

## HOBY KY Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at Berea College ([Alumni Center - 101 Chestnut Street Berea KY, 40403](#)) June 6-9, 2024.
- **When do I need to check in?** Day-of registration will take place between 10:30am and 1:00pm on June 6. Only one parent/guardian may escort the ambassador through check-in. There will be optional 30 minute parent information sessions at 11:30am and 1:00pm on June 6. Please see the registration windows below to know when you should check in. If your area code is not listed, please arrive during the last registration window:
  - **859 & 513 area codes:** 10:30-11:15am EST
  - **606 area code:** 11:15am- 12:00pm EST
  - **502 & 270 area codes:** 12:00 - 1:00pm EST
- **When do I need to check out?** The seminar will conclude with Closing Ceremonies at [Berea College's Phelps Stokes building](#) on June 9 starting at 11:30am and ending at approximately 12:30pm. Only two adult parents/guardians may attend the closing ceremony due to space limitations. Once Closing Ceremonies have concluded, parents/guardians may escort their ambassador to the Alumni Center to pick up luggage and be dismissed by their facilitator.
- **What are the attendance expectations?** Because HOBY's curriculum is interactive and builds upon itself each day of seminar, it is required that ambassadors fully attend each day of seminar—no exceptions. If an ambassador cannot commit to attending the entire seminar, we ask that they notify us immediately. We do not provide substitutional materials for ambassadors who miss seminar curriculum and/or activities.
- **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 dorm rooms with two participants per room on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Students must stay overnight in on-campus lodging. We do not accommodate roommate requests. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Lunch on June 6 will not be provided. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including vegetarianism, and we will do our best to accommodate you. If you have questions about accommodations, please email us.
- **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 in the

Pre-Seminar Materials and bring the Physician Medication Verification Form with you to the seminar. Make sure to read and comply with the Policy for Use of Medication During a HOBY Event. We will have a designated medical staff member who will ensure prescription medication is secure and available at each meal time. Ambassadors may hold on to emergency medications such as inhalers, EpiPens, etc.

- **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 Director of Recruitment at 606-304-3824. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.
- **What is HOBY Kentucky's technology policy?** Ambassadors may keep their cell phones on their person at all times and are encouraged to take photos and videos between activities, during meal times and in their dorms. Cell phones must be turned off or silenced and stored in a bag, backpack, purse or pocket during module presentations, guest speakers and group activities. Use of headphones or earbuds are prohibited during module presentations, guest speakers and group activities. If you need technology accommodations for accessibility reasons, please contact us. *Ambassadors who do not comply with the technology policy may be asked to leave the seminar.* HOBY Kentucky is not responsible for any lost, stolen or forgotten items.
- **Who pays for the seminar?** Your school or parent has paid a Registration Fee and will provide transportation to and from the seminar. Ambassadors/parents are responsible for paying the \$30 facilities and lodging fee. HOBY has a no-refund policy.
- **What should I wear at the seminar?** Dress is casual and comfortable throughout the week/weekend. Sunday is more formal (business casual/banquet attire). Ambassadors need to bring at least one pair of sturdy, closed-toe shoes for their service project. You will be provided two HOBY t-shirts and there will be an announcement as to when you will wear the t-shirt during the weekend.
- **What transportation arrangements have been made?** You are responsible for your transportation to and from the seminar. Ambassadors are not permitted to drive themselves. If you have last minute transportation problems, please contact the Director of Recruitment at 606-304-9824.
- **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 follow up with an email ([registration@hobykentucky.org](mailto:registration@hobykentucky.org)) and/or call (606-304-9824) to the Director of Recruitment.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Erinn Sweet - [registration@hobykentucky.org](mailto:registration@hobykentucky.org) / 606-304-9824.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete, and sign all required forms by **April 15**. Be sure you are regularly checking the email you used to complete these forms, as we will send more information closer to the seminar. You may also follow us on social media for important updates and announcements - @hobyky.