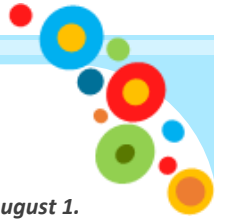


Tentative Schedule



Sessions will be held at various sites around Marion County. Exact session locations will be added by August 1.

SESSION 1: QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP

Tuesday, October 22 5:30-8:30 p.m.

This session provides participants with insights into their own personal leadership style and attributes. This knowledge helps them to better work in teams of diverse personalities. We also discuss effective communications, efficient meetings and work-life balance.

SESSION 2: BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, November 19 5:30-8:30 p.m.

What are the forces driving the region's economy? Learn about major sectors within the region and how businesses impact the economy of local communities. You will also be provided insight into items that are made here and the process for starting a business.

SESSION 3: GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, December 17 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where do your tax dollars go? This session will explore the roles of city and county governments. We will discuss important issues facing local government and enhance your knowledge of public services. Participants will learn about community foundations and community planning.

SESSION 4: WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

Thursday, January 16 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Discover critical workforce needs in the region and efforts working to up-skill area workers. How do educators work to prepare students for the workforce? We will also hear about workforce training opportunities beyond high school.

SESSION 5: SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTH

Thursday, February 20 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn how area organizations are meeting the needs of low income residents, special needs residents and senior citizens. We will learn about efforts to address drug addiction and build mentoring relationships for youth.

SESSION 6: TOURISM & VOLUNTEERISM

Tuesday, March 31 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn about the over \$50 million annual impact tourism plays in Marion County. Class members will gain a better understanding of promotional efforts and needs for volunteers. This final session will also include a time of reflection and celebration.

In case of bad weather that forces us to cancel a session, the session will not be rescheduled. Instead, participants will be invited to the next year's session on that topic.

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