



EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO

Spring 2010 Program

Application Deadline: Friday, April 23, 2010

EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO is a community orientation program hosted by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce for individuals interested in learning more about the inner-workings of the community and becoming more involved in Greensboro and Guilford County.

What are the objectives of EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO?

The principal objectives of EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO:

To broaden your working knowledge of the community in a short period of time

To acquaint you with the key leaders and the decision making channels in Greensboro

To inform you of the issues and problems facing our community

To meet new people to expand your business and personal network, and become more involved

How does EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO accomplish these objectives?

EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO participants are given a rare insight into the community through a series of six intensive sessions and several community focused experiences. This includes familiarization with the history, government, economic development, education, health/human services and arts/ parks and recreation aspects of Greensboro and Guilford County. The presenters are expert resources in their fields, and welcome the opportunity to dialogue with participants in open forum. In past sessions, the line up of presenters have included the city manager, county manager, school superintendent, school board members, elected officials, university administrations, health care administrators, and other key stakeholders.

What is the time commitment for EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO?

- Six consecutive morning sessions - once a week, on Wednesday
- Sessions are held at different locations throughout Greensboro, providing the opportunity for program participants to visit significant sites
- Sessions begin officially at 8:45 a.m. and end at 12:15 p.m. Continental breakfast is available at 8:30 a.m.

Spring - 2010 Schedule

Session #1	April 28 th	Orientation/City History (day ends at 3:30 pm)*
Session #2	May 5 th	City and County Government (day ends at 3:00 pm)*
Session #3	May 12 th	Economic Development
Session #4	May 19 th	Education
Session #5	June 2 nd	Health & Human Services
Session #6	June 9 th	Arts, Parks/Recreation Sports & Entertainment

***Extended class time to accommodate tours related to subject matter**

What is the process for registering for EXPERIENCE GREENSBORO?

The Experience Greensboro application may be mailed, emailed or faxed to the following:

Joyce Gorham-Worsley
Greensboro Chamber of Commerce
342 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401
Fax: (336) 275 - 9299
Email: jgorham-worsley@greensboro.org



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Please print or type. Separate contact information is needed for spouse/partner, if attending.

Name _____
 First Middle Initial Last

Employer _____
 Name Position

Mailing Address _____
 Street Address City State Zip

 Telephone Fax E-Mail

Referred to Experience Greensboro by _____

Spouse/Partner Information:

Name _____
 First Middle Initial Last

Employer _____
 Name Position

Mailing Address _____
 Street Address City State Zip

 Telephone Fax E-Mail

Select: TUITION – CHAMBER MEMBER TUITION – NON-CHAMBER MEMBER
 \$ 200 Chamber Member \$ 300 Non-Chamber Member
 \$ 275 Chamber Member (w/ Spouse) \$ 375 Non-Chamber Member (w/Spouse)

Method of Payment: Check Enclosed MC/Visa/American Express

Name: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Include three-or four-digit security number(reverse side of the card) _____

Zip Code (from credit card mailing address) _____

Signature: _____

Return registration form, along with payment to:
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"In Their Own Words" **Testimonials from Experience Greensboro Class Participants**

"I highly recommend Experience Greensboro. I met involved and interesting people while learning things about my new city that I never would have discovered on my own."

➤ **Denise Lloyd, Owner - Greensboro Rubber Stamp & Sign:**

"Experience Greensboro was a great opportunity professionally and personally for me. I have lived in the Triad area all my life and am proud to be from the area because Greensboro has so much to offer. The Greensboro Chamber's Experience Greensboro program provides a wonderful overview of Greensboro plus the networking opportunities were incredible. Anyone new to or originally from Greensboro should sign up for this fabulous program the Greensboro Chamber is offering. It will be a profitable investment of time and money."

➤ **Janie Robbins, Member - the TJSN (Triad Job Search Network)**

"After moving to Greensboro from Florida in 2007, I was looking for an opportunity to learn the cultural, business and leadership history of our city. Experience Greensboro exceeded all of my expectations, and, I met some great friends and new customers along the way."

➤ **John Klopp, Agent - State Farm Insurance and Financial Services**

"My family and I relocated to the Triad from Chattanooga, TN following my husband's acceptance of a teaching position at NCA&T in the summer of 2007. With my husband and elementary aged son both in school, after establishing our home, I was left to figure out our new community. Luckily, I saw an ad for the Experience Greensboro class. For 6 Wednesdays, I met the movers and shakers I'd read about and/or seen or heard on the local news. I heard directly from them on the issues facing greater Greensboro and how valuable we as members of this community are in solving them.

I met and shared life stories with some fascinating classmates. We weren't all newcomers, but we were people interested in making a connection. We sought to understand this emerging metropolis. And Experience Greensboro was our gateway to the Gate City!

The program was definitely worth the cost in time and considering what we received -- a wise investment. I highly recommend it."

➤ **Lynn Harvey-Akan, Vice President - 24th Century Solutions, an organizational development company**
Account Executive, WFDD 88.5 FM, NPR News & Triad Arts Station, Winston-Salem

"Experience Greensboro is a program that you do not want to miss whether you are new to the area or have lived here for an extended period of time. In fact, as a result of Experience Greensboro, I learned more about governance to arts to cultural activities than many people I know who have lived here 15+ years. I participated in the program as a "newcomer" and I immediately gained knowledge and information that made me feel like an integral part of the community."

➤ **Dr. Erin Bentrin-Tapio, Director - Student Affairs Assessment Dept., UNCG**