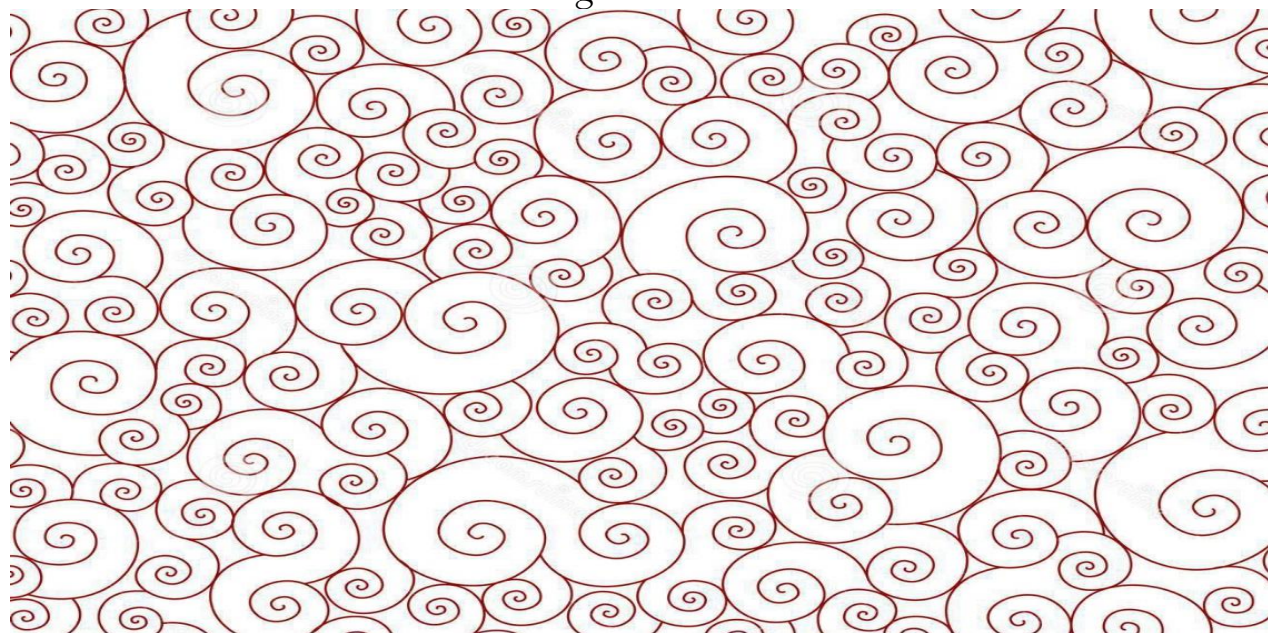


Youth and Young Adult Opportunities Guide

Ages 14-24



4-H		
<14-18		
Clubs meet at various sites around Decatur.	http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp/macon4h/	(217)-333-0910
This organization helps participants with leadership, job training, and soft skills through robotics, volunteering, and other activities. They have many activities and events for youth and young adults to engage in. They do not require any prior skills before joining.		
Alpha Chi Omega		
18-24+		
299 N Fairview Ave., Decatur IL	http://axomillikin.weebly.com/	
Alpha Chi Omega is a sorority for women. They support the fight against domestic violence and work locally with Dove Inc. They assist members with peer mentoring, role modeling, leadership, goal setting, life skills, soft skills, and healthy relationships. They also work on conflict resolutions. They do not require any prior skills to join.		
Alpha Phi Omega		
18-24+		
Millikin University Decatur IL	https://www.apoonline.org/etae/pilon/	(708)-310-9894
Alpha Phi Omega is a service fraternity with guiding principles of leadership, friendship, and service. They are a national organization who promotes peer mentoring and healthy relationships through various activities. There are no prior skills or knowledge required to join.		

