

Benefits of Membership & Application Packet



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Direct Benefits of Chamber Membership

- Market your business with a flyer or Advertisement that is sent out electronically via the Chambers Weekly Facts.
- If you are a new business you can schedule a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting to showcase your business. You can also attend a Grand Opening or Ribbon Cutting and network with other Chamber members.
- Attend the monthly Business After Hours event and make new business contacts.
- Obtain Chamber members mailing labels, complete with the contact person for each Chamber member business to use in your own marketing campaign.
- Have access on the Chamber's web site for a directory of all Chamber member businesses, as well as special member announcements and promotions.
- Be part of one of the Chamber's committees.
- Join other Chamber members at monthly Chamber Member Luncheons.
- Be a volunteer at any Chamber event for exposure for you and your business.
- Become a Chamber Ambassador and improve your own business contacts.
- Attend educational seminars sponsored by the Chamber to build and enhance your business.
- Referrals to other Chamber businesses and individuals as a result of your membership.
- Your membership is tax deductible as a "necessary business expense."



Calendar:

The Chamber maintains a community calendar of events.

Check Fraud Alert Program:

Working closely with the local police department, the Chamber does a mass Chamber member alert via e-mail so that members are notified of problems with “bad checks” and “credit card scams” in the community.



Starting & Growing a Business in Idaho:

The Chamber has printed material from the Idaho Small Business Development Center regarding how to start and grow a business.

Free Notary Public Service:

Chamber members may utilize the service of a Notary Public at no expense.

Committees and Task Forces:

Members may participate in any of our Chamber committees, covering a wide range of interests. These committees include: Membership and Benefits, Community Development, Education, Finance, Beautification, Government Relations & Legislative, Fundraising & Special Events, and the Ambassadors Club.

Resource Center:

Information resources are available at the Chamber office regarding the following: Community Demographics, Relocation Packets, Major Employers, Local and Area Phone Directories, City Directory, A List of Clubs and Organizations, Local Maps, Visitor Information, Small Business Administration Publications, and a list of Local and State Contacts.

Advocate for Businesses:

The Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community in local, county, and state issues. The Chamber represents the business community in problem solving, promoting economic development, etc.

Special Events:

The Chamber sponsors and co-sponsors several special events each year. The events include the following: Jerome Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Citizen of the year and Lifetime Achievement Awards and Banquet, Joe Mama’s Annual Car Show, Jerome Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament, Annual Holiday Fest & Auction, Jerome County Fair and Parade.

Networking Opportunities

Business After Hours:

The largest business-to-business networking event is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This great networking event gives you the opportunity to promote your business by hosting & providing door prizes for a Business After Hours event.



Ambassadors Program:

The Ambassadors Program is a networking club that meets on the first Wednesday of every month at a Chamber member restaurant. The Ambassadors Program strengthens member involvement by serving at events and Chamber functions, and by educating members about the business and services of the Chamber.

Chamber Member Luncheons:

The Chamber Member Luncheons meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon at a Chamber member restaurant. Relevant guest speakers are lined up every month to address issues that can build and enhance businesses and their employees. This is also a time to network with other members at the Luncheon.

Business Seminars & Educational Opportunities:

These seminars are held on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and are geared to assist businesses and their employees by providing vital information to build and strengthen business.

Chamber Events:

The Chamber hosts and sponsors various events in the community throughout the year. This is a great time to mingle with not only Chamber members, but with others from the community.

Annual Banquet:

The Annual Chamber Banquet is held in the month of March at a Chamber member facility. This annual event recognizes members for their dedication and participation in the community. Of special interest are those who are being honored for:

The Lifetime Achievement Award

The Business of the Year

The Ambassador of the Year

Business After Hours



Business After Hours is the Jerome Chamber's largest business-to-business networking event, and is scheduled on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This is a time when businesses can host a Business After Hours to highlight their particular business, and allow other Chamber members to see your business first hand.

