

Special Events

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies focus on the culture and passion embodied by over 900 world-class Competitors and 3,500 Delegates, visitors and Experts from 51 member countries/regions at WorldSkills Calgary 2009. The Ceremonies are an opportunity for Canada to showcase local talent and to welcome and thank all visitors.

Opening Ceremony at the Calgary Stampede Grandstand

Date and time: September 1, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Doors open: 5 p.m.
 Location: Calgary Stampede Grandstand (1410 Olympic Way S.E.)

The Opening Ceremony will pump up Competitors and their supporters, offering a glimpse of the week ahead. Dignitary speeches from WorldSkills Calgary 2009, WorldSkills International and government leaders will be complemented by a wide variety of entertainment displaying the diversity of Canadian culture, ending with an impressive fireworks display. The Parade of Nations will honour and introduce all Competitors to the spectators.

Closing Ceremony at the Calgary Stampede Corral

Date and time: September 6, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Doors open: 5 p.m.
 Location: Calgary Stampede Corral (1410 Olympic Way S.E.)

The Corral at Stampede Park will host the Closing Ceremony, where WorldSkills Champions in each of the 45 skill categories will receive awards and medals. As this is the official closing of the 40th WorldSkills Competition, the WorldSkills flag will be passed from WorldSkills Calgary 2009 to the next Competition host, WorldSkills London 2011.

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The 40th WorldSkills Competition is coming to Calgary, Alberta, Canada from September 1 – 7, 2009. The organizing committee, WorldSkills Calgary 2009, is leading the event coordination with support from WorldSkills International, Skills/Compétences Canada, and Skills Canada Alberta.