

## **Skills Ontario opens registration for virtual workshops, provides more opportunities for youth to explore skilled trade and technology careers**

**Ontario (June 2, 2021)** – Skills Ontario has officially opened registration for its July virtual workshops. Through this program, Skills Ontario staff, volunteers, and partners host fun and engaging skilled trade and tech-related workshops, demonstrations, virtual tours, and presentations. With sessions running from July 5<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, participants can build their summer schedule and sign up for sessions that pique their interest. There is no fee to participating.

“As an organization dedicated to inspiring Ontarians to explore skilled careers, we look forward to hosting sessions for youth across Ontario,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “The skilled trades and technologies offer a vast variety of career paths, and we aim to showcase that through our fun and diverse array of workshops. We’re thrilled to continue to deliver programs that empower and inspire Ontarians.”

Virtual workshops are open to all ages, however are typically suited to grades 7, 8, and 9. Each event’s individual registration page provides details regarding difficulty level and required skills. Some sessions include a free hands-on kit that will be shipped to registered participants. Sessions will also run in August, with sign-up set to open on June 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information on virtual workshops, visit [skillsontario.com/camp](https://skillsontario.com/camp).

At the start of the pandemic, Skills Ontario made the pivot to virtual learning, providing existing programs through a remote setting, as well as developing new initiatives so that young Ontarians could continue to explore skilled trade and technology careers from home. The virtual workshop program runs in place of the summer camp program, which is a series of in-person day camps for youth. The summer camp program is funded by the Government of Ontario and Magna, and Promotion is a contributing sponsor of the virtual workshop program. With the support of partners, Skills Ontario reaches thousands of Ontarians across the province with an aim to inspire career exploration.

Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

### **About Skills Ontario**

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs to inspire and engage youth since 1989, including presentations, career exploration events, competitions, summer camps, and Young Women’s and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit workshops and conferences. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit [skillsontario.com/get-involved](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

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