

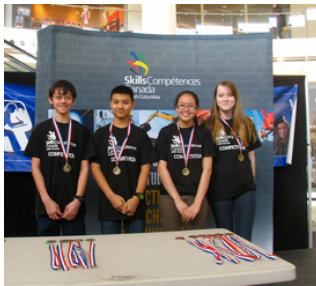
## SkillsBC Winter 2017 E-Newsletter

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### Happy New Year!

SkillsBC is geared up for another exciting year of competitions, events and programs for 2017.

SkillsBC acknowledges the support of all our essential volunteers and partners.



### Regional Competitions

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We're off to an early start this year with an outstanding competition held in Prince George on January 11 at the College of New Caledonia.

Thirteen other regional competitions will be held February-March, 2017 across the province.

Regionals competitions include Junior Skills events for grade 6-9's such as Sumo Robotics, Gravity Car, Spaghetti Bridge Building and Wind Turbine.

Regional competition dates, information and registration can be found here:

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/competitions/regional-competitions/>

Many Regional Competitions also host trade and technology activities which provide spectators with hands-on experiences.

These events provide opportunities for students in elementary, middle and secondary schools to showcase their talents to a local audience and to win an opportunity to compete in the Provincial Competition.

Stay tuned for the results and photos in our spring newsletter.



### Provincial Competitions

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The 23rd Annual Skills Canada BC Provincial Competition is coming up on April 5, 2017 at Tradex, Abbotsford.

Over 6000 students are expected to participate in career development activities as they watch over 500 competitors from post secondary, secondary, middle and elementary schools compete for medals and a place on TeamBC!

Gold medalists from the Provincial Competition will have the opportunity to compete at National Skills May 31-June 3 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Provincial Competition also features The Pathway to Careers Fair which provides career development resources to students from education, government & industry representatives and the opportunity to try out some exciting hands on activities.

Information on competition details, registration, pathways to careers fair and more here: <http://skillscanada.bc.ca/competitions/provincial-competitions/>

See photos from the previous year ...

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/skillscanadabc/sets/72157665073656704/>



## Skilled Trades & Technology Conference for Women

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The 2017 Skilled Trade & Technology Conference for Women will be hosted at the Abbotsford Tradex Convention Centre during the SkillsCanada BC Provincial competitions on April 5, 2017.

Women in the skilled trade and technology sectors will provide a morning of mentorship and networking.

The IBEW is the official conference partner again this year.

Registration for this event will open on February 15, 2017.

Registration and further information:

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/programs/trades-tech-for-women/>



## InSPIRE - In School Presentations: Inform! Relate! Excite!

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The **INSPIRE program (In-School Presentations)** is well underway for the 2016/2017 school year

This unique, in-school presentation provides teachers and students from grades 6 – 10 with a new perspective on skilled trades and technology careers through hands-on group based activities, videos and classroom discussion. Useful resources are provided to help with further exploration of career options.

Teachers can learn more about InSPIRE or register their classes at:

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/programs/inspire/>

Spaces are limited and fill up fast!

Skills Canada BC recognizes Stanley Dewalt, the IBEW and Kitimat LNG as the official partners for the 2016/2017 InSPIRE program.



## Cardboard Boat Race, Salmon Arm

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SkillsBC partnered with SD83 for a fun filled day of cardboard boat races on January 12, 2017 in Salmon Arm, BC.

Students showcased their creativity and sportsmanship by building handmade cardboard boats and then racing them in the pool. The Cardboard Boat Races challenge students in elementary, middle and secondary school grades to use teamwork, numeracy, literacy and problem solving skills to create their own floating race vessels while having lots of fun at the same time.

Learn more...

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/programs/cardboard-boat-races/>

More photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/skillscanadabc/sets/72157675437435473/>