

# **Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC)**

When: May 31 – June 3, 2017

Where: RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, MB

**Free Admission** 

## **School Visits FAQ**

## Is there a cost for our school to attend the Skills Canada National Competition?

No, for the two days of competition, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, access to the event site and all activities are free.

## If our school is interested in attending, how can we register?

If your school is interested in attending, please go to the <u>Skills Canada National Competition Registration page</u> –School Visits section to register. Once you register, a confirmation email will be sent to you. The school groups page on the Skills Canada website will also contain a link to required documents. It is your responsibility to consult these documents and to have the required forms filled out ahead of time.

## Is lunch provided for school tours?

No, lunch is not provided. However, students are encouraged to bring their own lunch since there will be a designated area in the York Ballroom, where they can eat their lunch. There are also concessions onsite as well as a buffet should students prefer to purchase their lunch.

#### Is there a bus drop-off?

Both drop-off and pick-up will take place on Carlton Street, parallel to the RBC Centre.

#### Will someone meet us when we arrive?

A volunteer will meet your bus as you arrive and will give you a bag that will include for each student: a visitor guide (which includes a floor map and additional information on all the activities), Essential Skills passports, pencils and wristbands as required.

#### Could our school attend the opening and/or closing ceremony?

Yes, schools can attend the ceremonies by buying tickets. Tickets can be purchased on the Skills Canada website as of January 31st, 2017.

## What's the deadline for registering my school group?

You have until May 26<sup>th</sup> to register your school online. After May 26<sup>th</sup> the online system will be closed but you can still register your group by sending an email to schooltours@skillscanada.com

## Is my registration final?

Once you have completed your registration, you will be able to make changes online up until **May 26**<sup>th</sup>. After May 26<sup>th</sup>, changes or cancellations will need to be made by email at schooltours@skillscanada.com.

#### Is there free Wi-Fi?

Yes, free Wi-Fi will be accessible onsite.

#### Is there a First Aid station onsite?

Yes, there is a First Aid station at the event and roaming safety officers to provide guidance.

## Where are the closest hospital, clinic and pharmacy?

## <u>Hospital</u>

St. Boniface Hospital 409 Taché Ave, Winnipeg, MB (204) 233-8563

#### Walk-in clinics

Boyd Medical Clinic 384 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB (204) 942-7434

Eaton Place Medical Clinic 81 - 333 St-Mary Ave., Winnipeg, MB (204) 942-0933

#### Pharmacy

Shoppers Drug Mart 2 – 360 Main St, Winnipeg, MB (204) 956-0944

#### Pharmasave

3111-D Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB (204) 615-1144

## Are there car and/or bus parking onsite?

Yes. Parking is available and rates do apply.

## Do we need to bring the release forms with us?

Yes. You must submit your signed release forms upon arrival onsite. Students arriving without a signed release form will be allowed into the event and will be able to partake in most of the Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities. The Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities requiring a release form will be identified with signage.

## How will you know which student submitted their release form and which ones did not?

Every student who submits his or her signed release form will be given a wristband. Only students with a wristband will be able to participate in those Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities that are more intense and have higher safety requirements.

#### **Dress code**

Students must wear long pants and closed toed shoes to participate in many of the Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities.

## Where can I find more general information about the event?

Visit the <u>Skills Canada National Competition landing page</u> on the <u>Skills Canada Homepage</u> for more information about the schedule of events, description of events, etc.

## Are there activities specific for teacher's onsite?

Yes, the <u>Essential Skills Forum</u> is specifically designed for teachers and instructors. The Essential Skills stage is open to the public and students but will also be very interesting for teachers.

#### Are there travel subsidies that my school can access?

Yes, there are bus travel subsidies that you can apply for which will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please see the SCNC Registration page to find the application.

# Who can I contact for other questions related to school visits at the Skills Canada National Competition?

If none of the above FAQs respond to your questions, please direct your inquiry to <a href="mailto:schooltours@skillscanada.com">schooltours@skillscanada.com</a> or to Chantal at 343-883-7545 x504.