"Skills Work!", Camp

Exploring Careers in Skilled Trades and Technologies One Hands-on Activity at a Time

CULINARY

WORKSHOP LEADER

BACKGROUNDER: Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of youth and the prosperity of industry in Ontario. We strive to promote the skilled trades and technologies as viable, first choice career options for young people. In addition to our many programs and events offered during the school year, the "Skills Work!®"Camp is a week-long summer day camp (9:00am - 4:00pm) for students entering grade 7 and 8, or 12 - 13 years of age. The program includes a variety of activities designed to increase awareness of employability skills, showcase local employers through industry tours and instill excitement in the many career options through hands-on workshops. Workshops are drawn from the following sectors: Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, Service and Communication.

THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER: The goal of a workshop is to introduce and

educate students about a particular skilled

trade or technology through hands-on activities that explore processes and techniques. Ideally, the workshops are a minimum of 2 - 3 hours in length and will emphasize the experience of doing and building vs. observing a demonstration. There will be a maximum of 16 students per camp, with 2 Skills Canada - Ontario instructors in attendance at all times. It is recommended that students are divided into smaller groups at various workstations to ensure greater understanding and engagement. The hands-on project should be age appropriate, which would provide enough challenge to make it interesting, but not overwhelming. Keeping in mind very basic or "foundation" tasks will still be new to many of the participants. Time should be allotted for students to explore and practice the fundamentals before embarking onto the final project when at all possible. Our hope is to instill a sense of personal pride that results from creating and building something tangible.

SUCCESS STORIES:

Hands-on activities have included full menu preparation that included such items as lasagna, chicken cordon bleu,

custom pizzas and sandwiches, shish-ka-bobs, Caesar salad, tossed salads, cakes. cookies and fruit cups. Participants have been given tips on knife cutting techniques and flavour comparisons. Ideally a commercial kitchen and equipment provide a professional setting and whenever possible apprentices to assistant. Students have been involved in kitchen sanitation to ensure proper pre-and post clean up. Many students ask to wash the dishes when using a Hobart.



Safety First

All workshop leaders are requested to start off their activity with an overview stressing safety practices that need to observed in the work shop/classroom. A full set of safety glasses are provided by SCO. Additional personal safety items required for workshops are to be confirmed by the workshop leader or the host facility with the camp coordinator.

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:

In many cases, the workshop leader may be more familiar with the supplies that are available at their particular workshop location. For example, many workshop leaders are also college instructors and the work-

shop is held in their own classroom/shop. If you have specific consumable supply requirements please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure every student has what they will need in order to participate fully. We ask that volunteers provide a summary of their activity and a list of consumable costs in advance. This summer program is offered on a modest budget, donations are greatly appreciated. See reverse side for the submission fax form that enables you to outline your activity plans and potential supply costs.

Thank you for your interest! By leading a workshop you will have an opportunity to showcase your industry and organization in a fun and informative way to youth within your area. For additional information on the program within your community or workshop ideas and tips please contact the Summer Camp Coordinator at Skills Canada - Ontario at 1-807-684-8853.



Participants in "Skills Work! "" Camp, Manitoulin, 2005



WORKSHOP RESPONSE FORM FOR VOLUNTEER

Workshop Leader Name(s)			Please indicate available days/times to host workshop.		
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Organiza	tion	Monday			
		Tuesday			
Contact p	phone E-mail	Wednesday			
Worksho	p Location, Room #.	Thursday			
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Please inclu	total time required for workshop:ude the career path to enter your field of work and the importance of logy as part of your discussion with the students.		(This will be used as a guideline for scheduling, confirmation to follow.)		
	Thank you for sharing your time and enthusiasm w	rith the participants within your communi	ity.		
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