**LifeSmarts Coordinator Call**

**January 8, 2020**

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Coordinators: Tammy, WI; Crystal, ND; Kayla, SC; Mary Hillman, MN; Donna, MO; Brittani, GA; Amanda, LA; Angela, KS; Chuck Stamper, KY

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Program Updates
   1. TeamSmarts
      1. January [TeamSmarts](http://www.lifesmarts.org/teamsmarts) topic is the environment. Closes on January 31
      2. Congratulations to the December winners!
         1. Varsity - Dallas High School, Dallas, PA
         2. Junior Varsity - Rockdale County 4-H Junior Team, Rockdale County 4-H, GA
         3. FCCLA - JPS Hawks 1, JP Stevens High School, Edison, NJ
         4. FBLA - Robinson FBLA Blue Team, Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax, VA
         5. 4-H - Douglas County 4-H Seniors, Douglas County 4-H, GA
   2. State competition update:  Competition materials now available in One Drive.  Email was sent in December.
      1. Includes sample press releases, release forms packet, certificates, Speed Smarts for JV and V, individual assessments, and the JV and Varsity state scripts.
      2. Contact Cheryl  ([cherylv@nclnet.org](mailto:cherylv@nclnet.org)) for assistance if you have trouble opening or accessing files.
      3. Also available in Dropbox if needed, reach out to Cheryl.
      4. If you would like to make changes to anything,  please remember to download the files first and rename them.
      5. As a reminder, these materials are never to be shared with coaches.
   3. State Champion memo in progress. Will be shared with you as soon as it is ready.
   4. State Coordinator Reminders:
      1. Email your coaches ahead of your qualification closing date to ensure teams finish on time.
      2. If you would like to host an online state competition (students take a 100-question TeamSmarts quiz; 40 seconds per question. Students will lose points if they take longer to complete questions.), email Cheryl to remind her of your competition date so the quiz can be opened. Tell us which teams to open this quiz for, and we will do it on the date you set.
      3. Let us know as soon as you have your state champion named and share any press with us please.
   5. Website Updates
      1. Coaches now associated with teams
      2. Composite scores tell you which students have completed quizzes, including the capstone
      3. Varsity 4-H is working (some teams did not receive quizzes)
3. Update on Nationals
   1. Guests can access the web site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel reservations through April 1, 2020.
      1. Hotel link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/virginia/hyatt-regency-crystal-city-at-reagan-national-airport/wasrc>
      2. Link to Book: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-NLC1>
   2. Group Rate: $179/night + taxes. Resort fee waived for our group.
4. UL Safety Smart Scholarships
   1. Press releases will go out soon. Great pool of applicants!
      1. Winners: Addison Jones, WV (Ritchie County High School)   
         Allison Little, TX (MidcitiesMontessori LifeSmarts)    
         Matthew Loynes, NC (West Carteret High School LifeSmarts)   
         Abby Olstrup, TX (MidcitiesMontessori LifeSmarts)    
         Destinee Smith, WV (RCHS FBLA)
5. Other competition and scholarship updates/ deadlines:
   1. FBLA - Spring Competition–February 3-28, 2020 for opportunity to attend National FBLA/LifeSmarts competition this summer. 12 teams (2 members per team) will be chosen. For details, visit: <https://lifesmarts.org/fbla/>
   2. Wild Card Deadline for 4-H, FCCLA, and FBLA teams: January 31; Final deadline is March 1 for other applicants
      1. Contact Cheryl if you have questions about the Wild Card process.
      2. Visit [www.lifesmarts.org/wild-cards](http://www.lifesmarts.org/wild-cards) for additional details.
   3. ITRC Scholarship
      1. Train the Trainer Webinar will be posted which walks a coach/educator through providing the webinar to students
      2. It is a prerequisite for students to attend a webinar offered by their coach in order to qualify to submit a scholarship application
      3. This is a $2000 scholarship for one student, with $100 gift cards for five runners-up
   4. Sarah Weinberg – Due March 13, 2020 <https://lifesmarts.org/sarah/>
      1. Reminder – this is an opportunity for a coach to nominate a HS senior who is taking the lead on community service projects in their community
   5. XPLORLABS
      1. Encourage JV coaches to use this program in their classes and with their teams
      2. Sneak preview: Teams at Nationals will use XPLORLABS in Competition 1
   6. The LifeSmarts OTC Medicine Safety Mentoring project is funded by J&J throughout 2020
      1. Offers scholarship opportunities for students
      2. Peer mentoring and community service opportunities
6. We’re growing: Job openings at NCL LifeSmarts (Visit <https://www.nclnet.org/work_at_ncl> for both openings)
   1. LifeSmarts Development Associate
   2. LifeSmarts Program Coordinator – Part-time
      1. Please share with anyone you think would be interested! (ALUMNI WELCOME!)
7. State Programs: Coordinator share
   1. Brittani – competition gearing up; big month for LifeSmarts, practicing weekly, prepping for in-person competition; competition closes Feb. 5; invite top four Varsity and JV teams to attend
   2. Donna –Held competition in December, new location; used one room for everything; loved the 25-question quiz this time; judges worked both the JV and Varsity competitions on back-to-back days; Linda Cumpton, former coach, addressed officials and told them what a great impact the program has on students (and helped in other ways, too)
   3. Chuck – Kicked off the LifeSmarts year with mock competition at state fair; making more connections with other groups too
      1. Enjoyed the feature where you could email coaches directly from the site
      2. Holding event in Scott County office in February
      3. Secured partial travel funds through Kentucky 4-H Foundation
   4. Mary – Closing online in two weeks, state competition February 5
   5. Angela – gearing up for the online state competition, with state in-person competition in early March
   6. Crystal – State competition February 5; closing online January 15
   7. Amanda – announced the state competition in the fall by sending a letter to all superintendents – hosting state competition March 13
   8. Kayla – A few coaches have signed up, online closes February 7; planning a series of workshops for next year
   9. Tammy – close Feb. 7 and competition is Feb. 28; four teams qualified to attend to date
8. Next call info: Next call is Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3 p.m. ET using same call-in number: Dial-in number (US): 1-712-770-5505; Access code: 526017#