**November 13, 2019**

**Coordinator Call Agenda**

Roll call: Richard Homer- CA; Tammy – WI; Mary – MN; Kayla- SC; Angela – KS; Cherry- VA; Glory Ana- HI; Crystal – ND; Karen – CA; Teresa – HI; Amanda – LA; Donna- MO

Staff: Lisa Hertzberg and Cheryl Varnadoe

Agenda:

1. Welcome!

2. Program Updates:

* October TeamSmarts winners:

**FBLA:** UDHS LiChoLiu - Upper Dublin Senior High School, Pennsylvania  
**FCCLA:** Selah FCCLA – Selah High School, Washington  
**4-H:** Y\'all - WIT Home Educators, Virginia 4-H  
**Varsity:** Royals - Mascoma High School, New Hampshire  
**JV:** Evans County 4-H Junior Varsity- Evans County 4-H, Georgia

* Web site
* Some of the teams had TeamSmarts not showing up for them. If the team was created before we officially opened, this caused a problem. We have been asking coaches to create mirror teams.
* We have a list we run through every Thursday with the webmaster. The data for coordinators is on top of coordinators of that list.
  + Composite scores are not currently working so we are working on this.
  + Also we need to add capability to see coaches of the teams.
  + As you continue to see things that need updating please let us know so that we can address it with the webmaster
  + Are there any issues that coaches have reported to you?
* TeamSmarts for November on Consumer Rights and Responsibilities is open until November, 30th. For more information, visit: <http://lifesmarts.org/teamsmarts/>
* Reminder: There is now a clock on all quizzes students are taking.
* The clock is set up to begin deducting points after the student exceeds 40 seconds per question. This means, on an individual quiz with 20 questions, the student has 13.33 minutes to test before his/her score will go down.
* If a student has a problem, let us know and we can reset the score but we need to hear that from the coach or coordinator.

3. Wildcard/ Automatic Bid Process – Teams must complete the Wild Card TeamSmarts

Quiz which will be available December 1; prepare a Powerpoint on a LifeSmarts topic

(requirements on handout and web page); Coach can submit a two page recommendation of their team that shares information about the team and the team members and why they should be chosen. The application also asks for some demographics to be supplied by the coach.

* Teams that can apply this year:
  + New teams that have never competed at Nationals.
  + FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams.
  + Teams that placed 2nd in their state competition.
  + Wild Card teams from 2018, who did not attend Nationals in 2019, are eligible to apply for a Wild Card bid for the 2020 National LifeSmarts Championship.
* Teams that cannot apply this year:
* Any team that competed at Nationals last year including Wild Card teams. Exception: A team from the same school or club with NO returning members.
* Teams that competed at Nationals last year must win their state competition to return UNLESS all 4-5 team members are new.
* Two teams from the same local/county school, club or organization cannot compete at nationals the same year. Deadlines
* FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams must submit all application materials by January 31, 2020.
* Varsity teams can apply on a rolling basis until March 1, 2020.
* Second place teams have one week after their state competition is held to submit an application, but they must submit by March 1, 2020, if that is first.
* Other requirements
  + - One spot each will be reserved for FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams.
    - A team cannot be the state winning team AND a wild card team. If a team is selected as a Wild Card bid winner and subsequently wins their state title, they must decline the Wild Card invitation so that another team can be invited to attend Nationals.
    - Teams can submit a Wild Card application while competing for their state title.
    - Wild Card teams are eligible for travel stipends. <http://lifesmarts.org/automatic-bids/>

4. Scholarship Reminders

* + Safety Smart: LifeSmarts and UL will award 5 scholarships worth $1,000 each in January 2020. **Deadline to apply is December 1, 2019. More information:**[**http://lifesmarts.org/resources-2/safety-smart/**](http://lifesmarts.org/resources-2/safety-smart/)
  + ITRC – Students will have the opportunity to apply for a privacy scholarship through ITRC – details coming in time for December, which is Technology month at LifeSmarts

