



Leadership Thurston County | 2026-2027 Calendar

12 Challenge Days + Snow Day

Date	Time	Topic
August 18-September 4	1-hour	Orientation Meeting*
Thursday, September 17	8am-5pm	Opening Retreat**
Friday, September 18	8am-5pm	Scene Day
Thursday, October 15	8am-5pm	Equity Day
Thursday, November 19	8am-5pm	Business & Economic Development Day
Thursday, December 17	8am-5pm	Government Day
Thursday, January 21	8am-5pm	Education Day
Thursday, February 18	8am-5pm	Law & Justice Day
Thursday, March 18	8am-5pm	Mid-Year Retreat
Friday, March 19	8am-5pm	Health & Human Services Day
Thursday, April 15	8am-5pm	Arts & Culture Day
Thursday, May 6	8am-5pm	Class Makeup Day***
Thursday, May 20	8am-5pm	Environment Day
Thursday, June 3	8am-5pm	Closing Retreat
Wednesday, June 9	8am-5pm	Graduation

* Orientation meeting options will be set by August 1st. Each class member is expected to sign-up & attend one 1-hour orientation meeting.

**The full Opening Retreat is required to participate in the program.

***Only used in the event that we have to postpone a Challenge Day.

Challenge Day Notes:

- Dates and topics may be subject to change.
- Full attendance and participation is expected at every Challenge Day. Please plan to be in attendance from 8am-5pm. A continental breakfast with coffee begins at 7:30am each morning. Lunch and snacks provided throughout the day as is any necessary transportation. Optional class socials conclude the day.
- All dates are planned as in-person and do not have a simultaneous virtual offering. In the event we are unable to meet in person based on guidelines from the Thurston County Health Department, we will meet virtually on the same days with a slightly adjusted time schedule.