



**Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership**  
***Texas Gulf Coast Leadership Seminar***  
University of Houston – Houston, TX  
June 15-17, 2018

May 23, 2018

Dear Ambassador,

The HOBY Seminar weekend is right around the corner! We have a great program lined up for you this year. Our program 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 leader that we know you are! With everything that we have planned for you, we guarantee you'll have fun, too!

***PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure your registration fee is completely paid and ALL paperwork is mailed in before June 1! Email Theresa Perks at [hobytgcrecruiting@gmail.com](mailto:hobytgcrecruiting@gmail.com) to confirm if you are uncertain.***

Let's get ready for HOBY weekend! This packet contains the following information:

- 1) Check-in Information
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### **Check-in (Friday, June 15)**

Check-in is Friday, June 15 between 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. at University of Houston, [Moody Towers \(4401 Cougar Village Dr\)](#).

Directions from Spur 5 (if coming from I-45):

Take the exit off of Spur 5 towards the University of Houston. Turn right on University Drive. Turn left on Calhoun. Moody Towers is on the right hand side of the street after you have passed the Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. *Please do not park in the drive of Moody Towers; please only pull into the driveway to unload students.* HOBY Volunteers will be there to greet you and help you unload your luggage.

Maps and Directions are also on the last 2 pages of this packet. Complete campus maps can be found on the [UH Website](#).

## **Room Key Deposit**

Residence Hall room keys will be given to you at check-in. All students will be housed in the Cougar Village residence halls. University of Houston charges us a fee for all lost keys. In order to pick up your residence hall room key, we will require a room key deposit from you.

Please bring a Room Key Deposit of \$30 cash or check (made out to HOBY Texas Gulf Coast) in an envelope labeled with your Full Name + High School. We will collect your Deposit at check-in on Friday morning when you pick up your room key. On Sunday after you return your key, you will get your deposit back (or have the option of donating it back to HOBY).

## **Emergency Contact During the Seminar**

Our seminar schedule is full of outstanding activities. Cell phones will not be permitted to be in use during structured HOBY TGC events. Please be respectful of speakers and other HOBY activities. If you are found using your cell phone during HOBY activities, your Facilitator will take your phone away. Cell phones will only be allowed during our brief breaks and late at night after we finish for the day. We suggest that you notify your friends in advance that you'll be out of touch for those few days.

Naturally, if there is an emergency, then your parents can call our on-site HOBY Contact. The best person to contact is the Leadership Seminar Chair, **Jacki Mahaffey** at **713-419-7722**.

Friends and guests are not permitted to visit the campus during the weekend under any circumstances. Students are not permitted to leave the seminar until the end of the Closing Ceremony on Sunday. The days are completely filled with activities and are not done until late in the evening, when it is time to rest for the following day's activities.

## HOBY Packing List

- Room Key Deposit: \$30 Cash or Check in Envelope labeled with your Name + High School
- Clothing
  - Casual, comfortable clothing & shoes for three days. *Saturday will include an outdoor service project for about half of ambassadors, so make sure that you have appropriate/comfortable clothing for working outside for a few hours.*
  - Closed-toe shoes -- Required for Saturday morning outdoor service project.
  - Attire appropriate for the Friday Night Social. This year's theme is "Meme me at the Social"! (You can/should dress to represent your favorite meme.)
  - "Sunday Best" clothes for the closing ceremony when your parent(s) join you.
  - Jacket/sweatshirt/sweater (the air conditioning can get pretty chilly)
  - *Note: Appropriate dress code will be enforced (no short shorts, inappropriate t-shirts, etc).*
- Bedding: Twin-sized sheets, blanket or sleeping bag, pillow. (The dorms only come with a bed – you supply the rest.)
- Towel(s) & washcloth
- Personal Toiletries – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, personal care products, etc.
- Medication
  - Prescription medication, as needed. **Note that you should have already submitted a signed Medication Verification Form (if not, bring it with you).**
  - Over-the-counter medication (such as Tylenol, aspirin). We will not be able to provide you with this medication over the weekend. If you think that you might need it, bring it with you.
- Alarm clock
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope (this will be used during one of our activities)
- Paper/notebook, pens, pencils
- Re-usable water bottle
- Sunscreen and bug repellent (strongly recommended)
- Spending money: Not required, but recommend ~\$35 for optional expenses such as a \$10 Group Photo, HOBY Store merchandise, etc.
- Donation items for Undies for Everyone (details on next page)
- Lots of confidence, curiosity, and a big smile!!*

## **Undies for Everyone Donation Drive**

Every year at HOBY, we ask the ambassadors to bring items to donate to a specific organization/charity. This year's organization is **Undies for Everyone**.

