

Leadership Vernon

Program Summary

The *Leadership Vernon* program is a course to develop future community leaders. It has been patterned after other similar leadership programs across the nation that have proven to be extremely successful. The program includes a mandatory retreat which serves to unify the class and to begin the journey of enhancing leadership skills for the betterment of Vernon. Sessions will be held the first Wednesday of each month with graduation taking place in May. Throughout the program, participants will gain an understanding into the workings of the city and county through tours, panels, quality speakers, and community practitioners. In many cases, the program director of the myriad of local services and businesses will present informative presentations describing their program.

Tuition

Tuition will be \$250.00. The tuition covers the overnight retreat, monthly lunches, notebook/class study handouts, overnight trip to Austin, and the graduation reception and materials.

Other

For further information concerning *Leadership Vernon* program, contact any of the agencies below:

Business Development Corporation
940-552-6502

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
940-552-5474



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*A Course of Community
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Mission

Leadership Vernon is an interaction and learning program bringing citizens of Wilbarger County together to develop leadership qualities as they identify and explore local issues and needs.

Purpose

- Promote and foster the development of community leaders.
- Acquaint participants with the county's assets, needs and opportunities.
- Provide a forum to discuss community challenges with representatives from industry, government, media and human services.
- Encourage and motivate participants to choose an area of interest for active involvement upon graduation from the leadership program.
- Build community leaders for today and tomorrow.

Participation

Leadership Vernon seeks to establish a class of 15 participants who are interested in developing their potential for community leadership. The class is carefully selected to represent business, government, social services, ministries, education, manufacturing, law, medical services, finance and volunteerism.

Policies

- The applicant must have their employer's support for participation.
- The attendance policy is strictly enforced.
- Participants are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the program. Participants who miss more than twelve hours of the program will be dropped from the class. Attendance will be kept by the Advisory Council. Attendance at the retreat is required.
- The program fee should be paid in full prior to September 24th, 2010.

Class Schedule/ Course Description

Classes are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. All sessions are from 8:30 to 5:00 with lunch included.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September	Reception
October	Retreat- Mandatory Overnight Stay
November	Leadership Characteristics/Tours
December	Medical/Social Services
January	Local/Regional Economy/Pick Project
February	Tours
March	City/County Government Day
March	Overnight Stay/Austin
April	Environment/Agriculture
May	Education/ Graduation

