



# Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Texas Gulf Coast Leadership Seminar Rice University - Houston, Texas

May 2010

Dear Ambassador:

HOBY Seminar weekend is right around the corner, and we have a great program lined up for you this year! One that will challenge you, entertain you, make you think - and open your heart and mind to the world around you. We want you to succeed in becoming the future leader our world needs! Even with everything we plan for you - we guarantee you'll have fun, too!

One important note - Please make sure your registration fee is paid and all forms are completed before the seminar!

Now is the time to start getting everything in order for HOBY Weekend.

A packing checklist is supplied to remind you what you'll need to bring when you arrive on Friday morning, June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Please look carefully at the campus map and driving instructions contained in these instructions so you'll know where to go for check-in!**

## HOBY TGC Kickoff and Registration

7am - 8:30 am

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Rice University

Boys: Brown College

Girls: Sid Richardson College

When you check-in Friday morning, you'll be given a key to your dorm room - **girls will be housed in Sid Richardson College and the boys will be in Brown College.** Map locations are included in this letter but complete Rice campus maps can be found at this link - <http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>. Following the driving directions below, you can then see the detailed maps to find where your dorm (and registration site) is located. **Registration sites are separate for male and female ambassadors.**

## Driving Directions to Rice University -

1. Those approaching Houston on **I-45north or I-45 south** should take the US 59 south exit. From US 59 south take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard.

Male Ambassadors: Take a right on Sunset and continue to Gate 27 B for Brown College

Female Ambassadors: Make an immediate left onto Main Street and continue to Gate 4 for Sid Rich College.

2. Those approaching Houston from the north on **US 59** (heading south) should take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard.

Male Ambassadors: Take a right on Sunset and continue to Gate 27 B for Brown College

Female Ambassadors: Make an immediate left onto Main Street and continue to Gate 4 for Sid Rich College

3. Those approaching Houston from the south on **US 59** (heading north) should exit at Greenbriar and turn right (south) on Greenbriar.

**Male Ambassadors:** Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset then turn into Gate 27 B for Brown College.

**Female Ambassadors:** Continue south on Greenbriar past Rice Blvd and turn left on University Blvd. Continue on University, then take a left on Main St. Enter Gate 4 on your left for Sid Rich College.

4. Those approaching Houston from the west on **I-10 East** should take 610 South to 59 North and exit at Greenbriar. Turn right (south) on Greenbriar.

**Male Ambassadors:** Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset then turn into Gate 27 B for Brown College.

**Female Ambassadors:** Continue south on Greenbriar past Rice Blvd and turn left on University Blvd. Continue on University, then take a left on Main St. Enter Gate 4 on your left for Sid Rich College

5. Those approaching Houston from the east on **I-10 West** should take the US 59 south exit. From US 59 south take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard.

Male Ambassadors: Take a right on Sunset and continue to Gate 27 B for Brown College

Female Ambassadors: Make an immediate left onto Main Street and continue to Gate 4 for Sid Rich College

6. Those approaching Houston from the northwest on **290** should take 610 South to 59 North and exit at Greenbriar. Turn right (south) on Greenbriar.

**Male Ambassadors:** Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset then turn into Gate 27 B for Brown College.

**Female Ambassadors:** Continue south on Greenbriar past Rice Blvd and turn left on University Blvd. Continue on University, then turn left on Main St.. Enter Gate 4 on your left for Sid Rich College.

*Once you enter the campus, there should be HOBY signs and volunteers to greet and direct you.*





### Things to pack for the Seminar -

Here's a short list of things you should bring with you:

- ❑ Casual clothes and comfortable shoes for three days (no short-shorts/skirts or baggy shorts, no bare mid-ribs)
- ❑ Bedding – blanket or sleeping bag, sheets, pillow, pillow case (The dormitories are not supplied with anything other than a bed and cabinets)
- ❑ Towel / washcloth
- ❑ Personal toiletries and medications – including aspirin or Tylenol; you should have already submitted a signed Medication Verification Form (if not, bring a completed form, with your family doctor's signature with you)
- ❑ Self-addressed, stamped envelope (This will be used during one of our activities)
- ❑ Spending money - \$35 for optional expenses such as \$10 HOBY group photo, HOBY store items, anything you wish to purchase at the college store)
- ❑ “Sunday Best” clothes for the closing ceremony when your parent(s) join you
- ❑ Paper/notebook, pens, pencils
- ❑ Attire appropriate for the Social. Our theme this year is the “**Magic of Disney**”
- ❑ Alarm clock
- ❑ Water Bottle (optional)
- ❑ Lots of self-confidence, curiosity, and a big smile

## Contact during the Seminar -

There are no phones in the dorm rooms and virtually no public phones available in the campus facilities. We suggest you notify your friends in advance that you'll be out of touch for those few days. Naturally, **if there is an emergency, your parents can call the HOBY emergency number at 713-859-2622 or the Rice Campus Police at 713/348-6000. Cell phones and pagers will not be permitted to be turned on during HOBY events. Cell phones and pagers will only be allowed during our brief breaks and late at night after we finish for the day. Friends and guests are not permitted to visit the campus during the weekend under any circumstances. The days are completely filled with activities and when we are done, it's pretty late and time to rest for the next day's events.**

## Sunday afternoon closing ceremony and pickup -

If your parents plan to attend the closing ceremonies, we recommend they arrive and are seated at Rice Memorial Center no later than 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Since we are limited on space in the Rice Memorial Center, so please only 2 guests per ambassador are invited to the closing ceremony. The closing ceremonies will begin promptly at 10:15 am with the parents program followed by the seminar review and awards ceremony which the ambassadors participate. We anticipate the closing ceremony program will conclude about 12:45 pm.

**HOBY TGC Closing Ceremony**  
Parents program begins at 10:15AM  
Only 2 guests per ambassador please  
Ends at 12:45  
Snacks & coffee prior to ceremonies

**Parking information: The most convenient parking is the Campus parking Garage next to the Rice Memorial Center (RMC). Since there is no garage attendant on duty, only credit card payment is accepted. The West Lot #1 (stadium) is also available for guest/visitor parking and a short walk away from the RMC. See the map below for the RMC, Garage, and Lot locations.**

Whether your parents plan to attend the closing ceremonies or not, they will NOT pick you up at the RMC after the closing ceremony. Instead, you will walk back to your dorm and retrieve your luggage and say your goodbyes.

**Male Ambassadors** will return to Brown College, retrieve your luggage, and wait for parent(s) to arrive in the front of the dorm parking lot to pick you up.

**Female Ambassadors** will return to Sid Rich College, retrieve your luggage, and make a short walk to the Rice Inner Loop Road between the Hanszen College Masters House and the Baker College Masters House (Junior Counselors will guide you) as your parents arrive to pick you up (see map below for the actual location).

At the conclusion of ceremony, parents will again receive updated instructions to make this pickup as efficient as possible.



Closing Ceremony  
at Rice Memorial  
Center on June 6<sup>th</sup>  
please be seated by  
10 am

Visitor Parking  
(fee) is available at  
the Center Campus  
Garage or West Lot  
#1 near the stadium

Parents Pickup for  
**Female**  
Ambassadors only  
at this location  
along Loop Road

**Final Comments -**

Sometime during the three weeks preceding the seminar you should expect a call from your designated Team Leader with other last-minute details and information. If you haven't heard from your Team Leader by Friday, May 28th, please call my colleague Ms. Sarah Korona, Director of Team Leaders, at (Cell) 281-731-4417.

One last reminder - get plenty of sleep on Thursday night, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - you need to save your energy for HOBY!

We'll see you soon!

HOBY Tidings,

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