

Want to gain valuable leadership skills?

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I'm sure by now you have heard about the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program. You may be wondering, "What will I get out of it?" or "Why take the time?"

This program is a fantastic opportunity only available in Haskell and Knox Counties. You are meeting people in your community and neighboring community. You are networking with your city and county government. You are touring local businesses, learning about your local hospital, school system and assets around your region.

When you finish this program, you will have gained valuable leadership skills, you will have met

people from around the region, and you will know more about your community as a whole. The only way you can gain this kind of insight is to invest the time in a program like this one.

The leadership program kicks off Sept. 23 and ends in May 2017. We will take you through a fun orientation process where you get to know the group. Our groups are usually 12-15 people. Then, we will meet on the first Friday of each month starting in October. You will spend the morning working through valuable curriculum. Then, in the afternoon you will be on your feet and touring Haskell and Knox Counties. These tours will expose you to various topics such as economic develop-

ment, agriculture, health-care and all the things that make up the assets of a community. Each month we will alternate between Haskell and Knox County. Not only will you learn about your county, but you will also learn about your neighbors.

The DCOH and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are providing the tools, now we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity. We promise you won't regret it...just ask any of our past participants. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office in Benjamin or downloaded @ <http://knox.agrilife.org/>. For more information, call the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459- 2651.