5. Next coach webinar

* Please share with your coaches the invitation to join us for our November LifeSmarts Coach Webinar on Thursday, November 21, at 3:30 PM, to learn more about the new JV XPLORLABS QUEST for middle school youth sponsored by UL. We are excited that Emily Stevenson, LifeSmarts educational consultant, will facilitate the webinar to introduce this exciting program. [**Click here**](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nclnet.org%2Fr%3Fu%3DKZcKWvJae7GB_0yOB0QncA2c15fEUbFfu6MLuWkZC6x8UTXbeveBS1pzWfcu9I9I%26e%3D35fd3b8c5b345a654b97e419f708dfc58448330b%26utm_source%3Dncl%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dteachsmarts_oct_29%26n%3D11%26test_email%3D1&data=02%7C01%7Ccherylv%40nclnet.org%7C57331b2ce563499909f808d75bbf5e5e%7C4e1d2f3fec00459892401b9071ab6582%7C1%7C0%7C637078749799375979&sdata=mH8QuGy%2BdneiHpEm7D2oImcbJ3cUxhvNN%2B4GaEonnr8%3D&reserved=0) for more details on the Quest and use the following information to join us on November 21:

**Date and time:** 11/21/2019, 3:30 PM US/Eastern   
**Dial-in number (US):** (712) 770-5505   
**Access code:** 526017#   
**Online meeting ID:** cherylvarnadoe   
**Join the online meeting:** [https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cherylvarnadoe](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nclnet.org%2Fr%3Fu%3DfPx22BcKPzmhAUAhpJbMLOQweJosz8DdJhQAYz2OgRHfkcRGZjGhSYs8JGE4QY5fSJXvqh8I7NA06312t9WgBA%26e%3D35fd3b8c5b345a654b97e419f708dfc58448330b%26utm_source%3Dncl%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dteachsmarts_oct_29%26n%3D12%26test_email%3D1&data=02%7C01%7Ccherylv%40nclnet.org%7C57331b2ce563499909f808d75bbf5e5e%7C4e1d2f3fec00459892401b9071ab6582%7C1%7C0%7C637078749799385974&sdata=%2FXWgfvXqyVyf%2FfUr16btI8fNTwVI0cfcch4kM2IzPhA%3D&reserved=0)

* Webinar will be recorded and we’ll share the link if you or your coaches cannot make it. Webinar will be advertised in TeachSmarts; encourages your coaches to participate.
* We are offering a special “quest” for middle schools students. We are asking them to create video PSAs about battery safety. Fun prizes and recognition for winning entries. We also want to use their videos during Nationals 2020 as a team activity for the high school competitors.

6. Other competition updates:

* FBLA
  + Seventy teams qualified in the Fall Challenge to advance to the FBLA NLC next summer. These teams represent 12 different states, and we saw a number of new names/coaches participating
* FCCLA
  + Tomorrow we head to Dallas to meet 36 teams competing in the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl at FCCLA’s Fall National Meeting – the top 16 will advance to the NLC next summer

7. State Programs:

* State competition update: Working on finalizing materials to send to Donna Sharpe (MO). **Competition materials will be available via OneDrive shared folder very soon.** State assessments are all 25 questions this year. We have a few JV SpeedSmarts activities as well as Varsity SpeedSmarts. We will also have certificates in the folder and once the State champion coach memo is completed, it will be shared there as well.
* Updated State pages
  + By now your dates should be updated. Let us know if you need help!
  + We can provide you with a list of coaches and when they last logged in so that you can reach out to the ones who are active.

8. Giving Tuesday – December 3, 2019

* This is our 26th year. We want LifeSmarts to continue to grow and thrive. To do that we must build support for its future. We encourage you to share with coaches and past state coordinators and ask them to share with alumni, alumni coaches and competitors to make a donation on Giving Tuesday to express their appreciation for LifeSmarts and the work we continue to do to support youth consumer and financial education.

9. OTC Medicine Safety Mentoring project has been renewed and is expanding to include a lesson targeting 7-8th graders. More to come—but there will be a lot of activity around OTC medicine safety in 2020.

10. If you have colleagues and contacts in the DC area who should be invited to join us for Nationals 2020 in Crystal City, VA, please forward their names and email addresses to Cheryl.

11. We are doing a quick customer survey about LifeSmarts in a Box. We have about 100 copies left, and our grant requires us to ask users what they like about this resource. If you have used it, or heard feedback from coaches, we would appreciate it if you would also take the survey. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPM57WN>. THANKS!

Next call info:

* **Next call is Wednesday December 4 at 3 p.m. ET**
* **Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! We are thankful for each of you!**