

WHO

Career Trek Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that helps young people discover the importance of education and career development by providing hands-on career oriented programming at post-secondary institutions across Manitoba.

WHAT

Career Trek Inc. programming helps children and youth develop essential skills for life and learning, building a foundation for a skilled workforce, a responsible community, and a thriving economy. By exposing children to direct career activity in up to 80 occupations and professions, they become aware of multiple career opportunities and begin to get a sense of their likes, dislikes, and interests.

WHEN

Career Trek Inc. has four programs that run on the weekends and three that run on weekday evenings. Program lengths vary from three weekends to 20 Saturdays, depending on the program.

WHERE

Career Trek Inc. runs programs in the Winnipeg, Westman, Parkland, and NOR-MAN regions of Manitoba and visits local post-secondary institutions such as The University of Manitoba, The University of Winnipeg, Red River College, Brandon University, Assiniboine Community College, University College of the North, and the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy.

WHY

Career Trek Inc. believes that everyone that has education and career dreams should be able to make them a reality. Our unique model blends rural, urban, suburban, aboriginal, non-aboriginal, and newcomer children and youth in order to break down barriers, build understanding, and create the sense of community that is an essential part of education and career success.

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Wonder of Work

The **Wonder of Work** Program aims to give kids the broadest career-sampling experience possible, opening their eyes to a world of self-discovery, career options, and empowerment.

From Archaeologist to Chef, Police Officer to Electrician, each year 180 children aged 10-and-11 are nominated by their schools to experience over 40 occupations and professions at Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College.

For 12 weeks from November-to-March, kids spend up to five hours each Saturday participating in hands-on education and career focused experiences.

The **Wonder of Work** lets children have fun uncovering their likes, dislikes, and potential. They are inspired to see the link between education, career development, and personal success, while learning to take charge of their unique career paths.

With the **Wonder of Work**, children become their own career champions.



Programming

Career Trek partners with Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College to immerse kids in a world of education and career development.

Career Trek's life-altering programming provides children with hands-on experience in the following areas of study:

Brandon University

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Education
- Political Studies

Assiniboine Community College

- Agriculture and Environment
- Applied Counselling
- Business Administration
- Construction Trades
- Early Childhood Education
- Health Studies
- Languages
- Manitoba Institute for Culinary Arts
- Media and Web Design
- Piping and Electrician Trades
- Police Studies

Note: For a full list of occupations and professions see the Family Handbook.



Expectations

In order for **Wonder of Work** to be successful, participants, their families, and partnering schools need to be committed to the program.

Students are expected to maintain excellent attendance, actively engage in lessons, and contribute to a respectful positive learning environment.



Fee: there is a participation fee of \$20 for joining the program.

Transportation: bus service is provided to all participants.

Graduation: at the end of the program participants attend a formal graduation ceremony in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

Family Days: during the program year, two Family Days are scheduled so that friends and relatives of participants get to experience a day in the life of a Trekker.