

TRINITY MINISTRIES OF CHICAGO HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM
"Living Life Together"



PROGRAM ORIGIN

Trinity Ministries of Chicago's High Adventure Program is a local community initiative that was designed to increase the critical thinking skills of youth and adults who reside within crisis communities. Trinity's High Adventure Program began nearly three years ago with a small group of community partners along with the partnership of professional Master, and Certified Scuba Divers who donated their time, talent and treasure. Through exhibitions and skill assessments, participants were able to experience activities that were usually unavailable to their community. In addition, they were also able to demonstrate the skills learned through demonstrations and expositions.



The first quarter of 2014 brought about a new relationship of adventure and opportunity through the birth and joining of Mike Parnell's Magnum Scuba and Trinity Ministries of Chicago. Beginning in the spring of 2006, Trinity Ministries of Chicago targeted the Austin, Englewood, Greater Auburn Gresham and Belmont Cragin neighborhoods across Chicago. Its goal was to build lives through Biblically-based curriculum and models while introducing out-the-box activities they called "High Adventure Activities".

These activities included Horseback Riding, ATV Riding, Sailing, Swimming, Aviation, Computer Technology, Camping, Jet Skiing, Snorkeling and Scuba Diving. Through the participation of these activities, participants were able to be introduced to a previously unknown environment of opportunities and careers while seeing an increase in the following areas.



MIKE PARNELL'S MAGNUM SCUBA



Magnum Scuba is owned and operated by Mike Parnell who is a Master Diver with over thirty years of diving experience. Michael Parnell's Professional Diving Education and Certifications include Life Saving – Life Guard Systems, First aid – C.P.R., NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors, Chicago Heart Association, American Red Cross.

Michael Parnell's Specialties and Certified to Teach are Search and Recovery, hunting and collecting, boat Diving, Underwater Environment, Underwater Navigation, Underwater Photography, Night and Low Visibility Diving, Deep Diving, Light Salvage, Wreck Diving, Exploration and Underwater Mapping, Ice Diving, Diving n Surf and Currents and Rescue Diving.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Together, Trinity Ministries under the leadership of Jonathan & Melinda Carter and Magnum Scuba with the experience of Michael & Doris Parnell and their team of divers has begun the adventure of a lifetime for many Chicago residents. Not limited to just the youth of our communities, Trinity and Magnum Scuba has opened this adventure opportunity to adults and parents as well. Earlier this year, Trinity operated a Father and Son Diving Session where fathers and sons were able to experience snorkeling and diving together.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With successful teaching of these skills, participants had an increase in their self-esteem and mental focus. In addition to those accomplishments, participants also experienced a 50% increase in their Reading Comprehension, a 50% increase in their Basic and General Mathematical skills and performed at a skill level of nearly 100% in Plane Geometry. These results were accomplished through the creation of High Adventure activities consisting of Snorkeling, Scuba Diving, Interactive Technology and Gaming, Camping, Political Science through simulated mock trials.



TARGETED NEIGHBORHOODS

Trinity is currently focused within the Austin, Belmont Cragin, Woodlawn, Englewood and West Englewood communities due to the increased need for more socially designed programs that have a lasting impression and effective impact on the residents of each community. Many of the participants reside within these underserved communities where 32% of the households are at or below the poverty line, and nearly 52% of the households have annual median wage incomes below \$33,000 with many families finding it difficult to rise to the next level. The ethnic racial makeups of these communities are primarily African American and Hispanic and in many cases are categorized as poor or indigent.



PROGRAM IMPACT

Trinity is presently positioned to making a larger impact on its communities through the addition of its Underwater Robotics Initiative. Through this initiative, participating students are learning how to combine their skills in technology and robotics while addressing the challenge of operating their completed models in an underwater atmosphere. Participants have to measure not only their ability to make their models waterproof, but they will

also have to consider the water pressure and temperature. This project is design to complement our goal of increasing each participant's Critical Thinking Skills, Reading Comprehension Skills and other Basic Knowledge Skills.



DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS LEADERS

During the program's Orientation, General assessments are performed prior to each participant beginning the program. Additional assessments or evaluations are performed throughout the program and may also be followed-up with a written, oral or exhibition style demonstration in order to determine the level, each person has achieved. Each applicant who has successfully demonstrated all skills taught is then interviewed and evaluated by staff, volunteers and local peers to determine if they are qualified candidates to train and mentor other participants.

Through Trinity's High adventure Program, both the father and son, and mother and daughter are able to learn and play together while discovering how to problem solve through intergenerational barriers which are oftentimes the root which causes internal family conflicts.



Trinity's Team invites you to participate in this out-the-box experience which allows many more children and adults to experience a new way of learning while teaching others.

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