**December 4, 2019**

**Coordinator Call Minutes**

Roll call: Jared (TX); Tammie (WI); Gloryana (HI); Crystal (ND); Kim (VA); Courtney (GA); Lori (WA); Angela (KS); Gwen (FL)

Staff: Lisa Hertzberg and Cheryl Varnadoe

Agenda:

* Welcome Everyone! Happy Holidays!
* Program Updates:
* November TeamSmarts winners:
* **Varsity:** BHS Blue; School/State: Barrington High School, RI
* **JV:** NCLA JV 2, The NC Leadership Academy, North Carolina
* **4-H:** Clarke County Varsity 4-H, Clarke County 4-H, Georgia
* **FCCLA:**Dimmit FCCLA, Dimmit High School, Texas
* **FBLA:** Vegans, Monroe Township High School, New Jersey

* TeamSmarts for December on Technology is open until December 31. For more

information, revisit: <http://lifesmarts.org/teamsmarts/>

* LifeSmarts in a Box – Please complete the survey on how you use LifeSmarts in a Box in your state and how much you appreciate having this hands-on resource/curriculum. We need this to include in our report to the donor.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPM57WN>

* Web site –

What questions or concerns do you have as a coordinator?  What questions have coaches been asking?

* We can help by providing an Excel spreadsheet with your

students’ scores. If you want us to pull all your scores and send them to you let us know.

* Kim asked if the leaders board can come back as the coaches in

VA have asked for it. What leader boards are you missing? TeamSmarts or in-state competition; Kim wants TeamSmarts. They want to know how they compare to other teams across the nation.

* Tammie asked for coaches sign-up page to have a date that they

signed up or last signed in.  Lisa can send that report as requested.

* Courtney – GA – Question about qualifying quizzes and State

level test. We can set up the State test for you as needed. Let us know if you need this.

* Wild Card Bids - As a reminder the Wild card Bid application is now open!
* Teams must complete the Wild Card TeamSmarts Quiz which is now posted in the team captains quizzes; 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.
* Deadlines FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams applying for those Wild-Card bid spots must submit 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.
* Please see the page for additional details.
* <https://lifesmarts.org/wild-cards/>
  + - There is a Wild Card flyer on that page; feel free to share this at your state competition or email to any interested coaches. If coaches have questions, they can contact Cheryl for assistance.

* Scholarships Updates:
* We had six LifeSmarts alumni and students to apply for the Toyota Financial

Making Life Easier scholarship.

* We had 15 apply (from six states) for the UL / LifeSmarts Safety Smarts

Ambassadors Scholarships.  Announcements will be made in January. 

* Coach Webinar on UL XPLORLAB Quest
* Webinar is scheduled for tomorrow at 3:30 PM.  Join us to learn about the new

UL XPLORLAB Lithium-Ion Battery QUEST for middle school youth.  We know that you will be excited to experience and share this wonderful new resource! This exciting new project has mentoring opportunities for high school competitors.  Webinar will be recorded and we’ll share the link if you or your coaches cannot make it. Encourage your coaches to participate.    
**To Join:**    
Dial-in number (US): (712) 770-5505    
Access code: 526017#    
Online meeting ID: cherylvarnadoe

