

VA811

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VA811 is the “one stop” Virginia communications center for excavators, contractors, property owners and those planning any kind of excavation (digging) or demolition.

GUIDELINES: Visit va811.com. Complete the number of activities for your grade level according to the grid below. *All tasks that include the use of technology, including but not limited to, photos and social media the Girl Scout completing the badge must be assisted and approved all posts by a trusted adult.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

DISCOVER

- Learn about the CARE message. What is it, who does it target and why is it important?
- Learn about APWA color code. What do they represent and how are they used?
- Learn about positive response codes. What are they and how are they used?
- Learn about the three letter designators. What are they, why are they important and how are they used?
- Identify a potential underground utility at your house. Look for clear evidence of a underground utility.

CONNECT

- Find marks around your town- take a picture (if it safe to do so) or if you are unable to take a picture make note of the location (street marks are found and at least one cross street) for verification purposes.
- List the benefits of calling before you dig.
- Research damages on a local and national level. What can we do to help individuals dig with CARE?
- Invite your local VA811 representative to come present information on safe digging- what are three things you learned from the discussion.

TAKE ACTION

- Create a PSA for safe digging- post to social media tagging VA811 (@VA811) and the hashtag #VA811GSCCC
- Talk to your Home Owners Association or community about calling 811 before any type of project is to be started.
- Research local garden centers and nursery’s- do you see any safe digging messages? If not, what would you suggest they do to help spreading the CARE message.
- Visit a local excavator rental company- ask questions such as what is the typical work that a homeowner is doing and needs an excavator. Also, ask how they prepare individuals to call VA811 before they dig.