



AmeriCorps VISTA Leader Orientation

SAMPLE AGENDA

Opening Evening

1:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration

4:00 – 6:00 pm

VISTA Café: Getting to Know Your Leader Colleagues

Dinner: Heavy hors d'oeuvres

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Opening Session

Orientation and Leadership Overview, Leadership in Action (video), Strengths Finder

Day 1

7:00 – 8:15 am

Breakfast

8:30 – 12:00 pm

Transformational Leadership Model & VISTA Leader Roles (*small groups*)

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Communication: The Core of Leading Effectively

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Conflict Management: An Approach Overview

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm

Conflict Management Practice (*small groups*)

4:15 – 5:00 pm

Q&A with Leader Guides

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Dinner

Day 2

7:00 – 8:15 am

Breakfast

8:30 – 12:00 pm

Competency-Based Workshops (*select one*)

- Leading & Facilitating Effective Meetings
- Leadership & Difficult Conversations
- Leader's Approach to Valuing Diversity

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Competency-Based Workshops (*select one*)

- Leading from a Distance: A Think Tank
- Finding the Right VISTA
- Guiding Your Members to High Achievement

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 – 5:30 pm

Open Space

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Dinner

Day 3

7:00 – 8:15 am

Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 am

Open Space – Reflections and Official Closure

9:00 – 11:15 am

Strategic Planning and Leadership Self-Reflection (*small groups*)

11:30 – 12:10 pm

VISTA Campus and Action Learning Overview

12:10 – 12:30 pm

Leadership Reflections and Closing

12:30 pm

Box lunch and departure