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MIAMI SEAQUARIUM CONTINUES MISSION TO EDUCATE STUDENTS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN MARCH

MIAMI, FL – February 22, 2006 – For more than 50 years Miami Seaquarium has been a firm advocate of marine life conservation and education. Through its current interactive educational programs, Miami Seaquarium wants to continue its mission of educating students of all ages about the wonders of marine life. Miami Seaquarium is hosting several educational programs during the month of March, these include: Home School Days, Day Camps, Scout Camping Adventure and “Mommy and Me,” a program for mothers and young children.

Home school students can participate in the educational programs offered at Miami Seaquarium by attending the **Miami Seaquarium 2006-2007 Home School Programs**, the second Tuesday of the month. The program will help students from pre-K to high school learn about marine plants, animals and many other aspects of marine life in an interactive, hands-on way. The following are scheduled dates and topics for March:

- Home School Program Pre-K – 1st grade:
 - Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – Marine Mammals
- Home School Program 2nd – 5th grade:
 - Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – Arthropods
- Home School Program 6th – 8th grade:
 - Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – Marine Reptiles
- Home School Program 9th – 12th grade:

- Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – Ragin’ Reef

In addition, this semester, Miami Seaquarium is offering Scout Camping Adventure. This includes **Boy Scouts Camp Out**, where boy Scouts from all over South Florida may enjoy a memorable camping experience which includes camping under the stars next to Biscayne Bay while overlooking the Miami skyline. During the program, the park’s trained education staff will guide troops around the park as they enjoy science presentations, animal interactions, marine mammal shows and a scavenger hunt. Also included is an outdoor cookout, snacks, continental breakfast, souvenir patch, and admission into the park for the next day. Each troop must bring an appropriate scout to leader ratio and at least one adult must have current first aid and CPR certifications. The camp out will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 1 p.m. through 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2007.

In addition, from March through May, **Afternoon Adventure Programs for Girl Scouts** of all ages will be held on the second Saturday of every month. This includes learning about aquatic animals and their habitats while completing a corresponding try-it or badge. The Afternoon Adventure Program includes science presentations, animal interactions, marine mammal shows, craft, snack, and much more.

Plus mothers and their children between the ages of two to five may enjoy **“Mommy and Me,”** which is available the third Monday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. During the program, mother and child will learn about different animals, from sea turtles to reptiles. The program will offer mothers and children the opportunity to interrelate and bond with these unique animals. The March program is scheduled for Monday, March 19th.

Additionally, **Miami Seaquarium Day Camps** are offered as alternatives to teacher work days: These include:

- Friday, March 16, 2007 - **Silly Squishy Sea Creatures** – From octopuses to sea hares, jellyfish and sea cucumbers, learn all about these soft animals. Topics explored will include their survival, what they eat and what makes them unique.
- Friday, March 30, 2007 - **Perilous Predators** – Learn more about some of the largest predators in the ocean such as sharks and killer whales and see why they are at the top of the food chain.

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 exhibits. More information on Miami Seaquarium is available at www.miamiseaquarium.com. For more information regarding schedules or to register for either program, please call (305) 361-5705 ext. 207.

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.