



NEWS AND TIPS FOR THE 2024 SAN DIEGO 30TH NATIONAL LIFESMARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

National LifeSmarts Championship 2024: Information for Coaches & Teams **Focus: Registration, Deadlines, and More!**

Dear Coaches and Team members,

We are so excited to see you San Diego, April 18 – 21, 2024 competing in the 30th National LifeSmarts Championship! Each week leading into Nationals, we will share special updates with you through this *San Diego Celebration Central* newsletter. Our hope is that this will help you prepare for Nationals by providing helpful information and timely updates.

2024 State Confirmation Form and Reservation Numbers – This form is due **two weeks** following notification of your LifeSmarts National Championship invitation. It is very important that we receive this form to be certain that your team will be attending and competing in the National Championship.

Team Registration:

You must complete the online registration form for the 2024 National LifeSmarts Championship to ensure your team's place at the competition. **The deadline is March 15, 2024.** Please visit this [link](#) to register yourself and your team.

If you have an assistant coach, they must already be registered and associated with your team at <https://lifesmarts.org/>.

Coaches, you must indicate which ***Individual Assessment*** should be assigned to each student on your team. If a student has competed in the National LifeSmarts Championship before (whether in-person or virtually), they *may not* repeat Individual Assessment topics they have previously tested on.

The registration form also requests your room confirmation numbers. If you don't have these when registering, please email them to Ryan at Ryanb@nclnet.org within two days of

registering and also provide them on the [2024 State Confirmation Form and Reservation Numbers](#) mentioned above.

Guests:

The National LifeSmarts Championship is a **closed** event. Teams and coaches have earned their right to be here. Only registered coaches/ assistant coaches, competitors, alumni volunteers, adult volunteers, sponsors, state coordinators, LEAP members, and the LifeSmarts/ NCL/ Conference team are allowed to participate. Admission to all LifeSmarts events will be monitored. Please contact [Lisa](#) or [Cheryl](#) to discuss any questions you have regarding this.

Other Important Information:

Hotel Reservations:

All teams should stay at the host hotel. All competitions and LifeSmarts activities will take place at the hotel.

Host Hotel:

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina
1441 Quivira Road, San Diego, California 92109
Phone: [1 619 224 1234](tel:16192241234)

Located right along the waterfront, guests will enjoy 360° views of the Pacific Ocean, Mission Beach, and the downtown San Diego skyline. The hotel has three pools and three waterslides – voted best pool in Mission Bay by San Diego Magazine.

To Book a Reservation:

Guests can make reservations by clicking on the link below. Reservations can be booked through our cut-off date of **March 19th, 2024**.

- [Click here to book rooms](#)
- Group Rates:
 - Queen / King Rates: \$249/night
 - Rollaway beds are only available in King bed rooms *OR* Marina Suites for an upcharge (Special rate of \$339/night)
- \$20.00 resort fee that includes free wi-fi, 2 in-room bottles of water each day, kayak or paddleboard rental through Mission Bay Sportcenter, business center access, incoming & outgoing faxes, private fitness center access, local calls, beach amenities (chairs & sand/water toys), recreational activities (assorted board games, foosball, ping pong & bean bag toss) discounted attraction tickets, pool & waterslide access, daily wellness activity, and nightly in-room movie.

Delta Airlines Discount:

- Delta Air Lines offers special discounts for the **National Consumers League**. ***Discounts vary depending on the flight class chosen***
- Please [click here](#) to book your flights

- You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NM2GR**
****Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via this reservation number***

Ground Transportation:

Information regarding ground transportation at the airport is located at this [link](#).

Other Ground Transportation Options:

- Uber Van or SUV are great options for teams. [Uber App](#)
- [Super Shuttle](#)

Hertz Rental Car Discount Code:

- Visit <https://www.hertz.com/rentacar/reservation/> to make your reservation.
- To receive the discount, just enter CDP 2188961 under the *add a discount code* when making the reservation.

Driving and Parking:

- Special Discounted Overnight Pricing on self-parking is \$33/night per vehicle.
- Valet Parking Overnight is \$45/night per vehicle.

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LifeSmarts Merch!

Stay tuned for our new LifeSmarts online store! We will have LifeSmarts branded T-shirts, Long-sleeved t-shirts, Hoodies, and Baseball caps. You and your team can pre-order for pick-up at the event. Our LEAP panel has done a terrific job arranging for this, and we can't wait to share their efforts with you. Our store is set to premiere no later than March 15th!

Deadlines:

- Within 2 week of State LifeSmarts Championship – 2024 State Confirmation Form and Reservation Numbers Form Due
- March 1 – 31: Competition 1 – [Educational TikTok or Instagram Reel](#) Due. Details in Coach memo.
- March 12: State Winning Coach Zoom 1 at 5:00 PM EST (Coaches **required** to attend one of the two Zooms)
- March 15: [Team Registration Due online](#)
- March 15: Team photo for social media due! **Submit earlier if you can!** Email to [Cheryl Varnadoe](#)
- March 15: [Participation Release forms / Forms Packet](#) due to [Ryan Barhoush](#) (if not submitted by your State LifeSmarts Coordinator)

- March 15: Sarah Weinberg Memorial Scholarship [Applications Due](#)
- March 19: [Hotel Reservation](#) Deadline
- March 19: State Winning Coach Zoom 2 at 3:00 PM EST (Coaches **required** to attend one of the two Zooms)
- March 24: [Anti-counterfeiting digital poster team entry due](#) – Optional for stipends
- March 29: Deadline for [Team Roll Call Recording](#)
- March 28: [Deadline for Identity Theft Essay Contest Application](#) – Optional for individual entries
- April 7: [Deadline for OTC Medicine Safety Scholarship Application](#)– Optional for individual entries
- April 5: Recorded Coach and Captain orientation shared
- April 5: [Stipend form](#) due
- April 5: [LifeSparks Team Achievement Award](#) Due
- April 1 – 12: Competition 2 – Online Individual Topic Assessments - see coach memo for details; Teams will be randomly selected for monitoring via Zoom
- April 15: Deadline for [Student of the Year](#) nominations
- April 20: Deadline for [Coach of the Year](#) nominations
- April 18-21: National LifeSmarts Championship – San Deigo, CA

Resources

- More information is available in the [National LifeSmarts Championship 2024 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](#).

Next week:

Pin trading, what to wear, ideas for touring and more!

Until next week, The LifeSmarts Team

*P.S. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and FB for competition topics and question clues!
Here is your first Championship Clue!*

