

Field Trip Information – Skills Ontario Competition

May 6-7, 2024 – Viewing the Competition and Showcase Booths are free and open to the public! Conferences and workshops will also take place during these dates, registration required. Closing Ceremonies morning of May 8, 2024.



1. Location: [Toronto Congress Centre](#)

- a. Main Entrance: 650 Dixon Rd, Rear Entrance: 1020 Martin Grove Boulevard
- b. It is strongly recommended to arrive early to allow ample time for various factors, including the expansive size of the event venue (500,000 sq.ft utilized, equivalent to almost 9 football fields), parking locations, and navigating to the building. The main entrance at 650 Dixon Road experiences high traffic, particularly for those traveling eastbound on Dixon and needing to make a left turn, with reported wait times of up to 30 minutes or more during peak periods. An alternative is the rear entrance at 1020 Martin Grove Road. This entrance typically has lower traffic. Please review the parking map before your arrival, see below.

2. Parking, Bus Drop-Off, and Bus Pick-Up

- a. All buses must use the rear entrance at 1020 Martin Grove Road and use the parking lot provided for drop-off and pick-up. Any busses dropping off in front of the Delta Hotel, or other locations, authorities will be called. Please ensure bus drivers are aware and follow the map located on the Skills Ontario website: <https://www.skillsontario.com/competition-visitors#Bus>
- b. There is no parking on site for busses (upwards of 500 over 2 days). Please follow the Route to Bus Parking map located on the Skills Ontario Website: <https://www.skillsontario.com/competition-visitors#Bus>

3. Code of Conduct and Harassment - <https://www.skillsontario.com/code-of-conduct> and <https://www.skillsontario.com/harassment-policy>

- a. ZERO TOLERANCE for Harassment, Violence and Disruptive Behavior. Violators may be expelled and face legal action. Remind visitors to refrain from disturbing competitors, as any form of communication with those outside the contest may result in disqualification. Additionally, ensure visitors avoid disruptive behavior such as purposefully making loud noises, attempting to reach over pipe and drape barriers to take items not belonging to them, or causing any property damage to the venue inside and outside.

4. Food and Seating - <https://www.skillsontario.com/competition-visitors#Food>

- a. Food will be available for purchase from different sources during the event, both onsite and offsite. Line-ups may be long as the event sees upwards of 37,000 spectators over the 2 days, and is recommended that you bring a backpack with lunch, snacks and/or a drink with you, as other options and/or to avoid line-ups.
- b. Sitting on carpeted areas and/or the consumption of food on carpeted areas is strictly prohibited.
- c. A food truck food court will be available on-site, as well as a Lunch Tent and other seating areas throughout the venue. All on-site (with dietary options listed) and local off-site are listed on the Skills Ontario website

5. Safety - <https://www.skillsontario.com/skills-ontario-competition#Safety>

- a. Refer to the Skills Ontario website for comprehensive information on all on-site safety-related matters.

6. School Trip Tips - <https://www.skillsontario.com/competition-visitors#TipSheet>

- a. Visit the Skills Ontario website for a comprehensive guide containing valuable tips to enhance the planning of an enjoyable. The guide covers topics such as Lost & Found, Missing Persons, recommendations, and more.

7. Floor Plan - <https://www.skillsontario.com/competition-visitors#FloorPlan>

- a. This is available on the Skills Ontario website, the Skills Ontario App, as well as printed copies on site. It is highly advisable to review this information prior to arrival to familiarize yourselves with the layout and establish meeting spots. A sensory legend will be located on the floor plan, for sensory icons located at contest areas. The aisle ways can be very busy areas. There is a quiet space offered if a person requires to avoid the crowds or noise for their personal well being. The Reflection Room is for the use of individual reflection, meditation, rest or prayer. This is not a location for phone calls or to work. Please be respectful.

8. Bathrooms: There are bathrooms throughout the building, which are all accessible washrooms. There is also have an all-gender washroom available.

9. Social Media

- a. Be sure to use the hashtag #SOC2024 for all posts and tag @SkillsOntario !