



# LifeSmarts

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National LifeSmarts Championship 2017: Information for Teams

## **Focus: Competition 1: Conducting a Food Waste Audit, Safety Smart Ambassadors, Resources**

Dear Coaches and Team members,

We are so excited to see you in Pittsburgh April 21-24 competing for the National LifeSmarts Championship! Each week we will share special updates with you through this Pittsburgh Post format. Our hope is that this will help you prepare for Nationals by providing timely reminders and updates.

### **Competition 1: Conducting a Food Waste Audit**

To kick off the 2017 National LifeSmarts Championship and celebrate Earth Day, LifeSmarts is excited to join forces with a number of organizations by asking teams to conduct food waste audits. The LifeSmarts focus on food waste addresses content across all five LifeSmarts topics, requires skill in planning, data collection, and critical thinking, and promotes teamwork.

Teams attending the 2017 National LifeSmarts Championship will conduct a food waste audit at their school or a similar location as their first competition. Teams may earn up to 110 points on this activity. Everything you need to get started is at this [web page](#).

Please note there are two webinars scheduled this week during which we will answer your questions about Competition 1. Dates are:

- Tuesday, February 28 at 3 p.m. Eastern time; [click here](#) to register
- Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. Eastern time; [click here](#) to register

### **Safety Smart Scholarships and Travel Stipends**

LifeSmarts partners with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to provide teens the opportunity to focus on health and safety curriculum while giving back through community service.

We give you everything you need: the presentations, the lesson plans, the worksheets, and videos featuring Timon and Pumbaa from Disney's *The Lion King*. You take it from there – you get to present

the fun, entertaining content to kids ages 4-10, and you can use it to fulfill community service requirements you may have. See all materials at this [link](#).

***By participating now, you benefit two ways:***

- Earn a travel stipend for your team. Stipends are available for teams who use the Safety Smart Ambassador program between now and Nationals. Every participating team is guaranteed at least \$500. Once we know how many teams will participate this year, the stipend could increase. Last year we were able to provide stipends ranging from \$600 to \$1,800 per team.
- Students may earn \$1,000 scholarships for post-secondary education by submitting a PowerPoint documenting their experience presenting Safety Smart lessons. *Six scholarships will be awarded to students attending Nationals.*
  - Find the application at this [link](#).
  - Deadline April 7, 2017

There are Webinars available this week to learn more about the Safety Smart program:

- Tuesday, February 28 at 4 p.m. Eastern time; [click here](#) to register
- Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. Eastern time; [click here](#) to register

**Useful Resources**

- Review the [Coach's Memo](#) so you know what to expect in Pittsburgh.
- Use the [Team Reference Page](#) to find updates.
- Contact Lisa ([lisah@nclnet.org](mailto:lisah@nclnet.org)) or Seth ([sethw@nclnet.org](mailto:sethw@nclnet.org)) with any questions.