

# 2023 Nebraska HOBY Leadership Seminar

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place on the Concordia University campus at **800 N Columbia Ave, Seward, NE 68434**. An interactive Concordia University map is available at: <http://www.cune.edu/about/maps/>. Please eat lunch before you arrive, as the first meal served will be dinner.
- **When will the seminar be held?** The Seminar will begin on **Friday, June 2, 2023 with registration from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Please eat lunch before you arrive, as the first meal served will be dinner. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on Friday at 12:00 pm and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday at 12:30 pm. ***You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.***
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Ambassadors should check in outside of **David Hall** at Concordia University (800 N Columbia Ave, Seward, NE 68434). A HOBY volunteer committee member will greet you, direct you to parking 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 air-conditioned dorm rooms with two participants per room on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. The rooms contain twin beds with protective linen provided. **Please ensure you bring your own twin sheets, pillow, blanket, towel, and toiletries to the seminar.** Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Please eat lunch before you arrive, as the first meal served will be dinner. 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 packet). 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. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day. In case of emergency, your parent(s) or guardian may call
  - Makinzie Sketch, Leadership Seminar Chair: (402) 750-9311
  - Jordon Rapp, Director of Operations: (308) 212-0596
  - Bo Gebbie, Corporate Board President: (402) 968-5005

- **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?**
  - **Friday & Saturday:** You will receive two HOBY t-shirts upon arrival. You will wear one on Friday, and one on Saturday. Jeans, shorts, capris, or khakis are appropriate to wear with the shirt.
  - **Saturday service project:** You will want to bring an older pair of jeans/shorts that can be worn on Saturday during the service project. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are a must, as we will be walking frequently.
  - **Saturday church / meditation:** There will be options for Catholic and Protestant services on Saturday evening, or a meditation/silent time on campus. Please bring “business casual attire,” for Saturday evening.
  - **Saturday dance:** The theme will be Construction. Feel free to bring fun, but appropriate, attire and any “swag” that you can carry with you on Saturday for the dance.
  - **Sunday:** “Sunday Best” but not “Formal Dress.” Think dress shirt / dress pants / tie / blazer / dress / skirt / pantsuit.
- **What about religious services?** There will be options for Catholic and Protestant services on Saturday evening, or a meditation/silent time on campus.
- **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 on arrival day, please notify [seminar@hobynebraska.org](mailto:seminar@hobynebraska.org).
- **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 email to [seminar@hobynebraska.org](mailto:seminar@hobynebraska.org).
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to [seminar@hobynebraska.org](mailto:seminar@hobynebraska.org).
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete, and electronically sign the [mandatory pre-seminar confirmation forms](#) by May 15, 2023.

**FYI Seminar Checklist – Don’t forget to bring:**

- Bed linens – twin sheets, pillow, pillowcase, and blanket or sleeping bag
- Bath towels; Toiletries – shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, personal care products
- Construction attire and/or “swag” for the dance on Saturday
- “Sunday best” attire for the closing ceremony on Sunday
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes for service projects on Saturday
- Umbrella and/or raincoat
- Water bottle; Backpack/personal bag
- OTC medication as needed; Prescription Medication (if applicable)
- Health Insurance Card
- Optional – money for seminar picture, seminar movie, HOBY Store items or vending machines
- A positive attitude and the willingness to have FUN!