

2017 SKILLS CANADA NATIONAL COMPETITION

HIGHLIGHTS

- Free Event, open to the public June 1 and 2
- Over 40 competitions representing six sectors: Construction; Employment; Information Technology; Manufacturing and Engineering; Transportation; Service
- Over 550 secondary and post secondary competitors from across Canada
- Approximately 10,000 student visitors from Manitoba – middle school, high school and post-secondary
- Over 50 Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities
- Focus on the importance of the nine Essential Skills in the skilled trades and technologies; *Working with Others* is the Essential Skill being profiled at SCNC 2017
- Canada 150: A group of 40 Skills Canada alumni is in attendance at various locations throughout the competition, speaking to youth and promoting career paths in skilled trades and technologies.
- Essential Skills stage: several Skills Canada partners will highlight their trade or technology through interactive demonstrations during the two days of competition
- Essentials Skills Forum/Stakeholder Roundtable, in partnership with Canadian Apprenticeship Forum. Theme: Building blocks for youth success in trades
- Essential Skills Webcast, live from the RBC Convention Centre. Panels consisting of industry, education, labour and celebrities, discuss the importance of Essential Skills
- Dedicated “Career Zone” where over 60 industry partners will demonstrate their brand, trade or occupation through interactive activities
- VIP networking events attended by corporate sponsors, suppliers, educators, industry partners, labour, and government stakeholders
- WorldSkills Team Canada 2017 competitors working on a two-day training project. This group will be competing at the 44th WorldSkills Competition, in Abu Dhabi, in October 2017
- International competitors invited for WorldSkills training opportunities
- **First time:** SCC is producing a mini series for web or TV on the landscape gardening competition
- **First time:** SCC through a partnership with Vale and CAF 17 Wing Winnipeg are able to provide students from Nelson House Manitoba with a special SCNC experience. There are 43 students and 6 chaperones arriving on May 31 and CAF 17 Wing Winnipeg will be hosting this group for May 31 to June 2. A special schedule of events has been prepared for this group to highlight the career and education opportunities available in the skilled trades and technologies

PURPOSE

- Provide competitors and student visitors with hands-on experience
- Get Canada’s youth to consider skilled trade and technology careers as a viable, rewarding option
- Engage with industry leaders, educators and political decision makers
- Ensure that Canada remains at the forefront of competitive advantage in the global economy
- Promote awareness of the nine Essential Skills through Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities hosted by educators and industry experts

IN ADDITION

- Over \$3.5 million in-kind contributions towards the competition
- SCNC brings an economic impact of over \$2,500,000 to the host province
- Stanley DeWalt Tool Grant – approximately \$100,000 worth of tools used during the competition will be divided and gifted to eligible schools in the province, and Habitat for Humanity

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Paul LaFrance, Founder and CEO of Paul LaFrance Design, and host of HGTV Canada’s *Decked Out*, *Disaster Decks* and *Deck Wars*
- Kate Campbell of HGTV’s *Decked Out*, *Holmes on Homes*, and host of *Custom Built*
- Mike Holmes Jr. and Sherry Holmes of HGTV Canada’s *Holmes Makes It Right*
- Jeremy Senaris, runner up, *MasterChef Canada*, Season 3