**Join the online meeting:** [https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cherylvarnadoe](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nclnet.org%2Fr%3Fu%3DwWoThhkIbOOyfH1_lWo5Y4R3SThaHIcwBEsgwXdbQkLlS8z0YZwYJ53pQrMO7xffgIw0iExQbgONndER9tWjVef7wb8ymFe5S9fc2d9R1a6zkEDxVWFPEtRxnUB5jUNqsI_aoSRZ8huL6n2VC85yur4hau4ayV6094E_mtn5CNJnRHnqKVulXoYSP8doNF-SJGfz5PwDJ4md6yv4LtcKWRgiipDPvALghse9F155mahn7TEyS7J1C3SlOwXiLBxRSDqPn6YKiRJQkzDMxN86f_upNDGfELurMmnpfHnmdtEmDBY7LRBGycH0IIkwfJV9XdhryxWutcuLc_WV-7MAraUC0jElKBI9_Z4IGipSUwTSoICimTugtrfM_2MllrpQrsuB53r1yvCyaxlOV9O8eOcCDNqUvMm5BxWdlw-xs5CKCFDFbtV2GI3t38AlEnTTdzE5gEPFtZIqYJzhyZxPAJrAoDJbwE4ipoQJm8qXD6NprOfjyIlGCQR_97KI5v_lCPIfCMM5NXzQyWjLbEdTuewylW8PD5VjAlKX551lmb0GvlX56hGS0Ul2mOHXgMbRfXZ9cf5lrpR7o7h6unAf0THnt7TsVGU6Kw5kbST8Be1Iqs8KPE0ay1pcHcUD_fmTh2xQ09TsCS6cqwazd5AEj8plfpO6zZHjk4tsJ_lQHyowFZOdN8s9OSACva1W9wCvEEEHBpko4ycEF4B78jbB6to54FqyMTKdqQeIKyHkki3prZ66uIywxHeYv1Lx-3UuKSPtkmK1Ka9CieiB38WmCHvDXpCvbDDco-PrsgiK79b9wGenAdvViC_4GhzjJwc7-lxoWR13V2fTdMj1bP1hFTj0kgjjZChbG4B8gk-3Bv_FqZCLosF6Vt-VAm7BopeB3zKNevk7WqmV1LP8cwOmBdnVoF58PoI7Uf7YcfwI8qXN3EtArLW-J5YZA3hc0jMoTg01hOKNG3SgBJPZqrw6HNXTcyjusa8uChylGZnzp7Gja-OOz9geO6kokfclN3HkxCtF85kx2kIGI8CvbRuCgz3h4otYLnJFxRCDa_4428dJSgoUJfwrbSkPkzkxC0Shfm-hGt3ZH0s4WCQCLYg4Qg9xxySD7obillCChjSq3WZciU_4sA1gRZURgUsuij_6xfxVfeREtIPlCTXefoLlW4-QKa3-xB8YOsWrDJrP4gcMJlybLDGBHgj6Cvjv8nmH-yHKnQfbjhk5Mvgk41P39Q%26e%3D5c293ccf92ba54b3bf398958ece621d0%26utm_source%3Dncl%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dteachsmarts_dec_3%26n%3D8&data=02%7C01%7Ccherylv%40nclnet.org%7C50146f2758a34b0f2b4d08d77805b481%7C4e1d2f3fec00459892401b9071ab6582%7C1%7C0%7C637109838220286747&sdata=J00j979JptjdjKP5vhBBLJIwHht1R0AgRokBI7vduYw%3D&reserved=0)

* We got great videos last year before Nationals for team’s competition 1 –

we will share those and encourage you to use them

* Thank you for sharing this opportunity with your coaches
* Focus on middle school (JV), but peer teaching component for high

school students (Varsity)

* Other competition updates:
* FBLA - Fall Winners have been announced who qualified for National Leadership

Conference this summer in Salt Lake City.Spring Challenge will take place February 3-28, 2020

* + FCCLA - 17 teams qualified for FCCLA LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl at the National Leadership Conference to be held in July in Washington DC.

* State Programs: State competition update: **Competition materials now available in**

**One Drive.  Email will be sent with link following this call.**

* Contact Cheryl ([cherylv@nclnet.org](mailto:cherylv@nclnet.org)) for assistance if you have trouble opening

or accessing files.

* + If you would like to make changes to anything, *please remember to download the files first and rename them.*
* As a reminder*, these materials are never to be shared with coaches.*
* Includes sample press releases, release forms packet, certificates, Speed

Smarts for JV and V, individual assessments, and the JV and Varsity state scripts.

* This week Missouri will have the first State Champion team headed to Nationals.

Hawaii and Kansas qualifying also closes this month. Many states close mid-January.

* **Input:**We need your help to reach alumni. Ideas of best practices to reconnect?
* How to find lost alumni?  Do you have lists of the winning coaches, teams and

students from your state?

