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April Pools Day in South Miami

On Monday, April 8th, 2019, the South Miami Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Miami Heat, Florida Blue and the American Red Cross, gathered approximately seventy (70) community youth to celebrate April Pool's Day and the kick-off this year's swim season.

The event was hosted by In-Arena PA Announcer, Michael Baiamonte and HEAT favorites like Burnie, the Hoop Troop and HEAT dancers. To begin the HEAT's "Learn to Swim" program season were special guests HEAT Legend Shane Battier and HEAT TV Studio & Radio Analyst Ruth Riley Hunter.



City of South Miami certified lifeguards led various water safety activities. Youth were taught lifesaving techniques, such as the "Sit and Reach" method, used to properly assist a drowning person when a lifeguard is not present. They also practiced floating, and each child was taught how to properly wear a lifejacket. All participants were able to learn, and have fun, while in a safe and positive environment.