Undies for Everyone enhances the self-esteem, dignity, hygiene, and success of disadvantaged students by providing them clean underwear.

### **Back to School Individual Distribution**

Disadvantaged elementary and middle school students and their families attend a UFE partner event where each child receives a bag with five pairs of underwear.

### **School Nurse Emergency Supply Distribution**

Houston and Dallas area elementary and middle school nurses receive 150 pairs of emergency supply underwear per year. When a student has an accident, the nurse provides a "spare pair" and gets the student back to learning in the classroom and feeling good.

<https://www.undiesforeveryone.org/>

**Please bring with you one new package of underwear in any of the following sizes to donate to Undies for Everyone:**

- Girls, sizes 4-16
- Boys, sizes 4-XL

# HOBY Store Sneak Preview



- Vintage HOBY Shirts
  - HOBY Cheer Buttons
  - Signable Photo Mats for team photos
- ...and more!

HOBY TGC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
All proceeds from the HOBY Store help to pay for expenses for the seminar!

## **Pick-up and Closing Ceremony (Sunday, June 17)**

Your parents are invited to attend the closing ceremonies on Sunday morning prior to the pick-up time. If your parents aren't planning to attend the closing ceremonies, they should plan to pick you up at UH Moody Towers between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon (same location as drop-off).

If they ARE planning to attend the Parents Program and Closing Ceremonies, we recommend they arrive and are seated in the Houston Room in the Student Center no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. We are limited on space, so we ask that each ambassador invite a maximum of 2 guests. The ceremonies will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. with the Parents Program, followed with weekend review and awards after the ambassadors arrive.

Parents should park in the Welcome Center Garage (\$5 parking fee) and then walk to the Student Center for the Closing Ceremony. See map on last page of this packet.

Ambassadors' luggage will be in Moody Towers (same as drop-off location). Following the Closing Ceremony, Ambassadors will walk back to Moody Towers to retrieve their luggage. Students will be dismissed with their luggage and released to their families at Moody Towers after the completion of the Closing Ceremonies, approximately 12:30pm.

We recommend walking the students' luggage from Moody Towers back to the Welcome Center Parking Garage, where their parents should have parked. This will allow students and families to depart campus straight from the Parking Garage.

## **Final Comments**

Sometime during the two weeks preceding the seminar, you should expect a call from your designated Team Facilitator or a Senior HOBY Volunteer with other last-minute details and information. If you haven't heard from a Facilitator by Friday, June 8, please feel free to give us a call.

One last reminder: Get plenty of sleep on Thursday night, June 14th — you'll need your energy for HOBY!

We'll see you soon!

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*We both have full-time jobs outside of volunteering for HOBY, so if we don't answer, leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.*

