

LEADERSHIP



BITTERROOT

**A 9 MONTH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO
EDUCATE AND GROOM POTENTIAL LEADERS
WITHIN OUR BITTERROOT COMMUNITIES.**

What is Leadership Bitterroot?

Leadership...What is it really? At first glance, business and community leadership looks like a simple matter of one's style. But when you get to the core of it, leadership isn't about style at all. It's about substance, vision, action and spirit...these words comprise the essence of leadership. They have nothing to do with style and everything to do with substance. The Leadership Bitterroot program is designed to provide the substance needed in all community and business leaders...to expose and educate. Providing the knowledge in terms of options... what can we do to better our communities, knowing how to do it, moving with a defined picture of the past and a clear direction for the future in a spirit of building a strong economic business community that is the focus of Leadership Bitterroot. Participants do not graduate from Leadership Bitterroot; they progress to a higher level of community involvement.

Topics Include:

- *History of the Bitterroot Valley*
 - *Strategic Business Outlook*
 - *The Economic Pulse of the Bitterroot*
 - *Non-Profits*
 - *Health Care*
 - *City and County Government*
 - *Natural Resources and Agriculture*
 - *Infrastructure*
- and many more topics of a civic nature.*

Dates:

The Leadership Bitterroot program is nine (9) full, day-long sessions. Each session begins at 8am and ends at 5pm. Each session is the third Wednesday of every month from September through May of the following year. The only exception being two (2) sessions in September. One for orientation, and the other for the first active day of class. Participants will receive an agenda and schedule for each session prior to the actual meeting day. The student's participation in each session is essential to their successful completion of the Leadership Bitterroot Program. Absence from any session denies the student the information and core knowledge needed to successfully complete the program. If the student misses more than two sessions, they can not make up their loss and will be denied successful completion of this course and will not be eligible to graduate. The class size is limited to 25 people.

Leadership Bitterroot is a two-year commitment. Year one you are a participating student and the second year, you are responsible for facilitation and planning two of the nine sessions.

**Giving you keys to reach
your higher level of
community involvement.**



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Leadership Bitterroot is sponsored by the Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce and is a nine (9) month program designed to expose participants to current issues facing the Bitterroot Valley. Topics include business, government, agriculture, health services, human resources, education, media and the justice system. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the community leaders who are shaping policy and providing direction for these issues.

Selection & Tuition

- Applications are gathered from individuals from within our business and community. Anyone who has an interest in local affairs, politics or issues that would like to become more involved in shaping the future of our Bitterroot community is encouraged to apply.
- Selection of candidates will be made on the basis of establishing a diverse mix of age, background, community involvement interest, opinions and attitudes as expressed in their personal application.

- Cost is \$350 for Chamber of Commerce Members. \$400 for Non Chamber members.

Tuition covers all costs inclusive: retreat, meals and transportation when required. Payment plans are available upon request. Please call Jodi at the chamber to arrange details.



Leadership Bitterroot Application

Applicant: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

e.mail: _____

State your professional background, and civic involvement (use additional pages if necessary)

List three major opportunities and/or challenges you see facing the Bitterroot Valley:

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____

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Registration amt. _____

Date paid: _____

Check: _____ Cash: _____

Credit Card: _____