



Monumental Memorandum 3
National LifeSmarts Championship 2022: Information for Teams
Focus: Coach Zooms, Travel stipends reminder, Team Roll Call samples and more!

Dear Coaches and Team members,
We are so excited to see you in Washington, D.C., April 21 - 24, 2022, competing in the 28th National LifeSmarts Championship! Each week leading into Nationals, we will share special updates with you through this *Monumental Memorandum* newsletter. Our hope is that this will help you prepare for Nationals by providing helpful information and timely updates.



Coach Zooms

We will be hosting two Zoom meetings to answer questions for coaches. The same information will be covered in both Zooms, and coaches should plan to join us for one of the calls. We will record them but please join us for one of the two Zooms if at all possible. The first call is tomorrow! Here are the details:

- Wednesday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. EDT
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83565051027?pwd=SVhsTk8rQXcvQ3lYZC90djJCWEFIUT09>
- OR Monday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m. EDT
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88015838569?pwd=L0VVZU9xWHpLU2dMekxvTEtVRnE4dz09>

Book your hotel rooms immediately

The deadline for booking rooms is **March 29th**. Please do not delay in booking your rooms. All the details for booking are included in the [State Champion Coaches Memo](#) as well as [Monumental Memorandum 1](#).



Team Roll Call Recording

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their Team Roll Call recording. Teams are asked **NOT** to

add or use background music and to observe the time requirement. Several of you asked for examples of what teams have shared previously. [This link](#) highlights one of the three rolls from the virtual championship last year. There is no right or wrong way to do this and we encourage you all to be creative and do them together, in-person this year! [Link to upload your Team Roll Call recording by April 4.](#)

Travel Stipends Reminder

Thanks to LifeSmarts sponsors we are able to provide travel assistance to teams attending Nationals this year. [There is one form for coaches to complete](#) if you are requesting a travel stipend. The deadline is March 31. You will be notified of awards by April 6. All stipends are paid as reimbursements for travel expenses (airfare, ground transportation, and hotel) following the event after receipts are submitted to NCL.

1. New team? Eight \$1,000 travel stipends are available thanks to an anonymous donor.
2. [Educate your community about OTC medicine safety](#). Thirty \$500 travel stipends are available thanks to our partnership with Johnson & Johnson. See pages 21 for details.
3. Create a digital poster for the [LifeSmarts/UL anti-counterfeiting campaign](#). At least 10 \$500 stipends are available thanks to UL. The deadline is **March 25** for team posters to be submitted.
4. [Become a fraud ambassador](#) and educate older community members through presentations and engagement. Six \$500 stipends are available thanks to Western Union.
5. Wild Card stipends will be awarded to the ten Wild Card teams upon completion of their community service projects and submission of travel receipts.

If you have any questions about stipends, please email Lisa at Lisah@nclnet.org.

T-Shirt Contest



This competition is optional but is always fun and a great way to show off your team spirit! Teams that wish to enter the contest should create T-shirts that include the LifeSmarts name and logo and whatever else they wish to include that is related to the competition. Corporate logos from sponsors *are* allowed on the front or back of the shirts but the judging focus will be on the t-shirt design. Teams are asked to turn in one shirt by noon on Friday for judging. Voting will be conducted via the National LifeSmarts Championship app.

Team Shirt Competition Criteria:

- The team shirts should:
 - Show artistic talent
 - Say "LifeSmarts" and demonstrate LifeSmarts in some way

- Use non-copywrited and/or original artwork
- To enter the contest, team members will complete a form answering the following questions:
 - How was the design developed?
 - How does the design demonstrate “LifeSmarts”?
- In addition, all participants will be asked to vote for their favorite T-shirt for the “People’s Choice” award.



Other Important Information:

Room Share

Have an odd number of male or female students on your team? Or need to share a room as a coach or volunteer? Share your needs or extra room space in the [LifeSmarts Coaches Group](#) on Facebook. There are a few requests posted there already, so be sure to check them out!

Sister Teams

Sister Teams will be announced along with the National LifeSmarts Championship app launch on March 29th.

Resources

- More information is available in the [National LifeSmarts Championship 2022 Team Information Center](#)
- Be sure to review the [State Champion Coach Memo](#).
- If you have any questions, please email us: [Lisa Hertzberg](#) or [Cheryl Varnadoe](#).



Dates and Deadlines:

- March 15: [Team Registration Due online!](#)
- March 15: Team photo for social media due! Email to [Cheryl Varnadoe](#)
- March 15: [Participation Release forms](#) / Forms Packet due (if not submitted by your State LifeSmarts Coordinator)
- March 16: [Sarah Weinberg LifeSmarts Memorial Scholarship Nominations Due](#)
- March 16: **State Winning Coach Zoom 1** at 5:00 PM EST (Coaches required to attend one of the two Zooms)
- March 21: **State Winning Coach Zoom 2** at 3:00 PM EST (Coaches required to attend one of the two Zooms)
- March 1 – April 8: **Competition 1**
- March 29: **Sister Teams** announced and National LifeSmarts Championship App launched
- April 1: [Deadline for Identity Theft Essay Contest Application](#)
- April 1: [Deadline for OTC Medicine Safety Scholarship Application](#)
- April 4: Deadline for [Team Roll Call Recording](#)
- April 4 – 15: **Competition 2** – Online Individual Topic Assessments (See Coaches Memo)

- April 6: Recorded Coach and Captain orientation shared
- April 18: Deadline for [Student of the Year](#) nominations
- April 22: Deadline for [Coach of the Year](#) nominations
- April 21-24: National LifeSmarts Championship – Washington, D.C.



Next Week: Hotel details, Metro Smartcards and more!

Until next week,
The LifeSmarts Team

*P.S. Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Twitter and FB for competition topics and question leaks.
First leak coming later this week!*