



## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

**Where will the seminar be held?** Our headquarters for the HOBY weekend is [Studio Green Residence Hall](#), a private dormitory near the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee. **Studio Green Residence Hall is located at 700 North Woodward Ave, Tallahassee FL, 32304.** During the seminar, we will be traveling to offsite locations throughout Tallahassee including the State Capitol and community service sites. When you arrive at Studio Green Residence Hall for registration on Thursday, a HOBY volunteer will meet and direct you to the registration area. HOBY volunteers make room assignments in advance to encourage interaction and requests for roommate assignments will not be accepted.

**When and where do I register?** Please return the nine registration forms to North Florida HOBY, 1700 North Monroe Street, Suite 11, Box 168, Tallahassee, FL 32303, by May 1, 2011. All seminar participants should arrive at Studio Green Residence Hall **between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011** for registration. Lunch will not be provided. Please remember that Tallahassee is on *Eastern Standard Time* and plan accordingly.

**What are the accommodations like?** Participants will be assigned to dorm style rooms with two participants per room on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. **Ambassadors are responsible for bringing their own pillows, blankets, towels, and toiletries.** (See the suggested packing list.) Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and some snacks each day. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including vegetarianism, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**Who pays for the Leadership Seminar?** A registration fee has been paid by your school or parent. The HOBY volunteers continually fundraise throughout the year to offset as much of the cost to the schools as possible. Sponsors, including businesses, foundations, individuals, and service organizations wishing to support leadership education, have generously provided all costs for meals, lodging, and training materials. The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs is a major sponsor of North Florida HOBY. If you know someone that is a member of your local Women's Club, please tell them about your HOBY experience and thank them for their contribution.

**Who is the HOBY Staff?** The entire North Florida HOBY staff is a group of passionate and dedicated volunteers committed to making HOBY an OUTSTANDING experience. The HOBY staff is comprised of students and adults (many HOBY alumni) who receive no compensation. We believe in the HOBY program and volunteer to make a difference in the lives of students. We depend on contributions and donations to continue our mission. **Please consider donating a book of "Forever" stamps and empty ink jet print cartridges and toners** to help us defray some of our administrative costs. These items will be collected at registration on Thursday.

**Do I need to bring any money?** A \$20.00 room key deposit is due at registration. All food and snacks will be provided. There will an opportunity for Ambassadors to purchase HOBY merchandise from our HOBY store. There are also opportunities to purchase souvenirs from gift shops at the State Capitol and Natural History Museum. Spending money for these opportunities should require no more than \$100.00.

**How do I contact my Ambassador?** All Ambassadors will be asked to leave their cell phones and purses/bags in their rooms during the HOBY Leadership Seminar. **In case of an emergency, a parent should call Steven Hall at**

**(850) 541-6954. The seminar is continuously chaperoned by qualified male and female counselors who stay at the facilities 24 hours a day.**

**May I come and go during the weekend?** No. Period. Once you check in Thursday, you must stay with the group until the program ends. If you feel you will have problems meeting this requirement, please contact your school counselor right away and ask them to designate a replacement for you as soon as possible. If the student drives to the seminar, their car keys must be given to the HOBY staff at registration.

**What kind of program is planned?** During your HOBY Leadership Seminar experience, many dynamic leaders—all volunteers from the fields of business, education, government, religion and the professions—will address many aspects of our changing world and the challenges future leaders will confront. The program will not promote any specific political party, business, religion, or way of thinking. The program activities are designed to develop an awareness of present and future issues by actively involving seminar participants in discussions and informal debate on contemporary issues. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of the discussion leaders which leads to a fuller understanding of each issue and topic. The program includes outstanding speakers, entertainment, and a special closing ceremony to which your parents are invited.

**When will the program conclude?** Parents are encouraged to attend the North Florida HOBY Parents Program on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern).** The Parents Program is our opportunity to share with you about the HOBY program and your Ambassador's experience. Following the Parents Program, all parents and guests are invited to attend our Education Panel discussion and Closing Ceremony. The Education Panel will include a discussion about college admissions from local university and college representatives. Parents and Ambassadors will be given the opportunity to ask questions about admissions, scholarships, and residence opportunities. The Closing Ceremony is our opportunity to introduce our volunteers and recognize the Ambassadors. **For logistic and insurance reasons, ALL Ambassadors must return to Studio Green Residence Hall following the Closing Ceremony at approximately 12:00 p.m. to 1:00pm (Eastern). NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The Parents Program, Education Panel, and Closing Ceremony is tentatively scheduled to be held at the FSU Alumni Center Grand Ballroom located at 1030 West Tennessee Street (You may park at Studio Green Residence Hall and walk across the street). Click [HERE](#) for directions to the FSU Alumni Center. If for some reason there is a change in location, the change will be announced and new directions will be distributed at registration and posted at our website [www.NorthFloridaHOBY.org](http://www.NorthFloridaHOBY.org).

