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# Skills Ontario offers virtual Summer Camps, encourages youth across Ontario to explore the skilled trades and technologies

**Ontario (June 12, 2020)** – Skills Ontario is thrilled to provide Ontario youth with the opportunity to participate in the virtual Summer Camp program, offering digital tours and activities for campers to explore the skilled trades and tech while at home. With activities in coding, bike and car repair, game design, architecture, and many more, youth can develop their skills and learn about their career paths through virtual workshops lead by Skills Ontario staff and skilled professionals.

“We’re proud to have adapted our Summer Camp program to be entirely virtual,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “It is crucial for youth to not only explore opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies, but also to build their skills for the workforce and consider what career path is right for them. The skilled trades and technologies offer incredible pathways, and it is Skills Ontario’s mission to highlight that to youth and to help support Ontario’s future leaders’ career exploration journeys.”

Sponsored by the Government of Ontario and Magna, the Skills Ontario Summer Camp program is providing youth with fun, interactive virtual activities to build skills and learn about the rewarding and fulfilling opportunities in the skilled trades and tech.

Over seven weeks, students entering grades 7, 8, and 9 all across the province can select and participate in skilled trade and technology workshops that interest them. With 191 experiential learning sessions across 32 different subjects, students are encouraged to sign up for multiple activities, workshops, presentations, and panels that pique their interest. More information on this initiative, including how to register, can be found at [skillsontario.com/camp](https://skillsontario.com/camp).

Skills Ontario can also be found on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @skillsontario, on [LinkedIn](#) at “Skills Ontario”, and on [Facebook](#) at “Skills Canada - Ontario.” Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

## Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the last 30 years, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women’s and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada’s largest skilled trades and technologies competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario’s youth, visit [skillsontario.com/get-involved](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

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