The Role of the Hosting Business:

- Arrange for the food and beverages for those attending the event.
- Provide door prizes for other Chamber members.
- Showcase your business with tours, pictures and/or demonstrations.
- An informal welcoming speech and introduction of staff.
- Brag about your business, employees, services and products, etc.
- Issue personal invitations to special friends and family.
- Have fun!

The Role of the Chamber:

- Publicize the event in the Chambers Weekly Facts.
- Provide a group of Ambassadors for welcoming, and greeting of guests at the door.
- Provide the announcer for door prizes. (We encourage all Chamber members to bring along a door prize for drawings at the end of each event. Door prizes can be anything from your business, such as key chains, cups, hats, gift certificates, etc.)
- Collect business cards at the door for the door prizes.

Business After Hours, Jerome's largest business-to-business networking event...meet people and promote **your** business!

Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings

If you have a new business, facility, or service, you could schedule a
Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
With the Jerome Chamber of Commerce.

Grand Opening ceremonies are photographed as a courtesy of the Chamber, and sent in to the Times News for publication in the newspaper. The ceremony itself is brief, however you are encouraged to schedule tours or host an open house at the same time to increase exposure for your business. Generally, Grand Openings or Ribbon Cuttings are scheduled Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

As a service to only Chamber members, the Chamber will design and distribute an invitation to be sent to City and County officials, the Chamber Board of Directors, The Ambassadors Club, as well as other members of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce to attend your Grand Opening ceremony.

This is a great opportunity to become visible within the community. For more information, or to schedule your Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, please contact the Chamber office at 208-324-2711.



Reasons to Become A Chamber Member

Become a member of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce today! The future of your business depends on the actions that you take. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, there are many opportunities to advance your business, make reliable contacts through the Chambers' network of businesses, and stay abreast of business growth opportunities in the greater Jerome area.

- Member Referrals: Only Chamber member names and businesses are given in response to inquiries for goods and services.
- Availability to our free Small Business brochures.
- Receive the Chambers Weekly Facts, and monthly E-Newsletter via e-mail to stay abreast of what's going on in the greater Jerome area.
- A chance to attend the Chambers monthly Luncheons, and hear relevant information from our guest speakers on topics such as: management skills, customer relations, building a strong team of employees, etc.
- Valuable marketing and research information needed for your business decisions.
- Deduction of your membership fees as a necessary business expense.
- Tourism information designed to keep visitors in our area, and increase the money that they spend in our local economy.
- Free maps and area tourism for use in your business.
- Representation of the following Chamber committees, working to improve businesses and the economic climate in our community: Community Beautification, Education, Events, Member Benefits, and the Ambassadors Club.
- A listing on the Jerome Chambers web site with a direct link to your businesses web site.
- New Business Programs, such as Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, etc.
- Business contacts and networking opportunities. Every month the Jerome Chamber sponsors Business After Hours, and our monthly luncheons as opportunities to network with other Chamber business people.
- We help to expand local business through our membership campaign to market Jerome. The Chamber also sponsors community projects, adding to the economic development of our area.
- The Chamber takes on a leadership role in the community through involvement in community events such as the Jerome County Fair and Parade, and the Joe Mama's Car Show.
- The Chamber provides your business with the collective strength of members for support of issues affecting your business and community.
- The knowledge that you are participating in a united effort to make Jerome a greater place to live and do business.
- The opportunity to network with fellow Chamber member businesses.

Membership Application

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Membership Name _____

Main Contact _____

Representative _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Directory Classification (business category) _____

Membership Date _____

Annual Chamber Investment Schedule:

Honorary/Retirement/Non-Profit Membership	\$ 55.00
Sole Proprietorship/No Employees Membership	\$182.00
Small Business Membership (1-5 employees)	\$243.00
Medium Business Membership (6-19 employees)	\$305.00
Large Business Membership (20+ employees)	\$425.00
Voluntary Additions to Membership Fees	\$ _____
Total Fees Paid	\$ _____

Your membership to the Jerome Chamber of Commerce is tax deductible.

Cash _____ Check _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

3 Digit Vin # on the back of the card _____

Name as it appears on the front of the card _____

Please include a brief statement about your business which we may produce in our publications:
