

San Diego Sun #2, March 19, 2018

National LifeSmarts Championship 2018: Information for Teams

Focus: FREE Ground Transportation, Coach Call this week, Deadlines, Safety Smart Swag, Competition One Q and A, and Resources

Dear Coaches and Team members,

We are so excited to see you in San Diego April 21-24, 2018, competing for the National LifeSmarts Championship title! Each week leading up to Nationals we will share special updates with you through this <u>San Diego Sun</u> newsletter. Our hope is that this will help you prepare for Nationals by providing helpful information and timely updates.

Free Ground Transportation for Teams April 21

Teams are encouraged to take advantage of free ground transportation if they plan to arrive on Saturday, April 21. LifeSmarts and the Hilton will provide a 26-passenger bus to pick up LifeSmarts teams at the San Diego airport and deliver them to the Hilton. No need to reserve space — just meet the bus.

The bus will pick up at the airport at these times:

- 10 a.m.
- 11 a.m.
- Noon
- 1 p.m.
- 2 p.m.
- 3 p.m. (last bus)

Pick-Up Locations:

- Terminal 1: Bus will pick up curbside at Zone i (on the hour)
- Terminal 2: Bus will pick up curbside at Zone S (slightly after the hour)

Coach Calls Wednesday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 27

Coaches are strongly encouraged to join one of the two coach calls. The first will be held this Wednesday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Eastern. The second will be Tuesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. Eastern. For both, dial 1-888-585-9008 and use passcode 310237369#. Talk to you soon!

Deadlines

- March 16: <u>Register your team with LifeSmarts</u>
- March 20: <u>Hotel deadline to book your sleeping rooms</u>

- March 21 (5 p.m. Eastern) and March 27 (3 p.m. Eastern): Coach calls (join one); Dial 1-888-585-9008, conference room: 310237369#
- April 2: Stipend One Request Form and SSA/OTC Presentation Forms due

Safety Smart Ambassadors

If you would like a box of swag for your Safety Smart presentations, there are four boxes left. Emily will mail them on a first come, first-served basis. Each box contains 25 pencils and 25 Safety Smart bracelets. Send her an email and your mailing address to get one of the remaining boxes.

To request the accompanying Safety Smart lesson DVDs, send your mailing address to <u>Chantal</u>. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.

Competition One Q and A

Questions have been coming in about the OTC Posters Competition – The rubric included in the <u>State</u> <u>Champion Coach Memo</u> outlines how the Community Service Posters will be scored, based on how the posters meet the objectives:

- 1. Demonstrates team participation in service to the community
- 2. Illustrates audience engagement
- 3. Outlines evidence of team learning and growing

There are no additional points for multiple presentations, but there are travel stipends linked to OTC community service.

Resources

- Much more information is available on the 2018 Team Reference Page.
- Also be sure to review the <u>State Champion Coach Memo</u>.
- If you have any questions, please email us: Lisa Hertzberg (<u>lisah@nclnet.org</u>) and Chantal Spruill (<u>chatals@nclnet.org</u>).
- If you need help getting started with the OTC or Safety Smart community service projects, contact Emily Stevenson (<u>stevenson@fairpoint.net</u>).