

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.

September 8, 2026: *Evening Social*

September 9, 2026: *Orientation, Team-Building & Leadership Skills*

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

October 14, 2026: *Cameron County Economic/Community Development, Tourism & Environment*

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

November 4, 2026: *1st Wed Communications*

- ❖ To enhance public speaking, presentation skills, and interpersonal communications
- ❖ To understand and explore the local communications industry

December 9, 2026: *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

January 13, 2027: *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, 2027: *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, 2027: *History & Preservation*

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

April 14, 2027: *Elk County Economic/Community Development, Tourism & the Environment*

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

May TBA: *Harrisburg Trip: Overnight*

(This needs to be scheduled with the legislators.)

- ❖ Usually the 1st or 2nd week of May
- ❖ Meeting with elected officials
- ❖ Understanding the processes of State Government

June 9, 2027: *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 *(subject to change)*

- ❖ **Nonprofit/Individual \$950, for-profit \$1,100; early bird discount \$100**
- ❖ **Scholarships** are available upon request
- ❖ **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 265 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 90% are likely or very likely to **gain a higher leadership role 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 2026-2027



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We are Always Accepting Online
Applications at our website!
Register online by July 17th
Ask us about!!!!

- Early Bird Discount Registration by May 31st
- Scholarships
- Special Scholarships for Cameron County Residents through the Emporium Foundation.

