

Frequently Asked Questions - 2018

Where will the seminar be held?

The seminar will take place at the University of Maine Farmington, 111 South Street, Farmington, Maine 04938. The University will post signs directing you to the check in location. Check in will be held at Dakin Hall, there is a small parking lot to the left of the building.

When will the seminar be held?

Seminar runs Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3rd. Seminar participants may check in any time after **8:00am** but before **8:45am** on Friday, June 1st. The seminar will conclude on Sunday around **2:00pm** after Closing Ceremonies. **You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.**

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.

Parent Information Session - Sunday, June 3rd 11am - North Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center

Closing Ceremonies - Sunday, June 3rd 12pm - Lincoln Auditorium, Roberts Hall

What are the accommodations like?

Participants will be assigned to dorm rooms with two participants per room (in most cases) on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Ambassadors should bring **towels, blankets, pillows/pillowcases, twin XL sheets/sleeping bag**. [A suggested packing list can be found here](#). Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners starting with lunch on Friday. 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 available on our website – www.hobymaine.org). 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 speakers, panels and activities. Students will be asked to limit use of cell phones to break periods throughout the day. In case of emergency, your parent(s) or guardian may call our Duty Phone (207) 200-4629 to reach an Operations Senior Staff member. 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, sponsor, 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?

In general, dress is casual throughout the weekend. We will provide a HOBY T-shirt that you will wear on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, we ask all ambassadors and volunteers to dress up for our closing ceremonies.

The following attire is not permitted at any time: strapless/tube tops, tops with spaghetti straps, tank tops, bare midriffs, exposure of undergarments, short shorts, miniskirts, excessively tight clothing, clothing with profane or offensive language or graphics, torn clothing, and clothing with holes.

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 us, (207) 200-4629. Unfortunately, HOBY Staff are unable to provide transportation to or from the seminar for students.

What if I am unable to attend the seminar?

We understand that this is a busy time of year for most of you. We are aware that conflicts exist with sporting event finals, school functions, etc. We also recognize that these events are important milestones in your High School career. While we cannot make exceptions for these events we highly encourage you to weigh your options carefully. One of the most important lessons in leadership is that leaders must make tough choices. We have had many ambassadors over the years choose to attend HOBY and miss other important events and every one of them have told us they were extremely happy with their decision. If you would like to speak with a HOBY volunteer as you make your decision please give us a call!

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 person at your school who selected you, and follow up with an email to Kristi LeClerc, Director of Ambassador Relations (kristi@hobymaine.org).

Who may I contact should I have additional questions?

Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Kristi LeClerc, Director of Ambassador Relations. Kristi can be reached at (207) 608-5531 (kristi@hobymaine.org). Alternatively, you are also welcome to reach out to Sydney Clifton, Leadership Seminar Chair. Sydney can be reached at (207) 632-8682 (sydclifton@hobymaine.org).

Please note – all HOBY Maine leaders are volunteers and we may not be able to take phone calls immediately. Please leave us a message or send us an email and we will get back to you. We do our very best to respond to messages within the same day.