

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Students and Parents



- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place on the Bismarck State College campus, 1500 Edwards Ave, Bismarck, ND 58506. ([View campus map here.](#))
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may arrive any time after 8:15 AM CT a.m. but before 9:00 AM CT on Friday, June 16, 2023. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on Friday, June 16 at 9:00 AM CT and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, June 18 at 10:45 AM CT. **You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.**
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** When you arrive on campus please check in at Swenson Hall ([#11 on the campus map](#)). A HOBY volunteer committee member will greet you and show you to your dorm room
- **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 suite on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Students will need to bring their own pillow and bedding/sleeping bag (twin size bed), toiletries and towels. Toilet paper will be provided by the facility. Each suite will also be provided with disinfecting wipes and students will be provided with hand sanitizer. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. In the Health and Safety section, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including allergies, 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 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 Kelly Miller at 701-321-1730. 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.
- **What transportation arrangements have been made?** You are responsible for your transportation to and from the seminar.
- **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 to wear on Saturday.
- **What about religious services?** HOBY programs do not emphasize one religion over another. Students are not allowed to leave campus to attend services on Sunday. We suggest that students wishing to attend services the week of the HOBY seminar plan to do so on the Wednesday evening before the seminar, or Sunday evening after 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 notify the HOBY contact at your school, and follow up with an email to Kelly Miller at kellyjwald@gmail.com.
- **Who should I contact if I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to the Leadership Seminar Chair, Kelly Miller, at 701-321-1730 or kellyjwald@gmail.com.