

Leadership Boonslick is an innovative community program spearheaded by a leadership development taskforce, a partnership between numerous public/private/non-profit groups in the area. This program is designed to identify and motivate emerging leaders and develop their potential for future community leadership roles by exposing them to the opportunities, realities, and challenges of the city of Boonville and Boonslick area. This series of informative, interesting, and thought provoking seminars is designed to be a hands-on participatory experience. Each session will vary, including lively discussions, field trips, group interactions, and knowledgeable speakers. Community leaders and organizational representatives will participate in class sessions designed to stimulate new ideas and ways of problem solving.

Attached is an application, course outline and program participation form. We ask that you commit yourself to attending all of the sessions. The tuition for this course will be \$200. Limited scholarships may be available and some employers may assist with tuition payments. We can also arrange a payment schedule. Arrangements should be made for payments prior to February; please make checks out to Leadership Boonslick. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Fjell at the City of Boonville, 660-882-4003 or via email, [kate.fjell@boonville-mo.org](mailto:kate.fjell@boonville-mo.org). Application deadline is December 17, 2009, please return completed forms to Kate Fjell at the City of Boonville, 525 Spring Street, Boonville, MO 65233.

Continuing education unit credits (CEU's) are available for this program. If you are interested in pursuing these credits, please let us know.

All sessions, with the exception of the February 6<sup>th</sup> retreat, are on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., lunch included. If you are interested in participating, we can supply any necessary information to your employer.

One of the team members will be contacting you next week to inquire about your interest and to answer any questions you may have.

We hope you decide to participate in this exciting opportunity!

# Leadership Boonslick Program

## Curriculum/Course Outline

February 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

### **Session 1: Kick off Retreat**

Being a great leader starts with knowing your environment. We will kick off this leadership program with a Boonslick bus tour, which will include an overview of the history, businesses, and organizations in the area. Following the tour we will have sessions on leadership skills, personality types, community development, and the importance of diversity. We will also allow introduce the outside service project, an opportunity to put your leadership skills into practice over the next couple months.

*The remainder of the sessions will run from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Lunch will be provided and locations will be announced prior to the session.*

February 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Session 2: Government and Judiciary**

Serving the community in a public capacity can be a great experience, but it also requires work. This session describes the opportunities and roles available in county and city government and how to run for public office. This session will also discuss the general working of government, how the government and judiciary carry out the checks and balances for an orderly democracy and how these activities are funded.

March 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Session 3: Education**

Learning about our education system is essential, whether or not you have kids in the school system. A quality education system is essential for creating a talented, competitive and skilled workforce for the future. This session will cover the entire gamut, beginning with understanding our K-12 environment, funding, and roles of the school board. This session will also identify national trends in higher education, employment forecasts for graduates, the role of technology, and learning spaces.

March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Session 4: Community and Social Services**

Making Boonville a great place to live requires lots of volunteers and dedicated professionals with a passion for making things better. This session will cover fundraising, managing and recruiting volunteers, needs in Cooper County, and the social demographics of Cooper County and the Boonslick region. This session will also look at some of the unique challenges facing rural communities when it comes to meeting the needs of residents with limited resources.

April 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Session 5: Economic Development: Understanding your local economy**

Knowing your local economy is essential to being a good leader. This session will identify all of the industries that make up the Boonslick economy, surplus and leakages in our area, and highlight the importance of transportation, infrastructure, and technology in economic development. We will also look at new and emerging trends and potential opportunities for future growth.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Session 6: Economic Development: Entrepreneurship**

Strong rural economies are dependent on continued entrepreneurial growth. This session will cover the basics, including the life cycles of businesses, the importance of business plans, and existing services available for entrepreneurs.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Session 7: Arts, Culture, Recreation, and Media**

A community is not just jobs and government; it also depends on opportunities for people to gather together and take pride in everything that makes us a community. This session will identify the arts, cultural, and recreational assets in the Boonslick region. We will also talk about local media and the role they play in fostering our sense of community.

May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Session 8: Healthcare**

The healthcare debate has been front and center this year between health care reform and flu pandemics, but what does this all mean for the Boonslick area? This session will describe our local health care delivery system and identify challenges in rural areas. We will also identify the role of technology in health care and trends in health care.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00P.M.-8:00P.M

**Graduation**

We finally made it! Tonight we celebrate all we learned and identify the ways in which all of these elements of community fit together. Be prepared to put your newly honed skills into action and assist us by identifying participants for the 2011 class.

# Leadership Boonslick Application

Name:

Business Name:

Position:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Current Organizational Involvement (non-profit, work, or other activities) and any positions held:

Why are you interested in participating in the program? (attach other sheets if required)

## **Attributes Expected of Every Leadership Development Program Participant**

Applying these standards to our Leadership Development Program will help make this process an excellent learning experience and fun activity for everyone.

- 1.) Commitment to all participants: Be a good team player and follow through when necessary.
- 2.) Attitude: Be positive and enthusiastic.
- 3.) Responsiveness: Exceed the program/fellow participants' expectations.
- 4.) Sense of Ownership: Be accountable to one's self and employer, if applicable, regarding a program sponsorship.
- 5.) Communications: Communicate with everyone in a timely, direct, truthful, respectful, and kind manner.
- 6.) Change: Be open, supportive, and adaptable during changes in the program.
- 7.) Attendance: Be present and participate in at least 7 of the 8 program meetings/activities.

Above all else, I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me. My signature below represents my individual commitment to these attributes.

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Participant Signature

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Date