



## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Students and Parents

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at Butler University. Ambassador check-in will happen in the lobby of the Irvington House Residence Hall. For directions and to view a map of Butler's campus, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Irvington House address: 750 W Hampton Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46208
- HOBY staff will be near the residence hall to assist with parking.
  
- **When will the seminar be held?** The seminar will be held June 15 - 18, 2023. Seminar participants should arrive for check in any time after 8:00 a.m. but before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15th, 2023. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on June 15th at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, June 18th starting at 1:00 p.m. *You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.*
  
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Registration will be held in the lobby of Irvington House Residence Hall. Please leave your luggage in the vehicle until after you have gone through registration. There will be signs and HOBY volunteers to help direct you.
  
- **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 dorm rooms with two participants per room on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Please bring sheets (extra long twin beds), blanket, pillow, towels and toiletries for your use. A packing list is also enclosed. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. 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

Leadership Seminar Chair, Alison Webb, at 574-835-2932. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.

- **Who pays for the seminar?** In most cases, your school or parent has paid a Registration Fee. If you are not certain if this fee has been paid, please contact Ryan Walker, Director of Recruitment at rywalker27@gmail.com. All costs at the seminar 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 casual throughout the weekend. Sunday is “dress-up.” You will be provided a HOBY t-shirt for you to wear each day of the seminar; it will be laundered between use. Saturday afternoon we will be doing volunteer activities and you need to wear long pants and closed toe shoes (sneakers).
- **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 please notify Alison Webb, 574-835-2932.
- **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 contact the person at your school who selected you, and follow up with a call to Alison Webb, 574-835-2932.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Alison Webb at webbalison8@gmail.com or 574-835-2932.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the forms in this set by Sunday, May 21st, 2023.