



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

National LifeSmarts Championship 2024: Edition 3 Information for Coaches & Teams Focus: Reminders, Fun things to see and do 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 assist you and your team in preparing for Nationals by providing helpful information, timely updates and reminders.



We are still missing many of the [2024 State Confirmation Form and Reservation Numbers forms](#). **Very important!** If you have already completed registration, you can bypass this form for now, but make sure we have your hotel reservation numbers. If you have not yet completed registration, we need this form from you! The form was due **two weeks** following notification of your LifeSmarts National Championship invitation. ***Several teams who were named State Champions more than two weeks ago have not sent in the form OR registered for Nationals as of today.*** The form assures us that you will be attending and competing in the National LifeSmarts Championship and allows us to invite the second- place team in your state to compete if your team cannot. **Exceptions:** Wild Card and Sweepstakes teams who were just named *do not* have to fill these out but should register by March 15th.



Many deadlines occur this week! Check out the new [Time Management StudySmarts guide](#) as well as the Dates and Deadlines in this newsletter to keep track of all LifeSmarts National Championship deadlines.



Reminders:

Coach Zooms

The first of our two Zoom meetings to answer questions for coaches is **Tuesday**. The same information will be covered in both Zoom meetings, so plan to join us for the one that best fits your schedule. While they will be recorded, *we request you make every effort to join us in person for one of the Zooms*. **Note:** Zooms are for Coaches and Assistant Coaches only, not students

- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. EDT
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89797687345?pwd=tos0RagkbvvMSWLBh5IIEdKFwHhLFu.1>
 - Meeting ID: 897 9768 7345
 - Passcode: 857018
- OR Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. EDT
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83908591283?pwd=Kb8apiGgazlk8ojlM3rAzvrXFyWjRy.1>
 - Meeting ID: 839 0859 1283
 - Passcode: 535564



Book your hotel rooms immediately.

While the deadline is March 19th, our room block is very full. Certain room sizes are already sold out. All the details for booking are included in the State Champion Coaches Memo.



Register by March 15th

See the coach memo page 3 for details. Forward completed Participation Release Forms packet to Ryan at Ryanb@nclnet.org if your state coordinator did not previously collect these and forward them to us by March 15th. Refer to the coach memo and Celebration Central 2 for additional information.



Team social media photos due by March 15 – Please send ASAP!

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their team photo for social media. Hopefully, you and your team are following us online as we will begin posting these next week. *Just a note:* We will take photos during the registration process at Nationals with and without the team coach(es). We prefer these social media photos to include just the students. Thank you!



Sarah Weinberg Memorial Scholarship – Due March 15

Coaches may nominate one graduating Senior for the Sarah Weinberg LifeSmarts Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to a LifeSmarts participant who demonstrates a commitment to volunteer service work, like Sarah did. Scholarship nominations are due March 15. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Students do not have to be members of teams competing in the National LifeSmarts Championship. For additional information, click [here](#). Nominate your student [here](#).



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!



Take note!

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.

USA Today

LifeSmarts received a grant from USA Today to provide our participants with digital access to the newspaper. This grant will provide you and your team access to current events that will show up as competition questions. To access, click [here](#).

Username: 51404; Password: usatoday



Fun things to see and do!

Touring: Check out the [microsite from San Diego Tourism](#)

San Diego [Mobile Apps](#)

Zoo Discount: Must have 15 to get the discount. Work together to form groups!

San Diego Zoo Safari Park Discount Tickets: Must have group of 15 for discounted rate.

[Seven Hidden Gems in San Diego](#)

[USS Midway Museum](#)

Some information has been shared in the Facebook [LifeSmarts Coaches Group](#) as well!

More coming soon!

Successful Fundraisers from teams past and present: This page features some successful fundraisers shared by teams.

HELP SUPPORT THE COLUMBIA CO. 4-H LIFESMARTS TEAM

The Columbia County Varsity LifeSmarts team is headed to compete at the National LifeSmarts Championship in Washington, DC. Help support their journey by purchasing a fundraising card or a raffle ticket!

To purchase a fundraising card or raffle ticket, stop by the Columbia County Extension/4-H Office!

Wendy's Fund Raising \$20
Krispy Kreme BOGO Card 10 EBEE Doppers of Donuts Cards are good nationwide!

Sparkle Express \$10
Sparkle Express Ultimate Carwash Card - \$20 Value Valid at Augusta area locations.

4-H Raffle Tickets \$2
Prizes include gift cards to Swank, Level-Up, DEFY, Sports Clips, Putt-Putt, Rooted Coffee House, Balar Donuts, & more! Winners will be notified on April 18.

Farm Truck Photography Sessions \$35
The Pin-Up Photographer is offering 30-minute mini photo sessions on April 9-12 in Thomson, GA! Sessions must be pre-paid via Cash App at @shopinupphotographer. To schedule your session please call Ellie McGuire at 706-854-8020.

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING CALHAN FOS FCCLA

\$50/Team Advance/Comp Doubles
\$30/Team Social Double

Money Payouts for Top 4 Teams
Prize Payouts Top 3 Teams

March 4, 2023

Check-in: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
366 10th St, Calhan, CO

Raffles 10:30-11:00am
1st Annual Challenge

Register on gofundme at www.gofundme.com/r/calhan-fundraiser

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DRIVE-THRU PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

8am - 10:30am
Saturday March 19, 2022
@ Comer City Hall Parking Lot

\$5.00 Ticket: Call 706-795-2281

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Help raise funds for your local 4-H LifeSmarts Team to travel

Duval County 4-H Life Smarts Team made a PowerPoint presentation to request travel funds for their upcoming National Competition Event in Washington DC in April.