**How do I confirm my intent to participate?** Complete the registration package of forms as indicated and mail them to North Florida HOBY, 1700 North Monroe Street, Suite 11, Box 168, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Please pay special attention to the directions and make sure all forms are properly executed and that the Consent & Acknowledgment of Risk form is properly notarized.

**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 packet). HOBY volunteers will not dispense prescription medication for participants during the event. All prescription medication must be delivered to designated HOBY staff at registration. It is the participant's responsibility to contact the designated HOBY staff member at the appropriate time to access their medication. For more information, please see the "Policy for Use of Medication during a HOBY Event."

**What clothes should I bring to the seminar?** Dress is casual. A T-shirt will be provided to the Ambassadors at registration. Each shirt will be collected at night and washed and returned to the Ambassador at the beginning of the next day. Long pants or jeans are required for Friday while visiting to the State Capitol Building and suggested for Saturday while performing community service activities. Closed toed walking shoes are a required for the entire weekend. See the suggested packing list for more information.

**What kinds of community service activities?** We will be participating in various types of community service activities around Tallahassee on Saturday. Some of the community service activities may require getting a little dirty, so participants are encouraged to come prepared.

Two of our activities will be working with a local food bank and at the Ronald McDonald House. HOBY challenges each Ambassador to bring donations of **nonperishable and canned foods, aluminum pop tabs, and new or gently used children's books**. These donations will be presented by HOBY to the charities during our community service activities. You may consider starting a drive for these items at your school. The individual and ambassador group that collects the greatest amount of these items will be recognized during our Closing Ceremony.

**What about religious services?** An optional non-denominational service will be available on Sunday morning for Ambassadors that choose to attend.

**Are we going to do anything fun?** There will be opportunities for supervised “down-time” including swimming in the residence hall pool on Saturday. Lifeguards will be on staff.

An annual favorite is the HOBY Talent Show on Saturday Night. Participation in the talent show is voluntary. We encourage all Ambassadors with a talent to share it because we want to see it. A CD player will be furnished, if needed. Otherwise, please bring your own musical instrument(s), props, costumes, etc. Even if you feel that you might not want to participate, please come prepared because Ambassadors often change their mind during the HOBY weekend.

On Friday, you will have the opportunity to participate in the HOBY Barter Barn. The HOBY Barter Barn is a chance to put your negotiation skills to the test and to mix and mingle with other Ambassadors.

**How does it work?** Ambassadors should solicit promotional items from their school, local government, and businesses. During the Barter Barn, Ambassadors will have the opportunity to negotiate trades to see who can bring home the best trade. Items that have been brought in previous years include (but are certainly not limited to): t-shirts, pens, pencils, mouse pads, stress balls, baseball caps, mugs, key chains, stuffed animals and magnets. Be creative, but please use good taste.

**What happens next?** After you submit your registration forms, you will receive an e-mail confirming your registration. Start collecting the empty printer cartridges, pop tabs, canned foods, and children's books and find the North Florida HOBY page on Facebook.

**Whom may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Steven Hall the North Florida HOBY Leadership Seminar Chair at NorthFloridaHOBY@Gmail.com or (850) 541-6954.

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you will go.” ~ Dr. Seuss*

## Suggested Packing List

- Bed linens – sheets (single/twin size) & blankets or sleeping bag
- Pillow(s)
- Bath Towels, Wash Cloths
- Personal Care - shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc
  - Please Note: HOBY volunteers will not dispense prescription medication for participants during the event. However, all prescription medication must be delivered to designated HOBY staff at registration. It is the participant’s responsibility to contact the designated HOBY staff member at the appropriate time to access their medication. For more information, please see the HOBY Policy for Medication in the registration package.
- Hair dryer
- Clothing
  - Reminder – HOBY will provide one HOBY shirt per day for daily activities
  - Casual, comfortable clothing – shirts, shorts, jeans/long pants, etc.
    - **Be prepared to wear long pants or jeans on Friday.**
  - Appropriate swimwear and beach towel for swimming
  - Jacket, sweatshirt, or other long sleeve shirts (it gets chilly in some of our meeting rooms)
- Closed-toed Shoes (No flip-flops). Shoes for the Community Service Projects may get dirty.
- Raincoat (this is Florida)
- Alarm clock
- \$20 Key Deposit
- Spending money (for souvenirs and HOBY merchandise)
- Camera
- Talent Show Accessories
- Barter Barn Items
- Driving Directions
- One Book of “Forever” Stamps
- Used Printer Cartridges and Toners for Recycling
- New or Gently Used Children’s Books
- Non-perishable or Canned Food
- Aluminum Pop Tabs
- Good Attitude and an Open Mind