

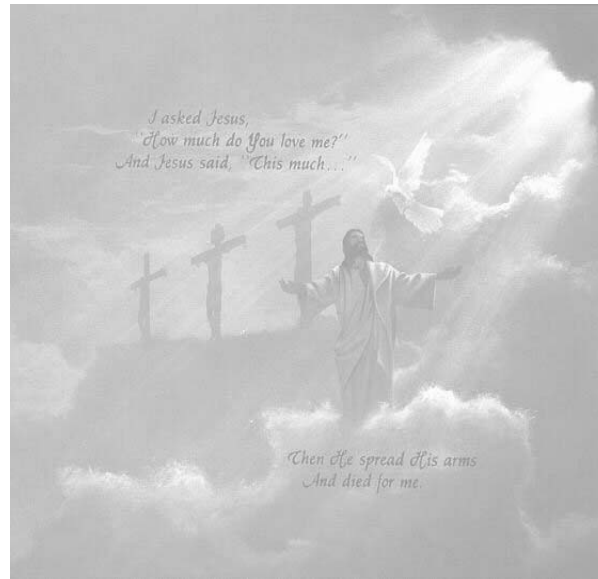
DECO-TEC

Teens Encountering Christ

Father Harfield, the Spiritual Director of the first TEC weekend, has often been quoted as saying "TEC is like a blind date with Christ. We set the date, make the introductions and take the person with Christ to a special place. The bottom line, however, will be each person individually choosing to build on the relationship which is begun." The same is certainly true of Deco-Tec. The final outcome in your teen's life will be his or her decision. But, as a team, we can assure you that we will do our best to share the joy of life in Christ and in Christian community with each of your sons and daughters.



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You Are Invited

The Deco-Tec community invites 14 to 18 year-olds from all walks of life to participate. Each participant must be sponsored by a current member. Each weekend is a once in a lifetime experience that will have lasting impact. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form on this brochure and return it to the address supplied. Your local Secretariat will help you make contact with a person who will sponsor you.



Deco-Tec Information Request

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Best Time to Call _____ E-mail _____

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What is Deco-Tec?

A Deco-Tec weekend is designed for the young person to reflect on his/her personal journey with God. It is not a substitute for your church or youth group. It is a weekend that supports and thrives on "peer ministry". The sharing and caring that take place on a weekend is primarily due to the dedication of other teens who will, along with adults, care for and accept your teens just as they are.

The theology of Deco-Tec is the foundation of Christianity, the Gospel of Christ. We do not promote any new doctrine or teachings. Teens and adults from many denominations come together in an atmosphere of Christian community. We will attempt to give the teens a deeper personal meaning of faith in Jesus Christ. This is done through sharing with adults and teens in talks, discussions, prayer and fellowship.

Deco-Tec was created to appeal to the young person on the verge of the transition from adolescence to young adulthood. At a time when young people are questioning what the future will bring, Tec encourages teens to look at life's passages within a Christian perspective.

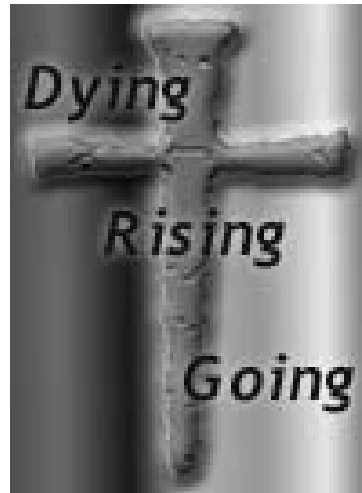


Deco-Tec Theme

The theme on Friday is "Dying in Christ". Your son or daughter is encouraged to reflect on his/her life in relationship to the life of Jesus. This is done by examining personal goals and ideals. They are introduced to Jesus as the ideal one who desires a relationship with them and to guide them in their Christian walk.

Saturday's theme is "Rising in Christ" and is a celebration of God's love for us. We will examine the importance of showing the love of Jesus through the support of other Christians with such topics as "God is Love", Church: People of God" and "Christian Life".

On Sunday, the theme is to "Going in Christ" and your teen will be encouraged to reflect on his/her life beyond Deco-Tec. The talks are based on the belief that God gives each of us unique gifts and to reflect his love. They will hear suggestions as to how the Christian lives out his/her life in any environment in



Deco-Tec History

The "Tec" in Deco-Tec stands for "Teens Encountering Christ". It began in the Roman Catholic Church. The first Deco-Tec weekend was held in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1965. Since then, it has spread throughout the United States and Overseas. Deco-Tec has also been adapted to the Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian traditions.

A small group of people from the DeColores community in Muskegon, Michigan saw the value in such a movement and requested approval from the National DeColores Secretariat to research the possibility of an ecumenical movement using Tec methods. This approval was granted and under the auspices of the National DeColores en Cristo, the work began. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, which has over 10,000 teens and 5,000 adults involved in Tec, was very instrumental in sharing the concepts and material of Tec with us, and we are very grateful for their cooperation and encouragement.

Due to the rapid growth of Deco-Tec and the fact that our purpose of ministering to teens is separate from the purpose of DeColores, in 1990 Deco-Tec became independent of DeColores. However, that community continues to encourage and support us with their prayers, presence and the use of their equipment as our own community builds.