

WorldSkills Calgary 2009, September 1-7

Canada is hosting the 40th WorldSkills Competition, an international trades and technology skills competition, in Calgary, Alberta from September 1 - 7, 2009. This event, the largest to take place in Calgary since the 1988 Olympics, promotes and displays skilled trades and technology careers to youth. The competition will involve more than 45 skill categories, including plumbing, baking, printing and web design.

- In May 2008, Premier Stelmach announced the Government of Alberta committed \$24 million to WorldSkills Calgary 2009.
- Additionally, Alberta Education committed up to \$4 million to pay costs incurred transporting thousands of students and their supervisors to the WorldSkills competition in Calgary.

Skills Road Show

- The Skills Road Show is a travelling truck and trailer, created to help publicize the 2009 WorldSkills event in Calgary, as well as promote trade and technology careers.
- The Skills Road Show will travel to many Alberta communities to present and display, as well as support hands-on interactive activities for students, allowing them to experience different trade and technology skills.
- The Skills Road Show is available for school and community events, such as career days. Schools can book the Skills Road Show by contacting Sean O'Reilly, WorldSkills Calgary 2009, by telephone at 403-774-5015 or by e-mail at sean.oreilly@worldskills2009.com.



Additional Information

For more information about WorldSkills Calgary 2009, visit Alberta Education's website at www.education.alberta.ca/departement/news/events/worldskills2009.aspx.

Further information about the upcoming competition is available on the WorldSkills Calgary 2009 official website at www.worldskills2009.com.