



## About the Chamber

The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together for the purpose of promoting the civic and commercial progress of our community.

These men and women represent nearly 500 businesses and organizations in the Camdenton and Lake of the Ozarks area ranging in size from the one-person entrepreneur to the international corporation. From Accounting to Wood Products, they represent all facets within the community—financial institutions, resorts, restaurants, manufacturers, retail sales, construction, real estate, other nonprofit community organizations and many more. But they are united in a common mission.

The mission of the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce is to be the motivating force in coordinating, leading, and promoting business development, economic diversity, and tourism, while enhancing the quality of life and the natural resources of the area through community involvement, recognition, and pride.

## Key Activities

The Chamber promotes business development through educational programs, referrals, a products and services show, and networking. A special committee of the Board is working on expanding the economic diversity within the community by attracting new business to the area. LEADERSHIP Camden County is an educational program to train community leaders for the future growth of the Camden County Area. Businesses within the tourist sector work closely together to promote the Lake of the Ozarks area in gen-

eral and the “quieter waters” of the Lake of the Ozarks in particular. The Chamber maintains an 800 number as an important service to visitors. The quality of life and pride in the community have been enhanced by activities such as the Dogwood Festival, Christmas on the Square, beautification projects, shoreline clean up, and fish habitat improvement.

## Governance

A Board of Directors is the policy-making body of the Chamber of Commerce. The Board consists of fifteen directors elected by the membership. To insure continuity, five directors are elected each year for a three-year term. The Board elects its officers on an annual basis.

A committee system is the most effective means of harnessing energies and abilities of volunteer workers. Committees are appointed by the President of the Board to deal with major activities or areas of concern. In addition, ad hoc committees or task forces are appointed as needed.

## How the Chamber is Financed

The Chamber is financed primarily by the Investment of its members and by special projects, such as the annual products and services show. Many of the programs that benefit a specific segment of the community are self-funded.

## Relationship to Other Organizations

The Camdenton Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Lake of the Ozarks Transportation Council; Lake of the Ozarks Regional Economic Development Council; Missouri Economic Development Council; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Chamber Federation; and US Chamber of Commerce. Close ties are maintained

with other chambers in the area, the Lake of the Ozarks Convention and Visitor Bureau, Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Government, University Outreach and Extension, and the Small Business Administration.

## We Need You!

Investing in the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce is one of the best business decisions you can make. Membership allows you to tap into the many business assistance programs, committee service outlets, and personal development opportunities offered only through the Chamber.

We believe in working as a team; we help one another, encourage professional success, and work for the improvement of our quality of life, making our region a better place to live and do business.

To tap into this valuable resource, make a commitment to your firm and your community. Join the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce today.

### Membership Investment Schedule

**General Membership:** \$200 base plus \$2 per employee (or full time equivalent); or unit (lodging); or table (restaurants).

**Financial Institutions:** \$300 base plus \$2 per employee (or full time equivalent).

**Professional** (insurance, realty, law, accounting, etc.): \$220 base plus \$2 per employee (or full time equivalent).

**Associate** (Additional branches, Additional businesses owned by same owner, Churches, Civic Groups, Charitable Organizations, Individuals): \$100 [Note: Non-Voting Member]

**Note:** Maximum Add-on for employees or units is \$200.