

## 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).
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may register from 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on Friday and end with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday. ***You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.***
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Students will check in at Lidstrom Hall ([see campus map](#)). A HOBY volunteer committee member 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, 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 four participants per suite on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Students will need to bring a pillow, bedding (for a twin size bed) or a sleeping bag, towels, and toiletries. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners; however, breakfast is not provided on Friday, June 19. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations or restrictions 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 Kelly Wald, Volunteer Leadership Seminar Chair/Recruitment Director, at 701-321-1730. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.
- **Who pays for the seminar?** Schools, families or sponsors pay for the registration fee which covers meals, lodging, a HOBY shirt, etc. Volunteer screening and training, seminar materials, etc. 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 and there will be an announcement as to when you will wear the t-shirt during the weekend.
- **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 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 Kelly Wald at 701-321-1730.
- **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 a call to Kelly Wald at 701-321-1730.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Kelly Wald, Volunteer Leadership Seminar Chair/Recruitment Director at [kellyjwald@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjwald@gmail.com) or 701-321-1730.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the forms in this set by Tuesday, May 19, 2020.