

TRY-A-TRADE Tour 2026



The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request. Programs are provided as a proud partner of the American Job Center network.

What is the TRY- A-TRADE tour ?

The TRY-A -TRADE TOUR includes 4 day and night trip, in 2- 12 passenger vans traveling across Maine, touring/completing hands on activities in the career field of the trades.

It is an excellent opportunity to explore many different trades in a low-pressure setting!

What are we going to do on the tour?

- Meet employers
- Learn about careers and apprenticeship
- Visit businesses, tour facilities, participate in job shadows, participate in lots of hands-on activities
- Stay overnight and dine at Thomas College.
- Have downtime, games, meals, share and connect with peers from across the state.

WHEN?

Tuesday July 7th to Friday July 11th, 2026.

How much does it cost?

It is **free** for VR clients – all lodging, meals and travel are covered. It is optional for students to bring spending money.

How do I qualify?

You must be enrolled as a Potentially Eligible or VR client. (If you're not sure, please speak with your school's Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.)

Who will be on the tour?

There will be VR staff chaperoning and students from all over the state participating – it's a great opportunity to | meet fellow Mainers!

Here are some of our partners we will work with:

- Virtual Reality Simulators - Transfr
- MEMA Tech – HVAC
- SMCC – Advanced Manufacturing
- ReVision Energy – Solar and Electrical
- Sargent Construction
- BIW – Virtual training
- Safety Works – Maine Dept. of labor
- Maine Motor Transport Association- Truck Driving Simulator

If you would like more information:

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Check In with your school's assigned Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor