

Establishing a sense of community and enthusiastic leadership are the cornerstones of the program.

Program Format

Leadership Bonita begins with a MANDATORY Retreat on a Thursday with sessions on Friday and Saturday. The sessions are held in a nearby community and require overnight stays which are included in the program investment.

The remainder of the program sessions will be held on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. approximately every three - four weeks from September to May. Sessions will include a mixture of lectures and field trips.

Participants must attend the full retreat. Attendance is expected at each session in order to graduate from the program. If a session is to be missed it is the responsibility of the participant to contact the Program Chairperson prior to the session that will be missed. Missed sessions could result in the participant being dropped from the program. No portion of the tuition will be refunded.

A formal commencement program will be held in May.

Leadership Bonita Benefits

Leadership Bonita provides insight into public decision making with practical and in depth discussions on public issues relative to the area. It also:

- Broadens community perspectives.
- Builds leadership skills.
- Builds working relationships among class members.
- Provides personal growth and development.
- Encourages and develops a network of community contacts.

Selection Criteria

Candidates for the program must complete an application form and return it by the deadline date of July 29, 2005.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Participation in the program is highly competitive and applicants are encouraged to reapply to subsequent programs if they are not initially selected. Announcement of candidates will be made on or about August 12, 2005.

Up to 35 individuals, representing a cross-section of business, professional, educational, government, non-profit organizations and citizens at-large will be selected for the class.

Tuition

Tuition is \$1,200.00 for each participant. The tuition covers costs for the Retreat, meals and refreshments, program materials and supplies.

Full tuition is required by September 2, 2005.

Participants are often sponsored by their own business firm or organization.

Partial scholarships in the amount of \$500 are available to those who meet the following criteria:

- Member of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
- Not-for-Profit Organization
- Five or less employees
- Live and/or work in Bonita Springs
- Involvement in the Chamber
- Involvement in the community of Bonita Springs

For more information or to receive an application, please contact Karen Brown, Communications & Special Events Director at 992-2943.

Program Schedule 2005-2006

The Retreat will be held in September beginning on Thursday evening, September 15, 2005 and ending on Saturday afternoon, September 17, 2005.

Regular sessions will be held on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. from October to May. A complete schedule of dates is provided in this brochure and with the application form for the class.

Attendance is a requirement for the full retreat and attendance is mandatory and expected at each session in order to graduate from the program; one session may be excused if approved by the Program Chairperson.

Quotes

“Learning about the issues that affect the community and what I can do to be positively involved in these issues has been a very worthwhile experience. The friendships made and relationships built during Leadership are the kind that last.”
Jeffrey L. Miller, Community Bank, Class of 2004-2005

“Taking one day a month away from the office for Leadership Bonita was well worth it, and my business continues to benefit from the knowledge I acquired and the people I met.”

Dr. Robert Klausner, Class of 2000-2001

“The Leadership Program really helped me to plug into the Bonita Springs Community. It was very helpful to learn about the challenges facing the community. It also helped me to consider what we as a group and I as an individual can do to answer the call.”

Stan Plappert, Collier Insurance, Class of 2003-2004

“The Leadership Bonita Program was very helpful to me as a relative newcomer to the community. The program gave me valuable insight into the issues facing the community and to meet and share my learning experience and ideas with other participants in the program.”

Jon Davis, McGladrey & Pullen, Class of 2002-2003

Leadership Bonita Vision

The Leadership Bonita program will provide a forum to identify, enlighten and engage current and future leaders to improve the quality of life of the Bonita Springs community.

Leadership Bonita Mission

Leadership Bonita provides leadership-minded individuals with the opportunity to:

- Experience the community from public, business and individual perspectives.
- Develop interest in the future of Bonita Springs.
- Create an environment to inspire community leadership.

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Application Request

To request an application:

Call: (239) 992-2943

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Schedule 2005

September 15, 16, 17	Retreat
October 7	Session
October 28	Session
November 11	Session
December 2	Session

Schedule 2006

January 6	Session
January 27	Session
February 10	Session
March 3	Session
March 24	Session
April 7	Session
April 21	Session
May 6	Graduation

*Sessions are held from
8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. on the above dates.*

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