







Skills Ontario Summer Camps develop skills, career awareness in youth Skills Ontario helps youth to explore skilled trades and technologies careers at 26 camps across Ontario

Ontario – This summer, nearly 400 students across the province will begin exploring future career options in the skilled trades and technologies at Skills Ontario Summer Camps. These week-long camps offer skilled trades and technologies workshops, industry tours, and mentorship. Held at 26 locations across Ontario, each camp hosts a range of hands-on workshops, depending on the specialization of the host college or industry facility, allowing for unique sets of experiences across the province.

Workshops at the camps can include construction, heavy equipment service, GIS and horticulture, LEGO robotics, culinary arts, aviation, and more! Each camp also features games and entrepreneurship activities.

"The Skills Ontario Summer Camps aim to provide awareness of skilled trade and technology careers," says Solange Saraiva, Summer Camp Coordinator at Skills Ontario. "Through fun, hands-on activities this program provides an opportunity for young people to explore a range of viable career options, the apprenticeship pathway, relevant courses they can take in high school, and recognize how vital employability skills are to their future success."

Skills Ontario Summer Camps are hosted in partnership with Magna, Hydro One, the Government of Ontario, and many local colleges and other industry organizations, whose investment in these camps show their dedication to skill development for youth in Ontario.

Encouraging all youth, including young women and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth, to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies is a key strategic mission of Skills Ontario. Once again this summer, Skills Ontario is pleased to offer All-Girls' and All-Boys' camps, as well as a Francophone camp in Sudbury at Collège Boréal. Additionally, Skills Ontario is thrilled to host a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit-focused camp in partnership with Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute, M'Chigeeng, Manitoulin Island (July 19 & 20) and a Francophone camp at Collège Boréal in Timmins (August 13-17).

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario is building Ontario's skilled trades and technologies workforce. We enable and empower all youth, including women and Aboriginal youth, to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Engagement with students, teachers, parents, volunteers, employers and mentors ensure our programs connect education, experience, and employment. We deliver in-school presentations across Ontario, host Canada's largest skills competition, run summer camps for skills development and connect students to employers. We are focused on growth sectors such as construction and infrastructure, technology innovation, and hospitality services.

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Associated Links

VIDEO: Skills Ontario Summer Camps <u>English</u> | <u>French</u> <u>Skills Ontario Summer Camp Program</u> Skills Ontario Media Kit

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