



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the seminar be held? The seminar's headquarters is Studio Green Residence Hall, a private dormitory near the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee. During the day, we will be visiting several locations throughout Tallahassee. Studio Green Residence Hall is located at **700 North Woodward Ave, Tallahassee FL, 32304**. When you arrive a HOBY volunteer will greet you and direct you to the registration area. Room assignments are made in advance by HOBY volunteers.

Who pays for the Leadership 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 including businesses, foundations, individuals, and service organizations wishing to support leadership education. 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.

The HOBY staff is a group of volunteers committed to making HOBY an OUTSTANDING experience. We depend on donations to continue our mission. Please consider donating a book of "Forever" stamps and empty ink jet print cartridges to help us with 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. We will provide an opportunity for Ambassadors to purchase HOBY merchandise from our HOBY store. There are also opportunities to purchase souvenirs from gift shops at the Capitol and Natural History Museum.

How do I contact my Ambassador? All Ambassadors will be asked to leave their cell phones in their rooms during HOBY Leadership Seminar. **In case of an emergency, your 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.**

When and where do I check in? All seminar participants should arrive at Studio Green **between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010** for registration. Please remember that Tallahassee is on *Eastern Standard Time* and plan to arrive on time accordingly.

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'll 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.

When will the program conclude? Participants may be picked up (at Studio Green only) at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. **Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the North Florida HOBY Parents Program on Sunday, June 13th starting at 9:30 a.m.** 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 college representatives. Directions to the Parents Program,

Education Panel, and Closing Ceremony location will be distributed at registration. **For logistic and insurance reasons, ALL Ambassadors must return to Studio Green following the Closing Ceremony. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

What are the accommodations like? Participants will be assigned to dorm 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, 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 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, but it is 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 throughout the weekend, which leads to a fuller understanding of each issue and topic. The program includes outstanding speakers, entertainment and a special closing banquet to which your parents are invited.

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, PO Box 168, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Please pay special attention to the directions and make sure all forms are properly signed 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). Make sure to read and comply with the “Policy for Use of Medication during a HOBY Event.”

What clothes should I bring to the seminar? Dress is casual. T-shirts will be provided to the Ambassadors each day. Long pants or jeans are requested for Friday while visiting to the State Capitol Building and suggested for Saturday while performing community service activities. Good closed toed walking shoes are a required for the entire weekend.

What kinds of Community Service? We will be participating in various types of community service activities in 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 at a local food bank and at the Ronald McDonald House. I challenge each Ambassador to bring donations of canned food and aluminum pop tabs. These donations will be presented by the group to the charities. You may even want to consider starting a drive for these items at your school.

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? We have several opportunities for supervised down time including swimming in the residence hall pool on Saturday. One of our big activities is the Talent Show on Saturday Night. Participation in the talent show is voluntary, but if you have a talent that you would like to show off we want to see it. A CD player will be furnished for those who need it. Otherwise, bring your own musical instrument(s), props, costumes, etc.

On Friday, HOBY hosts a Barter Barn. A 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, businesses, and events. During the Barter Barn, the Ambassadors will be able to negotiate trades to see who can bring home the best ~~junk~~ items. 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.

Who 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.

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. For more information, please see the HOBY Policy for Medication in the registration package.
- Hair dryer
- Clothing
 - Casual, comfortable clothing – shirts, shorts, jeans/long pants, etc.
 - **Note: Please be prepared to wear long pants or jeans on Friday.**
 - Appropriate Swimwear
 - Jacket, sweatshirt or other long sleeve shirts (it gets chilly in some of our meeting rooms)
- Shoes (No flip-flops). You will need closed toes shoes for the Capitol and Community Service Projects.
- Rain coat (this is Florida)
- Alarm clock
- Spending money (for souvenirs and HOBY merchandise)
- Camera
- Talent Show Accessories
- Barter Barn Items
- Driving Directions
- Good Attitude and an Open Mind