They will compete in various topics covering consumer and marketplace skills.

The Board voted unanimously to donate \$2875 to help sponsor these hard working students.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR FHE- LIFESMARTS

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH | 5-9PM
409 N US HIGHWAY 89, FLAGSTAFF, AZ, 86004

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE RYB48CW OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

East side location!!

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location only. Any orders placed for delivery through third party apps (e.g. Uber Eats) will not qualify. \$50 minimum event sales required to successfully donate.

BizTeen
IS GOING TO LIFESMARTS NATIONALS IN WASHINGTON DC!

BizTeen has ranked 1st in the state of Texas LifeSmarts Championship and now will head to Washington DC in April to compete for the National Title!

BizTeen is the high school program inside of MultiMedia Messengers, whose focus is not on grades or testing, but on cross-curricular project based real world learning.

LifeSmarts is a consumer and car's thinking skills competition. Students are tested on their knowledge of five different categories: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance, and technology.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- STAR SPONSOR \$50-\$99**
Become a star sponsor and receive a special shoutout on all of our social media platforms!
- ELITE SPONSOR \$100-\$499**
Elite sponsors receive everything a star sponsor does PLUS get a limited edition Coca-Cola® Squad and BizTeen Cocoa Bomb Set and Mug!
- DIAMOND SPONSOR \$500+**
Diamond Sponsors receive the benefits of the elite sponsor, star sponsor PLUS will be highlighted on our national award gear!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

WWW.BIZTEEN.COM

Join us for **Spaghetti Feed FUNDRAISER EVENT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH
11-1PM AND 4:30-7PM

At the Ag Building
709 E Hwy 275, Neligh, NE 68756

Free Will Donation and Silent Auction to raise fund for adaptive parks

Enjoy delicious Spaghetti sauce with meat, salad, breadsticks, dessert, and drinks!

DOUBLE A PROJECT

Please contact one of us for any questions:
Ashley Caballero: (402) 645-3596
Kimberly Scarborough: (707) 466-0138
Angie Bellis: (802) 432-2295

The LifeSmarts team will also be holding an envelope fundraiser with an opportunity for patrons and supporters to donate. Please bring your cash and help us fill our envelopes!

gotsneakers?
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

Got unwanted sneakers lying around? Been meaning to donate them? **WE'VE GOT YOU!**

Send us your outgrown sneakers and let us recycle them for you! The PTSA receives cash for every pair!

It's a win-win!
Going on NOW til March 24th

Crosby High School LifeSmarts Nationals San Diego

gofundme

Search How it works Start a GoFundMe Sign in Share Donate

3395 raised of \$10,000 goal

Share Donate now

Billiana Bryant \$20 2:2

Zion Francis \$20 2:2

Elizabeth Anzolo \$40 7:2

Ashleyanna \$20 7:2

Mary De La Rosa \$20 8:2

See all See top

Crosby High School LifeSmarts team will be representing the State of Connecticut at the national competition in San Diego, CA April 19th - 21st. We will be competing against 38 other teams on topics such as personal finance, consumer rights, environment and technology. We have been working as a team all year to study and practice in preparation. Not now we have the beautiful task of raising enough money to travel to San Diego for the

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Crayola FLOWERS

Empowering consumer and nonprofits to spread joy and inspire kindness through flowers.

Send Flowers Create a fundraiser

FUNDLY

Benefits How It Works Fundraising Guides Blog Link to Your Fundraiser

- Help Vista Ridge's Wrestling Team
- Vista Ridge FCCLA LifeSmarts
- Vista Charter School GOCR
- Vista Point Dive Park Renovation
- Bogges Ridge
- Blue Ridge High School Values Conference



Dates and Deadlines:

- Within 2 week of State LifeSmarts Championship – 2024 State Confirmation Form and Reservation Numbers Form Due
- **NEW** TBA – LEAP into LifeSmarts – Optional Zoom meetings for team members with our LifeSmarts LEAP panel to meet new friends and ask questions.
- 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 but book earlier for the best room choices
- March 19: State Winning Coach Zoom 2 at 3:00 PM EST (Coaches **required** to attend one of the two Zooms)
- March 28: [Anti-counterfeiting digital poster team entry due](#) – Optional for stipends
- March 28: [Deadline for Identity Theft Essay Contest Application](#) – Optional for individual
- March 29: Deadline for [Team Roll Call Recording](#) entries
- April 5: Recorded Coach and Captain orientation shared
- April 5: [Stipend form](#) due (includes OTC Medicine Safety Team Award presentations for travel stipends and Anti-Counterfeiting Digital Poster Contest which was due previously. See page 14 of [Coach Memo](#))
- April 5: [LifeSparks Team Achievement Award](#) Due
- April 7: [Deadline for OTC Medicine Safety Scholarship Application](#)– Optional for individual entries
- 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 – Must be completed prior to the event!
- April 15: Deadline for [Coach of the Year](#) nominations– Must be completed prior to the event!
- 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: Travel stipends updates, when you will know your sister team and more!

Until next week,
The LifeSmarts Team

P.S. Be sure to have your students follow us on Instagram and Facebook for competition topics and question leaks!

Here is your third Championship Clue!