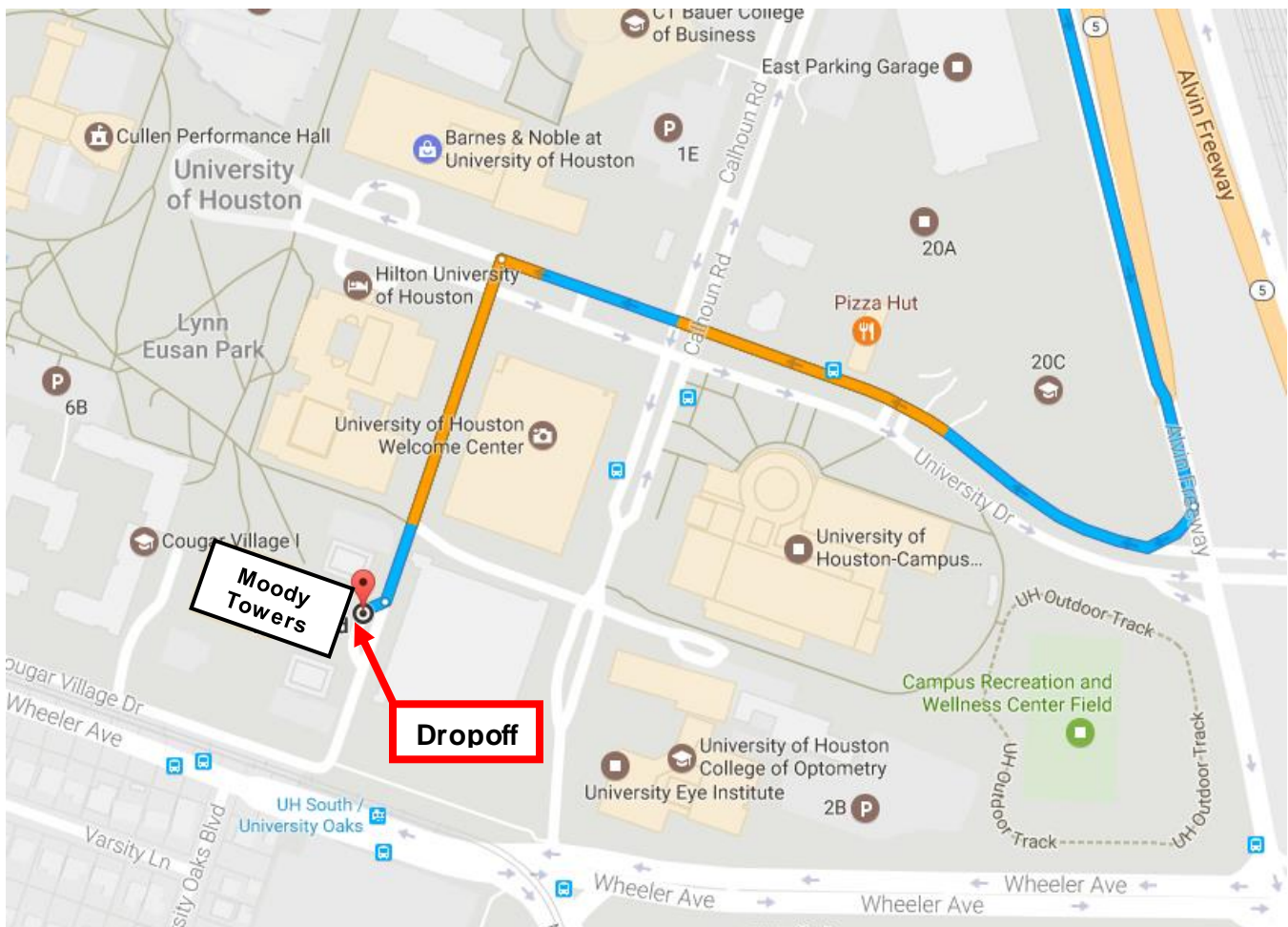


## Driving Directions to University of Houston for Drop-off/Check-in

1. From I-45 N:
  - a. Take exit 44A toward Elgin – Lockwood/Cullen Blvd
  - b. Turn Left onto Ernestine. Continue onto S Lockwood Dr.
  - c. Use left 2 lanes to turn left onto TX-5 Spur S
2. From I-45 S:
  - a. Take exit 44B for TX-5 Spur S
3. Turn right on University Dr.
4. Turn left on Cougar Village Dr.
5. Pull into the driveway in front of Moody Towers to unload luggage.  
*Moody Towers is on the right hand side of the street after you have passed Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management.*

Do NOT park in the driveway, only pull through to unload quickly. If you need to park, you may use the Welcome Center Parking Garage (fee to park) on Calhoun Rd.

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



## Drop-off/Pickup Locations and Times

### **HOBY TGC Closing Ceremony**

UH Student Center, Houston Room  
(Park in Welcome Center Parking Garage)

Parents program begins at 10:15 a.m.

Only 2 guests per ambassador, please.

Program ends at 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, June 15: Ambassador Drop-off from 7:00-8:15 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 17: Closing Ceremony at 10:15 a.m. and Ambassador Pick-up by 1:00 p.m.**

