

MISSION

The mission of Leadership Elk County is to educate its participants in the strengths and weaknesses of the county in order to develop informed, civic-oriented volunteers to help direct the future of Elk County.

GOALS

- ❖ Establish a network of community minded individuals
- ❖ Develop a group of civic oriented volunteers
- ❖ Encourage participation in local government
- ❖ Foster economic/industrial leaders
- ❖ Provide the skills for community board service

CURRICULUM TOPICS

- ❖ Communication skills/team building
- ❖ Public issues
- ❖ Local/regional history & culture
- ❖ Diversity/tolerance
- ❖ Class/small group projects
- ❖ Governance (formal & informal)
- ❖ Personal/organizational leadership styles

BENEFITS: *Sponsors and Employers*

- ❖ The program cultivates more informed and responsible employees who can use new skills, knowledge and contacts for the benefit of their places of employment and community support organizations.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Meet the Second Wednesday of each month. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

- ❖ Make up day (if necessary) March 28

September 14: *Orientation, Ice-Breakers and Personal Leadership Skills*

- ❖ Preview program expectations
- ❖ To explore leadership styles and theory and develop an understanding of group dynamics
- ❖ *Program begins in the evening of September 13, 2011*

October 12: *Tourism and Environment*

- ❖ To explore the role of tourism in our future
- ❖ To explore the balance between environment and economic progress

November 9: *Communication Skills and Technology*

- ❖ To enhance public speaking and presentation skills
- ❖ To explore board structures and meeting management
- ❖ To review personal leadership skills and group dynamics focusing on how individual behavior influences group process

December 14: *History of Elk County*

- ❖ To realize and appreciate the historic significance of our area and how that history effects present day attitudes and actions

January 11: *Health and Human Services Day*

- ❖ To present an overview of the available health/human service agencies in Elk County
- ❖ To identify opportunities to volunteer within those agencies

February 8: *Education and Arts*

- ❖ To explore the opportunities and obstacles facing our county in meeting the educational needs of our citizens.
- ❖ To identify the role of citizens in the educational process
- ❖ To gain appreciation of the arts and cultural events available in our area

March 14: *Government Day*

- ❖ To gain insight into the political process and the structuring of local government
- ❖ To explore ways to become involved in local government issues

April 11: *Economic and Community Development Day*

- ❖ To identify the economic strengths and weaknesses of our area
- ❖ To identify local economic development initiatives

May: *Harrisburg Trip*
(Date to be announced) usually the first week of May, need to schedule with the legislators.(2-day trip)

June 13: *Wrap-up and Graduation*
(Different times may apply)

LEADERSHIP ELK COUNTY

was developed by a team of community representatives with diverse perspectives and roles in Elk County.

FORMAT

- ❖ September – June
- ❖ 10 sessions over 10 months
- ❖ Meet monthly
- ❖ Full-day, interactive sessions
- ❖ Varying locations throughout the communities within the county
- ❖ Harrisburg trip in May
- ❖ CEU's or Act 48 credits are available

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ❖ 12-20 participants per class
- ❖ Must be high school graduate or older
- ❖ Limit attendance of 1 or 2 participants per company or organization
- ❖ Personal interviews with program applicants will be conducted prior to the start of the program.
- ❖ Live or work in Elk County

COST

- ❖ Cost ~ \$525 per participant
- ❖ A limited number of partial scholarships may be available

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

LEC requires a total commitment from all participants enrolled. In order to achieve all objectives, the successful candidate is expected to attend all scheduled sessions and complete all assignments.

If you are interested in participating in Leadership Elk County as a participant, or to sponsor someone to participate, please contact the program developers for an application.

PROGRAM DEVELOPERS

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CLASS PARTICIPANTS

2007-2008

Aaron Bleggi
Racquel Brechtel
Suzanne Carlson
Jennier Dippold
Danielle Fledderman
Mark Hoffman
Karen Meholic
Jennifer Meyer
Bridget Roberts
Heidi Thomas
Andi Willis
Jennifer Zelinski

2008-2009

Ed Biondi
Michelle Bogacki
Kathleen Bonanno
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2009-2010

Richard Brown
Jeff Buchheit

Amy Cherry
Russ Daniels
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Randy Geci
Tim Geitner
Sara Gerber
Jackie Herbstritt
Jeanne Hunter
Ellen Taylor
Erica Vogt
David Webster

2010-2011

Mary Ellen Alaskey
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Patricia Cotter
Lee Cunningham
Amy Goode
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COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TODAY PREPARING THE COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TOMORROW

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