Meet the current candidates and gain a deep understanding of how local government functions.

NONPROFITS & BOARD SERVICE

Thursday, November 19

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 17

Learn to lead more effectively through goal-setting and facilitation skills. The afternoon will be dedicated to working on your group project.

ARTS, CULTURE & LAND USE

Thursday, January 21

Learn from local organizations about open space and recreational land use management, then hear from leaders in Steamboat's rich arts and culture scene.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & STEAMBOAT SKI & RESORT CORPORATION

Thursday, February 18

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 18

Gain insight from leaders across sectors such as healthcare, banking, construction, manufacturing, real estate, restaurants, retail, and outdoor recreation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROUP PROJECT WORK

Thursday, April 22

Continue building leadership skills in the morning, followed by additional time to collaborate on your group project.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Mid-May, Date TBD

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 17 - Morning

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

GRADUATION

Thursday, June 17 - Afternoon

Celebrate the completion of your Leadership Steamboat journey with your cohort, 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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