



CALHOUN COUNTY AREA CHAMBER AND VISITORS CENTER

The Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center is a member-driven organization working to promote and sustain the economic growth of the Calhoun County Region, resulting in a community that is a dynamic place to work, visit and live.

Our Members

Our members include small to medium size businesses, large corporations, home based businesses, micro enterprises, government employees, nonprofits and retirees.

Across the country thousands of businesses of all sizes and all sectors are members of a Chamber of Commerce.

They know that Chamber Membership is the ideal way to become well-connected and have unrivaled access to help, support, advice and a network of likeminded businesses.

Call us today at (256) 237-3536 for a discussion on how we can help you make the most of your membership.

Click here to access our [Online Member Application](#)

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Benefits of Membership

The Chamber hosts multiple **networking opportunities** each month including Coffee with the Chamber, Business & Biscuits, Lunch & Leads and Business After Hours. We also host annual events including The Annual Meeting, Economic Forum, Small Business Awards, Salute to Industry Golf Tournament and Regional Business Expo, to provide our members opportunities to meet new business associates, strengthen customer/client relationships and identify new connections.

Receive **business referrals** from your Chamber during meetings, presentations, over the phone, via email and through the online directory.

Your business is automatically referred by the Chamber, but you also have **access to affordable and no-cost advertising opportunities**. Schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber, promote an Open House Event for your business on the Chamber Event Calendar, or sponsor a Chamber Event.

Members receive **special discounts** on office supplies and have an opportunity to access a **health benefits network** for their employees. Small Business Members also receive a complimentary membership in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where they have access to U.S. Chamber Small Business Nation and articles from FreeEnterprise.com.

The Chamber has the experience and connections to make a difference with **local, state and federally elected officials**.

Attend **free and low-cost seminars and workshops** on a variety of topics relevant to businesses.

Utilize our **beautiful office space** for your meeting needs. Rooms can accommodate anywhere from one-on-one meetings to 50 people and are available for members to reserve at a low cost.

Chamber membership provides your business with added credibility. Showcase this affiliation by adding the **Member Badge** to your website and marketing materials.

Access to our password protected **Member Information Center** that includes a members-only social feed and links to resources to maximize your Chamber Membership.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Chamber Ambassadors -

Ambassadors' Mission:

To promote Chamber Membership and Services while fostering member relationships with the highest degree of professionalism and integrity.

The Ambassador program consists of enthusiastic volunteers from the Chamber membership who donate their time to help build member commitment and raise community awareness of Chamber activities and benefits. \$25 annual participation fee.

Expo - This committee is responsible for organizing our annual Business Expo, which includes up to 100 trade fair booths. More than 1500 people attend each year and vote for their favorite booth. This event also includes the Taste of Calhoun County and awards are given to participating restaurants in several different categories.

Military & Security Affairs - Military and Security Affairs Committee (MSAC) Mission: The Military and Security Affairs Committee (MSAC) shall have one single purpose: To preserve, protect and promote the Armed Forces and Homeland Security Resources of the United States of America through active support of the local military and governmental organizations, missions and people.

The committee will offer familiarization, education, training, demonstrations, documentation, marketing and socialization with Calhoun County's military and security affairs resources to the businesses and residents of this area, including County, State and Federal officials. Additionally, we will be developing strategies and programs to ensure we fully appreciate their contributions and maintain and grow their ranks and maintain constant communication with our Congressional Delegation to continue their support. \$50 annual participation fee.

Partners in Education - Partners in Education is a group of Chamber members, local government representatives, and administrators from every school in the county. This committee shares ideas and looks for ways to promote and strengthen education within our community. Members of this committee help with everything from finding job shadowing opportunities for high schoolers, mentoring elementary and middle school kids, participating in career fairs and school club days, organizing hands on efforts for schools such as clean up days, and even serving as a part of our speaker's bureau list.

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Public Affairs - The Chamber's Public Affairs Committee's purpose is to represent and be a proactive voice for the members and the overall business community with all levels of government in order to improve and sustain a positive business climate.

The Chamber's advocacy efforts develop methods to influence policies in job creation, workforce development, education, small business advocacy, and adequate health care. Empowering our membership through regular interaction with county and state legislators keeps them abreast of current legislation at local, state, and federal levels in the state and encourages both the community and the chamber members to mobilize to become a part of the democratic process. These efforts aid in ensuring accountability to the residents and business owners in Calhoun County and stimulating growth in all aspects of our community.

Salute to Industry - This committee is responsible for recognizing local industries and their contributions to Calhoun County. The committee also organizes an annual golf tournament, held in September of each year.

Small Business - The Chamber's Small Business Committee works with the mission to promote the growth, success and recognition of small businesses by promoting training, networking opportunities, and engaging public awareness.

This committee organizes our annual Small Business Awards and works to promote Shop Local each fall.

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