





"I went into Lead Culpeper expecting to learn more about my community. What I didn't envision was learning more about myself. Lead Culpeper has helped me identify character traits about myself that I didn't even know I possessed, and it has helped me exploit them. Most importantly, I forged life-long relationships with my Lead Culpeper 2016 classmates and those bonds will surely lead to a better community as we work together on a common goal - to make Culpeper a more inviting place to live."

"I was initially hesitant to join Lead Culpeper because of the time commitment involved. However, I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat. I learned so much about all aspects of our community and made important connections with new friends and colleagues. It's an investment of time that will pay off over and over again!"

Tuition

The entire program cost is $1,250. This includes course materials, lunches, snacks, 1 ticket to the Annual Banquet and limited transportation.

The Program kicks off with a mandatory 2 day (not overnight) retreat in January and runs 8am-4pm on the 3rd Friday of each month Feb-October.

Personal transportation to most sessions will be required.

Payment options are available, please ask for details.

Attendance Policy

Attendance and active participation are critical to your success and the success of the program.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions and may not miss more than sixteen (16) hours or two (2) days in order to graduate from the program. Absences should be limited and only taken when absolutely necessary.

Application

The application deadline is October 31, 2027, all applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than November 12, 2027.

For an application or additional information contact:
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LEAD CULPEPER 2028

Lead Culpeper: A Community Leadership Development Program



Applications Accepted Through
October 31, 2027

Lead Culpeper 2028 Schedule

JANUARY 20 & 21 – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TEAM BUILDING
Meet your Lead Culpeper Class at this two-day, retreat focused on leadership development and team building.

FEBRUARY 18– INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
You will learn about the many factors that drive Culpeper's economic engine, with a focus on manufacturing and large industries.

MARCH 17 – SMALL BUSINESS
Discover the unique contributions of small businesses to Culpeper's success while engaging with the local leaders and entrepreneurs who drive innovation, create opportunities, and help define our community's character.

APRIL 21– AGRICULTURE
Put on your boots and explore one of Culpeper's largest industries. You will visit a variety of area farms.

MAY 19– TEAM BUILDING
Verdun Adventure Bound's team will lead you through trust exercises and challenge courses.

JUNE 16– ARTS/CULTURE/HISTORY
Learn about how Culpeper has become such a vibrant community. This is an exciting day including visits to historic locations and a rare behind the scenes tour of the Library of Congress Packard Campus.

JULY 21– HEALTH & WELLNESS
You will hear from area health and wellness professionals that work to create a healthier and thriving community for our residents.

AUGUST 18– NONPROFITS
Leaders from local nonprofits will show the impact nonprofits and volunteering have on the community.

SEPTEMBER 15– PUBLIC SAFETY
This session provides an understanding of how the Culpeper County Public Safety sector works together to provide safety and security for the Citizens of Culpeper County.

OCTOBER 20– EDUCATION
We will introduce you to key administrators in the school system and provide an overview of initiatives that are helping prepare students to be our future leaders and innovators.

NOVEMBER 2– GRADUATION
Your graduation ceremony will take place at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

DECEMBER 15– WRAP-UP
The final session will provide you an opportunity to reflect on what experiences you gained in the Lead Culpeper program.



About Lead Culpeper

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce has developed a program that will introduce participants to the intricacies of our community and the region.

The 2028 class will be given access to leaders in business, government and education in order to gain a unique perspective on our community.

Leadership is a skill that can be developed through practice, study, and insight. If you have an interest in serving Culpeper, this program is your starting point.

