FAQs: 2026 HOBY KY Seminar

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at Berea College: Alumni Center - 101 Chestnut Street Berea KY, 40403.
- **When do I check in?** Day-of registration will take place between 10:30.am and 1:00pm on June 4. 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 4. Please see the registration windows below to know when you should check in.
    - 859 & 513 area codes: 10:30-11:15am EST
    - 606 area code: 11:15am-12pm EST
    - 502 & 270 area codes: 12-1pm EST
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** When you arrive, you may park in any of the Berea College parking lots or in the City of Berea's free 2-hour parking spots. Please note that these are short-term parking options. HOBY Kentucky is not responsible for any parking violations. Leave all luggage in your vehicle as you go through check-in. Registration will be located at the Alumni Center - 101 Chestnut Street Berea KY, 40403. 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, and after being equipped with the tools necessary, you will be asked to undertake a community service project (or projects) within your own community involving at least 100 hours of service during the year following your seminar. The purpose is to make a difference in your school, community, place of worship, or any other environment where you see a need.
- **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. A packing list is available at hobykentucky.org We do not accommodate roommate requests. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Lunch on June 4 will not be provided. 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 in the Health and Safety section. 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?** Parent(s)/guardian(s), friends, and family members are discouraged from calling participants during the seminar due to the disruption caused to panels and activities. In case of emergency, your parent(s) or guardian may call our Director of Recruitment and Registration, Ann Caldwell, at 270-309-0049. The seminar will be chaperoned by adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.
- **What does the Registration Fee cover?** The Registration Fee covers housing, all meals and snacks, and all program materials. Transportation to and from the

seminar is not provided. Students are also responsible for a separate $35 Facilities and Media Fee to be paid via Paypal to HOBY Kentucky.

- **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 and Registration, Ann Caldwell, at 270-309-0049.
- **What should I wear at the seminar?** Dress is casual throughout the weekend. Sunday is "dress-up." You will be provided two HOBY t-shirts and there will be an announcement as to when you will wear the t-shirts during the weekend.
- **What about religious services?** Please email registration@hobykentucky.org if you need to attend a religious service or practice during the seminar.
- **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) and/or call (270-309-0049) to inform the Director of Recruitment and Registration.
- **Who should I contact if I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Ann Caldwell - registration@hobykentucky.org / 270-309-0049.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete, and sign all required forms by Wednesday, May 20. Be sure you are regularly checking the email you used to complete your registration 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.