

# EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEDIA

\*Please refer to the Program and Visitor Guides for the detailed SCNC 2017 Event Agenda.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

### OPENING CEREMONY

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.,  
York Ballroom, RBC Convention Centre

Attended by over 2,000 spectators, including competitors and their supporters, the SCNC Opening Ceremony will officially kick off the 23rd Skills Canada National Competition with an exciting and inspiring show including a parade of the provincial and territorial teams.

Please register on the day of the event at the Media Centre located on the ground level.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

### SCNC 2017 OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.,  
Second Level, Essential Skills Stage

Presented by UA Canada and TransCanada. Open to the media.

Come watch our special guests, including Kate Campbell and Paul Lafrance from HGTV who will participate in a paver challenge judged by Jeremy Senaris from MasterChef, Season 3.

### COMPETITION DAY 1

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Ground and Third Levels, RBC Convention Centre

Witness young Canadians from across the country compete to be the very best in their chosen skilled trade or technology. The best and brightest students will see their talents tested against exacting industry standards in hands-on competitions with their peers.

### TRY-A-TRADE® AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Ground and Third Levels, RBC Convention Centre

Over 50 Try-A-Trade® and Technology stations including activities related to: welding, cooking, video production, sheet metal work, car painting, fashion technology, mechanical CADD, plumbing, and many more. These activities enable visitors to put their skills to the test and get a feel for the trades. Visitors complete small projects that expose them to components of the trades. In many instances, visitors can bring home a product that they created with their own hands. Visitors are encouraged to fill out a passport where they identify the Essential Skills used at the various Try-a-Trade® and Technology activities. They can submit their passport for the opportunity to win a prize.

### ESSENTIALS SKILLS STAGE

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,  
Second Level, RBC Convention Centre

The Essential Skills (ES) program highlights the importance of the nine Essential Skills commonly used in skilled trade and technology careers. The Essential Skills stage will showcase over a dozen 30-minute interactive demonstrations. Skills/Compétences Canada partners will deliver presentations that show what it takes to work in a given trade or technology sector. Students will have the opportunity to participate in on-stage challenges and interactive activities aimed at highlighting Essential Skills with special emphasis on Working with Others which will be the key skill at SCNC 2017. See the Essential Skills Stage Schedule for more information.

### ESSENTIAL SKILLS FORUM/ STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,  
Assiniboia Room, Winnipeg Delta Hotel

At this session, we will look at three competency areas that young people must develop on the path to trades certification – essential skills, technical skills and employability skills – and brainstorm ways the apprenticeship community can better ensure parents and educators know what it takes to excel as an apprentice.

### ESSENTIAL SKILLS LIVE WEBCAST

10:00 - 3:00 PM  
(Watch live at <http://www.snwebcastcenter.com/webcast/skillscanada/201706.php>)

Skills/Compétences Canada will bring a live national webcast available to watch online. A series of special guests and celebrities will discuss the importance of the Essential Skills for success in education and trade and technology careers.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

### COMPETITION DAY 2

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

Ground and Third Levels, RBC Convention Centre

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

### CLOSING CEREMONY

12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.,

York Ballroom, RBC Convention Centre

Attended by 2,000 spectators, the Closing Ceremony will recognize all of SCNC 2017's champions.

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