WATAUGA leadership development

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SPRING 2027 COURSE OUTLINE

DAY 1

Thursday, January 21
8:00am-4:30pm

OPENING RETRAT

Meet your classmates and begin your leadership development journey with a day of group activities and guest speakers, including **Sharon Decker** with GROW NC, **Ryan Costin** with Beech Mountain Resort, and **Dr. Christine Hendren** with Appalachian State University

DAY 4

Thursday, February 18
9:30am-3:00pm

KNOW THYSELF

A prerequisite for being an authentic leader is knowing your own motivations, life experiences, emotions, and willingness to take risks, and how these components of yourself evolve.

DAY 7

Thursday, April 1
9:30am-3:00pm

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

To be an inclusive leader, one must ensure that everyone agrees that they are being treated fairly and respectfully, are valued, and have a sense of belonging and are psychologically safe. In this session participants will explore diversity, inclusion, and leadership.

DAY 2

Thursday, February 4
8:30am-10:30am

CLIFTON STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

Now that your Clifton Strengths assessment has been completed, Dr. Street will review the various leadership traits and help you understand how to further complement your unique skillset.

DAY 5

Thursday, March 4
9:30am-3:00pm

WHAT IT TAKES TO COACH YOUR PEOPLE

Leadership is a relational process and, thus, requires effective communication skills. This session will focus on the critical leadership competencies of listening, perspective taking, and coaching.

DAY 8

Thursday, April 15
9:30am-3:00pm

THE NEXT STEP

The Watauga Leadership Institute has provided an opportunity for participants to learn about themselves, leadership, and their community. Now what? Participants will consider how to take what they have learned and apply it to their professional, civic, and personal lives.

DAY 3

Thursday, February 11
9:30am-3:00pm

AUTHENTICITY IN LEADERSHIP

The world needs authentic leaders today more than ever. This session will give participants the opportunity to explore authentic leadership.

DAY 6

Thursday, March 18
9:30am-3:00pm

WORKING THROUGH CONFLICT

The word conflict usually has negative connotations. The best teams and organizations learn how to harness conflict and use it to their benefit. This session offers the opportunity to understand conflict as a tool for progress.

MAKE UP DAY

Thursday, April 29
8:00am-4:30pm