

2025 York Region Tree Bee

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the York Region Tree Bee?

A: The York Region Tree Bee is a free, interdisciplinary program that can enrich any subject! From history, math, music, science, physical education and beyond Tree Bee can help to engage students in environmental learning while meeting Ontario curriculum expectations. Students will use provided learning materials and tools to grow their knowledge and are encouraged to participate in a friendly virtual competition against their peers.

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the York Region Tree Bee?

A: Students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 (ages 9 to 12) are eligible to participate in the York Region Tree Bee. Participants must either live in, or belong to a school, community group or club located in York Region.

Q: How do I register my class or group for the York Region Tree Bee?

A: Registration for the York Region Tree Bee will open September 12, 2025, visit york.ca/TreeBee to secure your spot! Once registered, educators will be provided with virtual resources.

Q: Is there a registration deadline?

A: Yes! Groups must register no later than 2:00 pm (ET) on November 19, 2025. If you wish to receive Tree Bee resource materials after this deadline, please email education@forestscanada.ca.

Q: How many people can participate per class or organization?

A: York Region Tree Bee tests must be completed by minimum of two participants per team, up to a maximum of 35, team breakdown is at the discretion of the registrant. If you are interested in participating but your group is larger than 35 students, please email education@forestcanada.ca.

Q: When and where will the York Region Tree Bee be held?

A: The York Region Tree Bee test will be hosted online through Google Forms starting at 9 a.m. (ET) on November 24, 2025 and close at 9 p.m. (ET) on November 30. If your group requires a Word version of the test, please email education@forestscanada.ca. It is estimated the test will take an average of 60 minutes to complete.

Q: How can my class or group prepare for the York Region Tree Bee competition?

A: Your group is encouraged to prepare for the York Region Tree Bee using a provided Tree Bee Resource kit, online tools and practice tests. Resources will be shared following registration and through the [Tree Bee home page The Hive](#). You are encouraged to share your groups preparation journey on social media using the hashtag #TreeBee2025.

Q: Are participants allowed to use resource materials when completing the York Region Tree Bee test?

A: Yes, participants may complete the Tree Bee test with the aid of resource materials.

Q: How is the winning team determined?

A: The winning York Region team is determined using testing scores. For registrants with multiple teams, score will be determined by the average of submitted tests, up to seven tests per class/group.

Q: When will the winner be announced?

A: The winner of the York Region Tree Bee will be announced December 10, 2025 on York Region and Forests Canada social media channels. Teams receiving a prize pack will also be contacted via email to confirm shipping details.

Q: What does the winning team receive?

A: The first-place team will have their school or group name engraved on the York Region Tree Bee plaque alongside past winners and will get to display the plaque for the remainder of the school year. The winners will also receive a prize pack including a \$150 gift card.

Q: What do the runner-up teams receive?

A: Second and third placed teams will receive a digital certificate and fun environmental themed prizes from York Region. Additionally, the second-place team will receive a \$100 gift card and the third-place team will receive a \$50 gift card.

Q: What happens if there is a tie?

A: In the event of a tie for first, second or third place, teams will be entered into a draw for one of three prize packs. Prize packs are prepared for a maximum of 35 people per class or group.

Q: I still have questions, who can I contact for more information?

A: Of course! Please connect with Forests Canada at education@forestscanada.ca for additional information.