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MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH AT MIAMI SEAQUARIUM

Miami, FL - - During the month of May, Miami Seaquarium will expand its Water Safety education outreach through two programs geared toward preparing kids to be safe in and around water. This year, the park is pleased to bring back **W.H.A.L.E. Tales**, the American Red Cross water safety program that offers water safety tips and lessons to kids in Grades Kindergarten through 5.

W.H.A.L.E. Tales will take place at Miami Seaquarium during the weekends of May 17th and 18th as well as May 24th and 25th. In addition, in May, the park will host field trips that showcase water safety in a fun and interactive way for public and private school students.

W.H.A.L.E. Tales invitation coupons will be sent to more than 230,000 Miami-Dade County Public School children. The coupons will allow children to enter for free and adults to enter at a 50 percent discount during W.H.A.L.E. Tales weekends at Miami Seaquarium. The park will donate \$1 to the American Red Cross for each W.H.A.L.E. Tales coupon paid admission.

Additionally, during the Water Safety field trips, students will enjoy a fun and educational twist to the Salty the Sea Lion Show which will feature Water Safety tips during the show.

Water Safety Month at Miami Seaquarium brings community awareness to the importance of water safety and serves as an outlet to help prevent or lessen the chances of water related accidents and drowning among children.

According to the American Red Cross, more children drown in Miami-Dade County than any other county in Florida.

The American Red Cross is a non-profit, humanitarian organization, which provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. For more information about American Red Cross Water Safety Awareness Programs call 1-866-797-7990.

Miami Seaquarium, South Florida's most popular tourist attraction, is a family-oriented marine-life park open to the public 365 days a year. The park provides visitors with a greater understanding and appreciation for marine life through shows, presentations and marine-life exhibits. For more information on Miami Seaquarium, please call 305-361-5705 or visit www.miamiseaquarium.com.

Miami Seaquarium is an accredited member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, an international organization committed to the care and conservation of marine mammals. Accreditation by the Alliance means this facility meets or exceeds all the standards of excellence for marine mammal care, husbandry, conservation and education.

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