

Mission Statement

Northern Michigan Deco-TEC, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, organized to minister the Good News of Jesus Christ – to, for and with teens fourteen through nineteen years of age. Deco-TEC's intent is to evangelize teenagers through basic Christian biblical teachings to help these teens encounter and gain a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is Deco-TEC?

Deco-TEC is an ecumenical movement where groups of "Teens Encounter Christ." Deco-TEC is not designed to replace the teen's home church or youth group. Instead, it is designed to enhance the church and youth group experience. Deco-TEC is strictly non-denominational and no church doctrine will be taught. Instead the teens will be introduced to Jesus and His gospel. Many different denominations come together to exhibit the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

A Deco-TEC weekend is designed to promote peer ministry. On the weekend a group of dedicated adults and teens love and minister to the teen candidate right where they are at. Whether churching or un-churched the teen is validated and accepted right where they are.

As the weekend unfolds the teens experience great food, talks, chapels, discussions, prayer, fellowship and even some surprises along the way.

Deco-TEC is open to all teens age 14 to 19.

Deco-TEC Theme

Dying The theme on Friday is "Dying in Christ". Teens are encouraged to examine their lives in relationship to the life of Jesus. This is done by discovering personal goals and ideals. Jesus is introduced to Candidates as someone who desires a relationship with them.

Rising Saturday's theme is "Rising in Christ," a celebration of God's love for us. On Saturday we discuss the importance of showing the love of Jesus by rising into His forgiveness and grace.

Going On Sunday, the theme is "Going in Christ" where we will anticipate life beyond Deco-TEC. The talks are based on ways the teen can return to his or her environment and be a beacon of light to family and friends.

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 today. The spiritual 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 Christian community with each of your sons and daughters.

Want more information?

If you would like more information about Deco-TEC, the dates of upcoming Deco-TEC Weekends, or registration details, please feel free to contact:

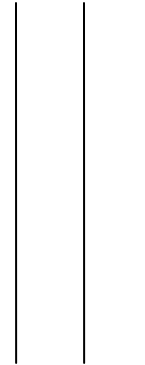
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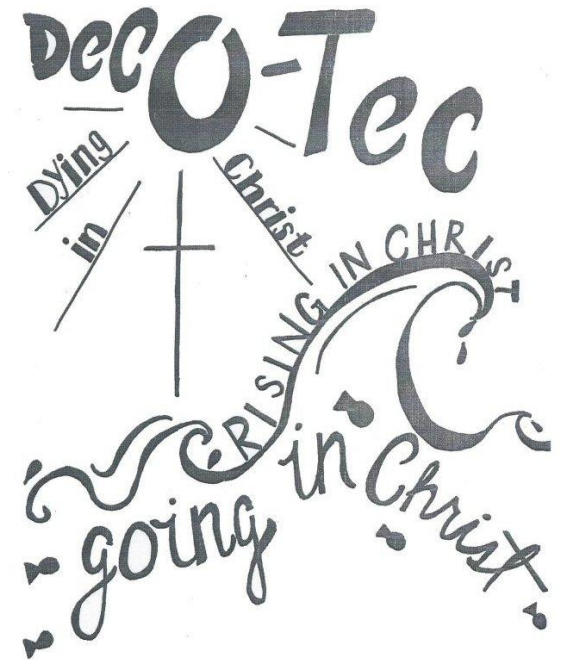
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