



Lean Leadership Learning Tour

Kentucky | May 11-14, 2026



Go Beyond Theory—See Lean Leadership in Action

Join this exclusive Learning Tour to experience firsthand how top companies apply lean principles to drive leadership development, problem-solving, and operational excellence. GE See Lean Leadership in Action

Learn from Industry Success Stories

- **GE Appliances**
Discover how GE Appliances revitalized U.S. manufacturing with over \$1 billion in investment, fueled by a strong lean culture.
- **Toyota**
Go beyond the tram—walk the floor at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky to see TPS principles up close. Learn how Toyota tackles challenges, drives continuous improvement, and collaborates with suppliers for top quality and efficiency.
- **Summit Polymers**
See how a Tier 1 supplier has successfully applied TPS outside of Toyota for over 30 years. Their refined heijunka system enables high-volume, low-frequency production that ensures real-time visibility and responsiveness.

Strengthen Your Impact—Bring a Leadership Partner

This is more than a tour—it's an opportunity to deepen your leadership approach. Bring a key team member to align on lessons learned and accelerate change in your organization.

Secure your place in this executive experience and take lean leadership to the next level. Learn more and apply today at lean.org/tour.

Gain Valuable Insights:

- **The Leadership Role:**
Understand the critical role of leadership in driving lean success.
- **Success and Failure Modes:**
Learn from both successes and failures to avoid common pitfalls.
- **Technical Tools and Management Requirements:**
Discover the essential tools and management practices for achieving success.
- **TPS as a Business Strategy:**
See how TPS is not just an operational component but an overarching business strategy.
- **Peer-to-Peer Networking:**
Connect with business leaders, executives, and CI professionals to exchange insights and challenges.



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Agenda Overview

Day 1 Kick-Off Reception

- Meet your coaches and fellow learners

Day 2 Intro to TPS at Toyota Motor Manufacturing with TSSC

The Toyota Production System Support Center (TSSC) is a not-for-profit corporation affiliated with Toyota Motor North America, Inc. TSSC helps organizations outside of Toyota learn and implement TPS.

Gemba walk at TMMK

- Participate in a practical learning experience with TSSC leaders and instructors through a unique opportunity to walk the shop floor, make direct observations, and take a guided tram tour.
- Facilitated reflection of the learning and roundtable discussion

Gemba Learning Reflection

- Reflect and learn based on observations with your coaches and fellow learners
- Discuss how to apply the learning at your company and create a plan forward

Day 3 Gemba Walk at Summit Polymers

- See how a Tier 1 supplier has successfully applied TPS principles for over 30 years, maintaining lean excellence across leadership transitions.
- Experience their evolved heijunka system that ensures real-time production visibility and responsiveness.

Gemba Learning Reflection

- Reflect and learn based on observations with your coaches and fellow learners
- Discuss how to apply the learning at your company and create a plan forward

Day 4 Gemba Walk at GE Appliances

- Learn how the company has recommitted to manufacturing American made Appliances
- Walk the gemba and experience first hand the real challenges of a journey still in progress

Gemba Learning Reflection

- Reflect and learn based on observations with your coaches and fellow learners

Agenda subject to change.

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“I was so impressed. One of the most positive takeaways was interacting with people from different industries; people that I normally wouldn't have interacted with. I really enjoyed the [Toyota] plant tour. Probably the most impactful time for me was in the huddle room; seeing where the plant president stands every morning at 8:30 AM.”

– David Mannix, Senior Director, performance excellence, Alliance Radiology

Standard Pricing:

\$6,600 per person

Co-Learning Partner Pricing:

\$6,000 per person

Price includes three nights' hotel, all meals, and transportation during the tour.*

For more information and to apply go to lean.org/tour or at summits@lean.org

*Airfare and transportation to and from airport not included.