

## MISSION

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

## GOALS

**Community Understanding and Awareness:** Educating participants in the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and assets of our communities and the implications for the future.

### **Collaborative Leadership and Relationship Building:**

Providing opportunities for participants to understand and enhance their personal and professional skills and knowledge, make partnerships across a broad continuum of leaders, and effectively lead with others.

### **Civic Readiness:**

Fostering experiences, behaviors, and attitudes that will spark participation within communities including service on community boards, in local government, and leading improvement efforts.

## CURRICULUM TOPICS

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

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sessions are the second Wednesday of each month. 8:30am to 5:00pm.

- ❖ Make up day *(if necessary)* March 17

### September 8: *Evening Social*

### September 9: *Orientation, Team-Building & Leadership Skills*

- ❖ Preview program expectations
- ❖ To explore leadership styles and theory and develop an understanding of group dynamics

### October 14: *Tourism & the Environment*

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

### November 11: *Communications*

- ❖ 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 9: *History & Preservation*

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

### January 13: *Health & Human Services*

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

### February 10: *Local Government*

- ❖ To gain insight into the political process and the structuring of local government including county and municipal governments and school boards
- ❖ To explore ways to become involved in local government issues

### March 10: *Arts & Education*

- ❖ To explore the educational opportunities and obstacles facing our counties
- ❖ To identify the role of citizens in the educational process
- ❖ To gain appreciation of the arts and cultural events available in our area
- ❖ Community outreach

### April 14: *Economic and Community Development*

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

### May TBA: *Harrisburg Trip* *(Date to be announced)*

- ❖ Usually the first week of May; this needs to be scheduled with the legislators. (2-day trip)
- ❖ Meeting with elected officials
- ❖ Understanding the processes of State Government

### June 9: *Project Presentation/Graduation*

- ❖ Presentation of group projects
- ❖ Graduation dinner and ceremony

## LEADERSHIP ELK & CAMERON

*was developed by a team of community representatives with diverse perspectives and roles in Elk & Cameron Counties.*

### FORMAT

- ❖ September – June
- ❖ 10 sessions over 10 months
- ❖ Meet monthly
- ❖ Full-day, interactive sessions
- ❖ Varying locations throughout the Communities within the counties
- ❖ Harrisburg trip in May

### TARGET AUDIENCE

- ❖ 12-20 participants per class
- ❖ Must be at least 18yrs old, unless referred by your school
- ❖ 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 & Cameron Counties

### COST

- ❖ **Early bird registration** by June 12<sup>th</sup> for \$595; or \$695 per participant after June 12<sup>th</sup>; Application must be received by July 10, 2020.
- ❖ Limited partial scholarships may be available
- ❖ **Special scholarships** are available to **Cameron County residents** through the Emporium Foundation

### 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 & Cameron Counties as a participant, or would like to sponsor someone to participate, please contact the program developers for an application.*

## JOIN THE MORE THAN 197 ALUMNI OF LEADERSHIP ELK & CAMERON

### LEC Graduate testimonials:

“I didn’t feel like a true leader until participating in LEC”

“I feel more connected with my community and its champions! And I want to be a part of that group.”

“I was a new supervisor and I owe a lot to LEC for assisting me in being a better leader. I gained so much confidence in myself throughout this program.”

“The program gave me confidence that with leadership and hard work, our community will thrive.”

“LEC allowed me to explore several aspects of our community that I otherwise would not have been able to see. It allowed me the opportunity to network with amazing people and create lasting relationships with them.”

### Program Impacts:

As a result of the program, **100%** of participants are likely or very likely to [volunteer in their communities.](#)

**More than 70%** are likely or very likely to [gain a higher leadership in their job.](#)

**All participants** report having a [better understanding of](#) how to become involved in [solving community issues and promoting community assets.](#)

**COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TODAY  
PREPARING THE COMMUNITY LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW  
2020-2021**



### PROGRAM DEVELOPERS

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