* + Are coordinators and coaches actively trying to stay in touch with alumni? We have some emails from students and coaches who have competed at national level. 90% of these emails are now inaccurate. Would you be willing to reach out to coaches and former competitors to reconnect them to LifeSmarts on both the state and national level?
* If you have lists of students (who compete at the state level, or moved to nationals), we would love to have you share those with us
* We are mindful of asking for permanent email addresses going forward
* We especially would love to connect with alumni who may be able to come to DC to volunteer or talk to current students on the Alumni Panel this year.
  + Again this year, we will recognize seniors at nationals and welcome them amembers of the alumni association. They will have to fill out information online and at the event to receive their LifeSmarts graduation cord at the final luncheon.
* We are looking for alumni support for the program and want to bring back these

experts who have benefited from the program. We are looking for former

students, coaches, and state coordinators and appreciate your help

identifying them.

* We have drafted a “young alumni” publication to help students learn about all the ways they can stay connected with LifeSmarts after they graduate.
* Angela: As coordinators we don’t have access to email address, but coaches probably do – maybe ask coaches to send out information to reconnect with us.
* Also, post this on the web site so there is a visible place for them to sign up.
* Cheryl posted on Facebook and LinkedIn – it was successfull

* ITRC
* We are excited to expand our partnership with the Identity Theft Resource Center

([ITRC](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nclnet.org%2Fr%3Fu%3D793jUjQZouvJonOMq3mNwvJzN2XV2RtT01tcsPsQEcU%26e%3Dc4c95069583857d6edfe507146ce317c1f54c23d%26utm_source%3Dncl%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Ddec_2019_smartstart%26n%3D8&data=02%7C01%7Clisah%40nclnet.org%7Cde540a0edc4e4171044408d77755a9c0%7C4e1d2f3fec00459892401b9071ab6582%7C1%7C0%7C637109082121018434&sdata=PAAS%2FfLakGRFFfvBClpwtvX1NcPMsnPg7JFhiYiaVUA%3D&reserved=0)). Later this month we will debut a new technology module to help

educators teach about protecting your privacy when using your mobile device,

guarding your digital footprint, and learning the steps to take when faced with

identity theft or a data breach. As part of this project, LifeSmarts participants

have an opportunity to write an essay on privacy and win a $2,000 scholarship

from ITRC, sponsored by [CyberScout](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nclnet.org%2Fr%3Fu%3DwQrhkfiPViWXITwOdOSTLmaJLc6dSFVmUVs6VtNBaao%26e%3Dc4c95069583857d6edfe507146ce317c1f54c23d%26utm_source%3Dncl%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Ddec_2019_smartstart%26n%3D9&data=02%7C01%7Clisah%40nclnet.org%7Cde540a0edc4e4171044408d77755a9c0%7C4e1d2f3fec00459892401b9071ab6582%7C1%7C0%7C637109082121028425&sdata=uARGLc%2FLWzEZB1yz9SxKhyF5SzHssrTmuw9psRoHVdY%3D&reserved=0).

* Kicked off event at Nationals last year. Privacy is a huge issue for our students who are digital natives. They have great resources and will be doing a unit with us for teachers to share with students. We hope this module will go up this month and we will promote heavily in January.
* Scholarship will be announced in conjunction with nationals
* Johnson and Johnson
* Developing a lesson for 7-8 grade students; this will enhance the mentoring

opportunities for our HS students and provide a lesson that could be used by educators a well

* We will kick this off again in January.
* Students can expect to see in SpeedSmarts and competition questions at

nationals.

* AARP
* New lesson highlighting that it’s never too early to start thinking about retirement

coming in early 2020

* Never too early to start preparing and will be featured at nationals.

* Communications - Are all your coaches receiving the weekly TeachSmarts and the

monthly SmartStart e-news? Please let us know of any who need to be added to our distribution list. These are the best reminders for coaches.

* Also remember the new resource available for coaches: The LifeSmarts Monthly

Checklist Calendar is located here: <https://lifesmarts.org/welcome-back>

* State Sharing: Highlights happening in your state:
* Angela - one of her past national winners coming back to be question master –

Evan Wilson

* Teaser: National assessments will be done online ahead of time to free up competition

time Sunday morning. More to come on Nationals on our January call.

* Next call info:

**Next call is Wednesday, January 8 at 3 p.m. ET using same call-in number:**

**Dial-in number (US): 1-712-770-5505**

**Access code: 526017#**

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* We will both be away from the office between Christmas Eve and January 2.

**Happy Holidays to you and yours!**