



## Answers to Commonly Asked Questions by Parents & Students

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at St. Methodios Retreat Center, 329 Camp Merrimac Road Contoocook, NH.
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may register any time after 8:00am but before 8:45am on Friday, June 2, 2017. The seminar will begin with Opening Ceremonies at 9:00am on Friday and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday at 11:45am. Students must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight. Parents are invited to attend a Parent Program & Closing Ceremonies starting at 11:00am on Sunday.
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** As you drive into the retreat center, the dirt road will return to pavement and you will see HOBY Volunteers to direct you to seminar registration in Condakes Hall. A HOBY volunteer will then direct you to your cabin, where families have a moment to get settled and say goodbye, and then the student will be directed to the opening ceremony in Condakes Hall.
- **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 cabins of 15-30 ambassadors by gender, reserved exclusively for the seminar. **Please be sure to bring towels, pillows, a sleeping bag or blankets, toiletries, etc.** Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners starting for lunch on Friday (please eat breakfast before arriving). 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 John Wescott at 603-724-9363. 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 conservative casual throughout the weekend. Please wear an article of clothing reflecting your school for Friday. Sunday will be a "dress up" day - shirt/tie, blouse, dress, etc. are encouraged. You will be provided a HOBY t-shirt to wear on Saturday. Please also bring an extra change of clothes for Saturday's service project - we will be planting a garden rain or shine.
- **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 John Wescott at 603-724-9363.
- **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 an email to Kally Riddinger at [riddingerk@nhhoby.org](mailto:riddingerk@nhhoby.org).
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Kally Riddinger at [riddingerk@nhhoby.org](mailto:riddingerk@nhhoby.org).