

Simcoe County Heritage Fair

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

What is Heritage Fair?

- A national fair program that includes more than 263,000 students across Canada each year
- A dynamic hands-on learning environment
- An opportunity to promote interest in Canadian history and heritage
- A chance for students to share their history knowledge in creative ways
- An opportunity to provide recognition for student achievement

Who participates?

- Selected students from participating Grade 4-9 classes from participating schools (**due to space limitations the Simcoe County Heritage Fair welcomes projects from grades 4-8**)
- Students from all provinces and territories in Canada

Why participate?

- Preparing for Heritage Fairs gives students the opportunity to follow an area of interest, develop passion for a topic and share their new knowledge and understanding in ways that are motivating and unique
- The process promotes literacy skills, critical thinking, research skills and supports curriculum expectations
- Participation in a Fair engages citizenship skills and provides an opportunity to network with other students

When is the Simcoe County Heritage Fair?

- Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- The project winners of each Provincial Award and up to five local awards can be submitted to participate in a virtual Provincial Heritage Fair. Guidelines for submission will be available in early March.
- The Simcoe County Fair can send student representatives to a Regional Fair on a Saturday in June (this date will be confirmed in early March). Students will have the opportunity to meet students from other local fairs and visit a local attraction.

Where is the Simcoe County Heritage Fair held?

- The Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Highway 26, Minesing, Ontario.
- If you need directions, visit the Museum website at museum.simcoe.ca or call 705-728-3721.

The Ontario Heritage Fairs Association is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of Canadian history and its importance in shaping our future.

The Ontario Heritage Fairs Association (OHFA) website www.ohfa.ca and the National website www.historyociety.ca/fairs are free and contain important resources and valuable information about the Heritage Fairs programs.

Simcoe County Heritage Fair Timeline 2024

| Event | Date |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline to submit completed <i>School Registration/Intent to Participate</i> forms. Link to Intent Form | February 9, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline for Fair Coordinator to <i>inform participating teachers about how many students from their class will be able to attend the Fair</i>, based on Museum capacity and number of schools participating. Teachers will also receive a Teacher & Student Handbook and Student Signup List by this time. | February 23, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline to submit completed <i>Heritage Fair Student Signup Lists</i> to meredith.patterson@simcoe.ca | March 29, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Simcoe County Heritage Fair</i> | Wednesday, April 24, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Regional Heritage Fair</i> | June 2024 |