The Royal AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

AgScape®

Education Programs

at the Royal

thinkAG Career Competition

Come and join us for AgScape's and the Royal's thinkAG Career Competitions—an exciting opportunity for your students to explore the agriculture and food sector in an engaging, hands-on way. During this in-person event, your students will rotate in groups and choose the booths they would like to engage with, based on their interests. The participating booths will be clearly marked on the event map, allowing your students to plan their experience.

At each booth, industry representatives from across the food system will introduce themselves, facilitate a 5-8 minute hands-on activity related to their career or field, and answer any questions your students may have. This is a fantastic opportunity for your students to learn about various careers within the food and agriculture industry and get a glimpse into the diverse opportunities available in this sector.

Each group will collect points for their active participation, which they'll track on a score card provided at the event. At the end of the competition, please have your students submit their score cards. The group with the most points will win a prize!

We're excited to have you and your students join us for this enriching and educational experience.

Feel free to watch this video of a past thinkAG event!

Details

Date: Monday, November 4

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Flexible for when you can come and leave)

Location: The Discovery Zone - Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

SIGN UP

thinkAG Career Competition

FAQ

Do I need to stay for the full 2 hours of the program?

No, you are able to join the Career Competition at any point between 11:00 - 1:00 and can decide to leave at any point.

What ages is this program for?

Any class/students in grades 6-12 can join this program.

How do I know where to go?

A map will be provided to you at the beginning of the competition with the participating booths highlighted. Find a booth that doesn't have any class at it yet and begin!

Does my entire class need to stay together, or can they break into groups?

We recommend that you (the teacher) stay with your entire class and rotate to each booth. The booth leaders are ready for groups up to 30 students. Feel free to break your class into two if it is large, just make sure each group has a leader.

How does my class get points?

Your class will participate in an activity at each station. They get points based on their engagement, communication, and participation!

What do we do with our score card?

Please submit your score card at the AgScape booth to be receive your prize and be entered to win a large prize.

What will we be doing at each booth?

At each booth you will learn from about agriculture and food careers by talking with the booth leaders and participating in an activity!

Agriculture & Food Workshop - Local Food

Join AgScape at The Royal for a student agricultural & food education workshop! In this engaging, curriculum-connected workshop, students will explore the topic of local food and learn how their food choices are connected to their environment, community, and their own well-being.

Workshop Description

What does the word “local” really mean when it comes to our food systems here in Ontario? Depending on things like location, season and which foods are readily available, the definition can shift. Learning how to navigate making food decisions includes understanding where your food comes from and identifying what factors are most important to each of us. In this workshop, we will explore these concepts and help students develop food awareness and confidence in the role they play – every day – in Canada’s food system.

Curriculum Connections:

Health & Phys Ed – Making Food Choices, Social & Nutritional considerations when making food decisions.

Food & Nutrition – Understanding food systems (transport, careers, labels, etc.); making food decisions.

Social Studies – Social & Environmental considerations while engaging in the food system and making personal food decisions.

Details

Dates: Tuesday November 5th & Wednesday November 6th

Times: 11:30am (Gr. 4-6) ,12:30pm (Gr. 7-8) and 1:15pm (Gr. 9+)

Duration: 30 minutes each

Locations: Theatre

Agriculture & Food Workshop - Local Food FAQ

Who is this workshop for?

This workshop is for Gr 4 - 9 students, as well as teachers and educational staff.

Can I sign up for any of the workshop times?

We ask that you please sign up for the time slot that corresponds with your class's grade level. Each session's content will be adapted to suite grade level curriculum expectations, and may become too easy or advanced if signing up for the wrong grade range.

Do I need to stay with my class for the duration of the workshop?

Yes, each class attending must be accompanied by their teacher or adult supervisors for the full duration of the workshop.

What will be students be doing for the workshop?

The workshop entails a 20 minute presentation with a hands on activity portion, as well as a 10 minute block for Q & A.

Who are the presenters leading the workshop?

Skilled and experienced Ontario educators from the AgScape team will be leading the workshops with your students. They have a wide range of experience in agricultural education, and would be happy to answer any questions attending teachers may have on how to extend agriculture and food education in their own classrooms.