

SKILLS ONTARIO SUMMER CAMPS



Skills 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.

This summer program for **students entering grade 7, 8 and 9** was developed by Skills Ontario after the publication of a significant number of industry, labour, and government reports warning of a critical skills shortage and the need for a workforce with strong transferable skills.

The importance of this program is two-fold. First, there is a need for elementary students to be aware of every career opportunity available to them prior to attending high school. Secondly, they also must be cognizant of the required skill development, both technical and soft, necessary to succeed in the changing world of work.

During the week-long day camp students participate in approximately four half-day skill development workshops hosted by local professionals. Examples of past workshops have highlighted the following sectors: Transportation, Construction, Manufacturing, Communication, and Service. Students have changed tires, experienced radio programming, prepared delicious culinary meals, learned the basics of welding and electrical wiring, assembled projects out of sheet metal, and have fabricated a variety of wooden items. Workshop content varies from one year to the next, depending on available facilities and volunteers.

In addition to workshops, tours of (or visits from) local industries are often arranged. This enables students to see first-hand the careers that are available within their own community and get a glimpse of an average work day for someone who is employed in the skilled trade sectors. These tours of local industries provide the link from what the students learn about at the camp to the world of work.

This one week camp runs at various locations across the province during the months of July and August. It takes place Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and is offered to students entering grade 7, 8 or 9 at a cost of \$175/ participant. There is typically a maximum of 16 campers in the program.

For more information, please visit:

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For students going into grades 7, 8 and 9

Inspiring the next generation of skilled trade and technology professionals!

Explore skilled trade and technology careers as you **build, fix, design** and **create** your way through this fun, week-long day camp experience.

INDUSTRY
WORKSHOPS

HANDS-ON
ACTIVITIES

INTERACTIVE
GAMES

SKILL-BUILDING
CHALLENGES

Online registration opens January 18th, 2017

Space is limited! Register early to avoid disappointment.

Summer 2017 Locations include (subject to change):

- Guelph
- Belleville
- Whitby
- Toronto
- Vaughan
- Welland
- Stoney Creek
- Thunder Bay
- Kitchener/Waterloo
- Windsor
- Tiverton
- Owen Sound
- Midland
- Sudbury

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