

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Students and Parents

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at University of Houston.
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may check-in any time after 7:00 a.m. but before 8:15 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on June 15 at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with Closing Ceremonies, which will be complete by Sunday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. ***You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.***
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Ambassador check-in/drop-off will be in front of Moody Towers at University of Houston. A map will be included in the Last Minute Instructions prior to the seminar. Signs will be posted to help you find the location and HOBY volunteers will greet you and check you in.
- **What kind of program is planned?** During your HOBY Leadership Seminar, many dynamic leaders—all volunteers from the fields of business, education, government, and other professions—will address aspects of our changing world and the challenges future leaders will confront. The program will not promote any specific political party, religion, or way of thinking; but is designed to develop critical thinking skills by actively involving participants in discussions and informal debate. During the seminar, you will be asked to undertake a community service project(s) involving at least 100 hours during the year following your seminar, to make a difference in your school, community, place of worship, or other environment where you see a need. The program also includes outstanding speakers, leadership activities, social events, and a special closing ceremony to which your parents are invited.
- **What are the accommodations like?** Participants will be assigned to suite-style dorm rooms with four participants per suite (two per room). Please bring all blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, and toiletries. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. There will be no breakfast on arrival day, no lunch at the final closing ceremony. Please plan accordingly. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including vegetarianism, and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- **What if I need to take medication while I am at the seminar?** Please provide information about your medication on the Medical History Records Form and bring the Physician Medication Verification Form with you to the seminar (documents are included in this form set). Make sure to read and comply with the Policy for Use of Medication During a HOBY Event.
- **If necessary, how may I be contacted during the seminar?** Parents, friends, and family members are discouraged from calling students during the seminar due to the disruption caused to panels and activities. In case of emergency, your parent(s) or guardian may call the Leadership Seminar Chairperson, Mrs. Jacki Mahaffey at (713) 419-7722. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.

- **Who pays for the seminar?** Your school or parent has paid a Registration Fee and will provide transportation to and from the seminar. All costs for meals, lodging and training materials have been generously provided by sponsors throughout our state, including businesses, foundations, individuals, and service organizations wishing to support leadership education.
- **What should I wear at the seminar?** Dress is summer casual for Friday. Saturday morning will start out with an outdoor service project. Please bring closed-toe shoes to wear and clothing appropriate for working outside. You will be given a HOBY T-Shirt to wear on Saturday. Dress for the Sunday closing ceremony is business casual. Bring a jacket or sweatshirt to make sure that you are comfortable in air-conditioned rooms. NO tank tops, mid-drift shirts, short-shorts, and no clothing with any inappropriate images/statements. Bring *optional* theme clothes to wear to our fun Friday night Social. You'll find out the theme in the Last Minute Instructions that you'll receive prior to the seminar.
- **What about religious services?** Services will be available through an optional student-led non-denominational service on Sunday. Due to the tight schedule, we cannot accommodate any off-campus services.
- **What transportation arrangements have been made?** You are responsible for your transportation ***to and from the seminar***. Please include all details of your itinerary on the enclosed Participant Confirmation Form. If you have last minute transportation problems up to June 13, please notify Theresa Perks, (314) 629-7434.
- **What if I am unable to attend the seminar?** If circumstances arise that prevent you from attending the entire seminar, including overnight, we would like to give another student the opportunity to attend. Please return these forms to the person at your school who selected you, and follow up with a call to Jacki Mahaffey, (713) 419-7722.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Jacki Mahaffey (HOBY TGC Leadership Seminar Chair) at (713) 419-7722 or jacalyn.c.mahaffey@gmail.com.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the [forms](#) in this set by Friday, May 18, 2018.