

The Ontario Technological Skills Competition MAY 2 — 4, 2011 at RIM Park

1800 Competitors

63 Contest Areas

30,000 Visitors

Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) will draw 1800 student competitors to wow judges, crowds

BUILD, FIX, DESIGN, CREATE — four small words that can be used to describe everyday actions in the wide-ranging world of skilled trades and technologies. At this year's Ontario Technological Skills competition, all of these abilities will be demonstrated in full force, as 1800 high school and post-secondary students construct, repair, devise or craft everything from complicated small engines to breathtaking floral displays.

For the 22nd time in as many years, Skills Canada- Ontario will host the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC), an Olympics-style skilled trades spectacle that welcomes hundreds of young competitors from across the province, each hoping to win a medal in their area of expertise. There are 63 contests in total, turning RIM Park and Manulife Financial Sportsplex into 325,000 square feet of electronics, lumber, plants, construction materials, computers, cosmetics, food, engines, and high-tech components. 30,000 visitors will be on sensory overload as they watch the young competitors display jaw-dropping skills amidst the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that such a staggering variety of contests brings.

Admission to the event, Canada's largest skills competition, is free.

Visitors will watch competitors vie for gold, silver and bronze medals in a broad assortment of categories, including such specialties as computer animation, culinary arts, carpentry, auto body repair, masonry, aesthetics — the list goes on. Winners will be announced at the closing ceremonies at Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex on May 4, 2011. Top competitors will also be in line for several scholar-ships sponsored by industry and professional associations. Skills Canada-Ontario counts on hundreds of volunteers and the financial support of businesses, government and educational partners to make the OTSC a reality.

Competitors who win gold in most of the OTSC contests will advance to the Skills Canada National Competition, which takes place this year in Quebec City June 1-4, 2011.

Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting careers in the skilled trades and technologies to young people in Ontario. Through a variety of interactive programs, competitions and events, Skills Canada – Ontario champions and facilitates the development of world-class technological and employability skills in Ontario youth.