



Education Events & Information March 2019

All Day Workshops

Join MISS DIG 811's Education team in kicking off the 2019 season!



MISS DIG 811 and your local utilities are working together to host 10 all-day workshops across the entire state of Michigan. Everyone is invited!

The first half of the workshop (9am to 2pm) will include:

- **Speakers from Local Utility Companies-** You'll have the opportunity to get safety info directly from the experts as they share their tips and experiences in the field! (may not be available at all locations)
- **MISS DIG 811 Certification-** Certification covers all things MISS DIG 811, including PA 174, overhead electric safety, pipeline safety, locator services, the various tools & resources we have available for excavators & facility owner/operators. *This meets the training portion of your SMS requirements for Gold Shovel Standard.*



LUNCH



The second half of the workshop (2pm to 4pm) will include:

- **Remote Ticket Entry Training-** Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) is a free, online program available to create and manage tickets. The training will cover ticket processing, attaching documents to tickets, and accessing previous tickets. Upon completion of training, you'll be ready to place tickets online.



- **Gold Shovel Standard-** Get more info on GSS - A nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to public and workforce safety at excavation sites by certifying safe work practices and providing metrics for damage prevention performance.



- **Programs & Tools For Members-** For MISS DIG 811 members, we'll provide an afternoon session that covers RMA Accounts that are included with MISS DIG 811 membership.



Our All-Day Workshops include continental breakfast and lunch provided by MISS DIG 811. Plus, MISS DIG 811 Certification meets requirements for Continuing Education Credits for some professions.

If you have questions, please contact Paul Harding at pharding@missdig811.org or Linda Portelli at lportelli@missdig811.org.

All-Day Workshop Schedule

March 19, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Niles- The Grand LV

104 N 3rd St
Niles, MI 49120

RSVP

March 20, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Holland- Holiday Inn Express

12381 Felch St
Holland, MI 49424

RSVP

March 21, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Ionia- Armory Community Center

439 W Main St
Ionia, MI 48846

RSVP

March 26, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Frankenmuth- Bavarian Inn Lodge

One Covered Bridge Ln
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

RSVP

March 27, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Adrian- Carlton Lodge

1629 W Maumee St
Adrian, MI 49221

RSVP

March 28, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Plymouth- Hilton Garden Inn

14600 Plymouth Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170

RSVP

April 1, 2019

9AM to 4PM

L'Anse- M-Tec Ford Center

21235 Alberta Ave
L'Anse, MI 49946

RSVP

April 2, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Sault Ste Marie- Kewadin Casino

2186 Shunk Rd
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

RSVP

April 3, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Manistee- Little River Casino & Resort

2700 Orchard Hwy
Manistee, MI 49660

RSVP

April 4, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Alpena- Events Complex (APlex)

701 Woodward Ave
Alpena, MI 49707

RSVP

MIOSHA National Emphasis Program Excavation and Trenching

Excavation and trenching continue to be some of the most dangerous construction activities. There have been five

excavation fatalities in Michigan between 2013 and 2017. For each fatal incident, there are dozens of excavation accidents resulting in serious injuries. MIOSHA is adopting the National Emphasis Program on excavation and trenching operations to help prevent future incidents. Resources provided from link below have been developed to assist employers and employees in protecting their workers from common hazards associated with excavation and trenching.



https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_11407_15317-483898--,00.html

MISS DIG 811 Certification Workshops



Time is running out to attend a Certification Workshop before the digging season begins.

MISS DIG 811 Certification qualifies as the training portion of your company's safety management program, which is one of the requirements of becoming Gold Shovel Standard (GSS) Certified.

Our Education Department invites you to attend a certification workshop near you. Workshops are being held through April. For more information about the MISS DIG 811 Certification Program, [click here](#).

Remaining Workshops

March 20, 2019- Kalkaska
March 21, 2019- Gaylord
April 10, 2019- Marquette

To register for Workshops [CLICK HERE](#)

A: Naked & Afraid

Q: Where would you be without 7.7 million miles of buried pipes, wires & cables?



Did you know our civilization is literally held together with pipes, wires, and cables? Meet Justin Maloney, a pipeliner helping to build and maintain about two-and-a-half million miles of buried energy pipelines that crisscross our nation. These pipes make every aspect of our daily lives possible. From the soles on our shoes, to the clothing we wear, to the cell phone we can't put down, virtually every aspect of modern society is made possible by this extensive network of buried pipes. Pipelines transport the resources needed to make the products we use, heat, cool, and light our homes, cook and keep our food from spoiling, and power the vehicles we have come to depend on.

Check out the video at www.safeexcavator.com/meet-the-experts and learn more about how much we rely on pipelines and other underground infrastructure.

Damage Prevention Associations



Damage Prevention Associations (DPA) are looking to municipalities, excavators, and facility owners in their regions to exchange information, discuss potential conflicts, best practices, rules & regulations surrounding excavation, and PA 174.

If you would like to attend a meeting but are unable to travel to a location below, you may access them remotely. *Participation is needed by the excavating community to keep DPA's viable.*

- To access remotely, call 248-724-5800 ID (827817)
- When available, visual aids may be viewed during the meeting with JOIN.ME at <https://www.join.me/damageprevention>

To view DPA contact information, location details and meeting minutes, go to the Education page on MISS DIG 811's website and click Damage Prevention Associations (DPA's) or [click here](#).

A Message from MITA

Work Zone Safety Task Force Launches Work Zone Wednesdays!

As promised at the 2019 Annual Conference in January, MITA and MDOT's joint effort, the Work Zone Safety Task Force, has hit the ground running. We're kicking things off on the social media front with the launch of Work Zone Wednesdays, a weekly effort to remind the public to drive carefully in work zones.

We encourage all of our MITA members to join us in this effort by sharing, posting, tweeting or re-tweeting the Work Zone Wednesday posts that we will be pushing on social media. Feel free to copy our language and graphics verbatim, and please use the hashtag **#WorkZoneWednesday** before publishing.

Please check the MITA Facebook and Twitter feeds every Wednesday morning to see the weekly **#WorkZoneWednesday** posts. Below are posts from Wednesday, February 6th and 13th.

Welcome to #WorkZoneWednesday!
Every Wednesday, we will be bringing you a Work Zone Safety Reminder or Tip.
Today's Reminder: In the zone, put down your phone! #DontTextAndDrive

Happy Valentine's Day!
Drive safe & smart, get home to your sweetheart!
Don't Text & Drive!
#WorkZoneWednesday #ValentinesDay2019



March Teleconferences

POSITIVE RESPONSE FAQs

Join us in March as we answer the most frequently asked questions about Positive Response. Excavators, Locators, Office Personnel and anyone in the digging community will benefit from this Teleconference. Dial in and be prepared with Positive Response questions and any other topic you would like to discuss.

Teleconference phone number : 248-724-5800 (ID 827817)
JOIN.ME Screen Share link: <https://www.join.me/damageprevention>

Time: 9:30am

Click on a date below to RSVP.

March 5

March 12

March 19

