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National LifeSmarts Championship 2017: Information for Teams

# **Focus: Know Before You Go**

Dear Coaches and Team members,

We are so excited to see you later this week in Pittsburgh competing for the National LifeSmarts Championship!

#### **Final Reminders**

We wanted to give you just a few tips for your trip...

#### Hotel:

Westin Convention Center: 1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15222 The Westin Convention Center is located about 20 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport.

# **Ground Transportation Options Include:**

- On Friday, a Complimentary Airport Shuttle: Pick up at Pittsburgh International at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM The bus has limited seating, so it is first come first served. Upon retrieving your bags, walk to the curb and look for the large 56 passenger bus that has a sign in the window that says "LifeSmarts."
- RideShare: For pickup at the Pittsburgh International Airport please head to the commercial
  pickup curb on the lower level at Door 4. If you are traveling with more than three people you
  will need to choose the Uber XL option in order to fit all group members and luggage. Please
  note you are responsible for your own fare and this is the most economical way to get to the
  hotel other than the shuttle.
- **Taxi**: Several cab companies serve the Pittsburgh International Airport. The average fare from the airport to the Westin Convention Center Hotel is \$50.
- **Parking**: For those driving to the hotel, parking with in and out privileges is \$26 per night. Self parking without in and out privileges is subject to availability for \$22 per night.

## **Registration:**

Teams can begin checking in at registration for the event in the Allegheny Foyer at 12pm on Friday. This is where you can get all of your materials and name badges. After checking in at registration, you will need to get your team photo taken.

## **Mobile App:**

Don't forget to download this year's Nationals mobile app! On the app you will find all of the important information to navigate your experience at the event. You can download the app by going to <a href="https://www.eventmobi.com/lifesmarts2017">www.eventmobi.com/lifesmarts2017</a> and adding it to the home screen of your device.

### Final Agenda:

You will receive a printed agenda in your packet when you register, and it is on the mobile app now, but if you want a sneak peek, <u>click here</u>.

### **Social Media:**

- LifeSmarts is on Instagram! We want you to share your experience and travels to Nationals on Instagram. Snap photos of your team at the airport, on the plane, checking in, etc.! Don't forget to tag @Lifesmarts\_org.
- Additionally, we have our very first SnapChat filter. It will show up all around the hotel, so don't
  forget to use it when you are sharing your experience with your friends back home!
- Tweet us! Don't forget to add #LifeSmarts and @LifeSmarts\_org when tweeting from Pittsburgh. Read about the <u>Twitter contest here</u>.
- And be sure to like us on Facebook, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lifesmarts">https://www.facebook.com/lifesmarts</a>, for updates, scoreboards, and photos throughout the event.

### Live Streaming Monday, April 24:

Remind family and friends back home to watch the exciting conclusion of the 2016-17 LifeSmarts program year! We will be streaming on the LifeSmarts home page: <a href="http://lifesmarts.org/">http://lifesmarts.org/</a>. Want to share the flyer? Click here.

#### Weather:

Springtime visitors to Pittsburgh will find balmy, sunny days with cool evenings. For the month of April the average high temp in Pittsburgh is 67F and the average low is 45F. If you plan on venturing out into the city, don't forget a light jacket or umbrella. Those spring showers can move in quickly! See you in Pittsburgh!

# More Information:

Check out the Team Reference Page for more details and links to everything you need.