



Announcing: 2025 Nebraska HOBY CLeW Program

One-day leadership experience for 9th grade students

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Dear Counselors and Principals:

Nebraska Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is pleased to announce the **2024 HOBY Community Leadership Workshop (CLeW)**, which is a unique leadership opportunity for your 9th grade students. A CLeW offers your freshmen students a one-day HOBY-style experience about leadership and community service that connects them with other local high school students and leaders in the community.

Most importantly, CLeWs improve your students' self-confidence and ability to solve difficult issues. We have offered the annual three-day Nebraska HOBY Leadership Seminar for sophomores and are happy to expand our programming to local freshmen as well.

We are proud to announce the next CLeW for freshmen from the Kearney Metro Area and surrounding counties. The one-day CLeW will be held on **Saturday, February 15, from 9:15 am – 2:30 pm at the Kearney Public Library** (2020 1st Avenue, Kearney, NE 68457). If your selected student(s) cannot attend in Kearney, there is a Norfolk CLeW on March 22. Details are also available at the link below, and feel free to send students to either site.

There will be no cost to the school or student for the event, and a pizza lunch is included. Transportation arrangements will need to be made by the student or school. Several panelist and speakers, all leaders from our surrounding communities, will conduct sessions designed to encourage these young people to think for themselves.

We invite you to select up to three students whom you consider having excellent leadership potential. However, if you wish to select more, please let us know. We are inviting other counselors and principals in the metro area to invite their top student leaders as well. **The CLeW will be limited to the first 40 students who register, so please register your students early!**

To register your students, visit www.hobynebraska.org, and click on CLeW. There is a simple registration that needs to be completed for each student by **Friday, February 7, 2025**. Once the students are registered, we will send them a confirmation packet. If you have any questions, please email clew@hobynebraska.org.

Thank you for your assistance. You or a member of your staff may join us for all or part of the day if your schedule permits. Your questions are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Kristie Hartman
Community Leadership Workshop (CLeW) Chairperson



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Community Leadership Workshop Details

This Community Leadership Workshop (CLeW) is a one-day leadership development program offered by Nebraska. We are pleased to offer the CLeW to your school to reach more of your outstanding freshmen student leaders.

This leadership workshop is not a substitute for the Nebraska HOBY Leadership Seminar for which you may have registered one or more sophomore student leaders to attend. This is an additional program being offered only to freshmen because of your school's interest in having leaders participate in the HOBY program.

We invite up to three **freshmen student** leaders from your school to join other students from the area's schools for this important workshop to be held:

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Kearney Public Library

2020 1st Avenue

Kearney, NE 68457

9:15 am – 2:30 pm

Cost: Free

Dress: Casual

The CLeW will focus on leadership skill development and volunteerism. It will bring your students into contact with leaders from the area who will conduct sessions designed to encourage these young people to think for themselves. A pizza lunch will be provided at no cost. Please note sensitivities/allergies during registration.

We know this is an exceptionally busy time of the year for you, and therefore **only the following limited action is needed on your part to initiate the registration:**

1. Visit www.hobynebraska.org, and click on CLeW. Complete the simple registration form there for each student by **Friday, February 7, 2025**. Please be sure to use the student's email address, so they receive the confirmation information.
2. HOBY will follow-up with each student to provide them an agenda and confirmation packet.

Please keep in mind; this is a limited-registration event. Registration may close early if we reach our planned capacity of 40 students at the CLeW location.

Please contact the CLeW team at clew@hobynebraska.org with any questions.



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Community Leadership Workshop Agenda

9:15 am – 9:30 am	Ambassador Arrival
9:30 am – 9:55 am	Program Introduction & HOBY Bingo
9:55 am – 10:35 am	Personal Leadership Module & Colors of Personality
10:35 am – 11:10 am	Community Leadership Speaker #1
11:10 am – 11:45 am	Group Leadership Module & Island Adventure
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm – 12:50 pm	Community Leadership Speaker #2
12:50 pm – 1:00 pm	10-Minute Break
1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	Service Leadership & Service Project
1:40 pm – 2:00 pm	Gratitude Overview & Activity
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Six-Month Letters
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Reflections & Departure