

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Students and Parents



- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at **Saint Michael's College, in Colchester, VT**. On Thursday morning registration will take place in the first floor of the **Dion Family Center**.
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may register any time after 9:00 a.m. but before 10:30am on Thursday, May 26th, 2016. The seminar will begin at 10:30am on Thursday, May 26th and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, May 29th 12 noon-1pm. ***You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.***
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Thursday morning registration will take place in the Dion Family Center. A HOBY volunteer committee member will greet you upon arrive to St Michael's and help 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 a dorm room that you'll share with one other participant, on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. **St. Michael's/HOBY does NOT provide bed linens. You must bring your own twin sheet, blanket, pillow, towel, shower shoes, etc.** You should eat prior to arrival at HOBY Thursday morning, but starting at Thursday lunch everyone will receive nutritious and delicious 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 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 our Leadership Seminar Chairperson, Sam Epstein. 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 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 at the seminar?** Dress is casual throughout the weekend- whatever you wear to school is fine. Please check the weather for the weekend before the seminar. Sunday's Closing Ceremonies are "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 VT does not provide access to religious services on the St. Michael's campus. If you have a religious conflict please contact Jane Manby.
- **What transportation arrangements have been made?** We understand that transportation to Saint Michael's is far for many of you. If you are **interested in taking a bus** from southern/mid Vermont please fill out the following [Google Form](#). We cannot promise to hire a bus until we gauge your interest but will let you know as soon as we do if there will be a bus. In the mean time- please try to arrange a backup plan to get you to the seminar. There will **NOT** be a bus returning from the seminar as parents generally come to our closing ceremony. Please include all details of your itinerary on the enclosed Participant Confirmation Form. If you have last minute transportation problems, please notify **Jane Manby at (860) 704-9594**.
- **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 your guidance counselor that you are unable to attend so that an alternate has the opportunity to spend the weekend with us.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Jane Manby at registration@hobyvt.org.
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the forms in this set by Monday, May 2nd.