Antioch Christian Church		
<14-24+		
5409 E. US Route 36, Decatur IL	www.accdecatur.org	(217)-864-3444
Antioch Christian provides youth and young adults with Biblical knowledge and also have activities such as: mission trips, operation Christmas, highway clean-up, Easter egg hunts, events for seniors in high school, and SMASH! On Sunday late afternoons. They also provide home groups and classes. They do not require any prior skills to join any of their programs.		
Apprenticeship Plus Youth Program		
16-24		
	https://www.illinoisworknet.com/youthnofo	info@illinoisworknet.com
This program works to improve the economic prospects of young people. You must complete an application to apply for the program. Their goals are to: increase the number of youth earning industry-recognized credentials and post-secondary certificate in high-growth occupations, support and develop at least 10 youth each year, and to serve those from the juvenile justice system, youth aging out and in the family services system, and youth in other risk factors.		
Baby TALK		
<14-24+		
500 E. Lake Shore Dr., Decatur IL	www.babytalk.org	(217)-475-2234
Baby TALK assists with academic education, access to medical services, goal setting. Job skills, soft skills, and healthy relationships. They also assist parents with parental engagement and healthy relationships. They serve throughout the city of Decatur and require the people in their program to be either parenting or pregnant.		

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois		
<14-18		
310 W. William St., Decatur IL	http://bbbbscil.org/	(217)-428-4240
This program provides children facing adversity with a professionally supported relationship. They assist with mentoring, role modeling, leadership, goal setting, job skills, soft skills, and college/career readiness. They also help parents with goal setting and parental engagement. They serve throughout Macon County.		
Boys and Girls Club of America		
<14-18		
859 N. Jasper St., Decatur IL	http://www.decaturilbgc.com/index.htm l	(217)-422-9605
The Boys and Girls Club allows a safe place for youth and young adults to learn and grow, provides them with ongoing relationships, provide learning opportunities, life enhancing programs, and hope. The serve to those in Macon County and do not require any prior skills to join.		
Brothers Moving Forward		
18-22		
1184 W Main St., Millikin University Decatur IL.	https://www.facebook.com/bmf millikin/	
This organization strives to help the minority male student population. They offer support through community service, peer mentoring, role modeling, leadership, and goal setting.		

Central Baptist Church		
<14-24+		
299 N Fairview Ave., Decatur IL	http://axomillikin.weebly.com/	
Central Baptist has many programs for youth and young adults to engage in. They have programs such as on fire teens, junior church, 4W ladies ministry, patch the pirate club, music ministry, and do not require any prior skills to join.		
Central Christian Church		
<14-18		
650 W William St., Decatur IL	http://www.cccdisciples.org/youth-ministries/	(217)-972-5335
Central Christian Church teaches youth and young adults about their faith. They also train and prepare for the challenges of daily life as well as the future. Their program also provides parents with parent support groups, off-site events, interpersonal relationships, and bible studies.		
Decatur Arts Council		
<14-24+		
125 N Water St., Decatur IL	http://www.decaturarts.org/classes-programs/	(217)-423-3189
The Decatur Arts Council provides classes and programs for youth and young adults to express their creativity. Some activities are free, although some others may have fees. They provide a creative outlet with help. They do not require any prior skills to participate.		

Decatur Community Partnership		
<14-24+		
2000 N. Main St., Decatur IL	http://dcp.richland.edu/	(217)-875-7060
The Decatur Community Partnership works with youth and young adults on role modeling, leadership, goal setting, soft skills, healthy relationships, and substance abuse prevention. They also assist parents on parental engagement, and communicating with their children about substance use and prevention. They primarily serve those between the ages 11-17, but are open to the Decatur/Macon County community and do not require prior criteria before joining.		
Decatur Park District		
<14-24+		
620 E Riverside Ave., Decatur IL	www.decatur-parks.org	(217)-422-5911
The Decatur Park District encompasses a lot of different activities for youth and young adults to participate in. The DISC, Scovill Zoo, golfing and more are included under their umbrella. They provide many outlets for youth, but some may include a fee. You can check their calendar on their website to see what activities are coming next.		
Decatur Public Library		
<14-24+		
130 N Franklin St., Decatur IL	www.decaturlibrary.org	(217)-424-2900
The Decatur Public Library provides youth and young adults with the connection to knowledge. They also have activities that youth can participate in. Through Project Next Generation, they can now provide technology training for students with limited access to computers. There is no prior knowledge required to participate at the library.		

Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra		
12-18		
Millikin University Decatur IL	www.millikin.edu/dyso	(217)-424-6358
This program is designed for young musicians from throughout the Decatur area to be able to practice and learn with other students in an encouraging environment. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 5:15-6:45 at Millikin University and costs \$50 per semester. You must audition before joining.		
DMCOC (Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corporation)		
<14-24+		
1122 E Mariette St., Decatur IL	http://www.dmcoc.org/programs/community-services/	(217)-428-0155
DMCOC provides the people of Decatur and Macon County with several services. Specifically for this age range, they provide computer classes, job skills and resume development classes, debt counseling, job training, scholarships, transportation, uniform/supplies for work, licensing or certification help, housing counseling, transitional housing, emergency shelter and rent assistance. Please contact them for more information.		
Dove, Inc.		
<14-24+		
302 S. Union St., Decatur IL	www.doveinc.org	(217)-428-6616
Dove assists with goal setting, job skills, life skills, healthy relationships, and healthy parenting. They also work with parents on goal setting, nutrition, job skills, and parenting skills. This organization serves throughout Macon County, and specifically helps those who are affected by homelessness and/or Domestic Violence.		

East Park Baptist Church		
<14-24+		
1919 S. Baltimore Ave., Decatur IL	www.eastparkbc.org	(217)-422-1033
The youth ministry is both rewarding and challenging. East Park emphasizes the bible and encourages youth to go back to God for answers to tough questions and situations. They gather for activities, bible study, the TRAC (Teens Reaching for Abundant Christlikeness) Program, and youth camps.		
Emanon Club of Decatur		
<14-24+		
P.O. Box 1063 Decatur IL	EMANONCLUB@yahoo.com	
Emanon provides annual scholarship awards for District 61 Montessori program, college and trade school students; supports Summerstart and Decatur Celebration; acts as deputy registrars for Voter Registration in Macon County, provides Mentoring and Tutoring programs; School Role Models; Hooked on Phonics literacy supplies; and NAACP connections. Programs encourage a positive climate for African-American and other minorities in Decatur, IL.		
First Baptist Church		
<14-24+		
1320 Arbor Drive Decatur IL	www.decaturfbc.com	(217)-875-8034
First Baptist Church offers several programs for youth and young adults. These services include bibles and friends with Starbucks, The Block, bible study, music ministry, family and student ministry. They do not require any prior skills to join.		

First Christian Church		
<14-24+		
3350 N MacArthur Rd., Decatur IL	www.firstdecatur.org	(217)-875-3350
This church strives to improve leadership. They encourage youth and young adults to serve on the greeting team, production and tech team, praise and worship, and even the drama team. They have student resources and promote being sent into the world for God's mission.		
Faith Community Assembly		
18-24+		
1065 N Van Dyke St., Decatur IL	www.fca-decatur.org	(217)-233-7007
The Faith Community Assembly teaches the word of God and also have an Educational Institute that provides continuing education and issues a high school diploma after students complete course work. They have helps over 500 students complete their high school diploma. It is a 20-week program.		
First Congregational United Church of Christ		
<14-18		
3465 N. MacArthur Rd., Decatur IL	http://www.firstchurchdecatur.com/	(217)-877-2216
This organization assists in building faith, character, and an ethical worldview. They encourage role modeling, mentoring, goal setting, healthy relationships, and volunteering. This program also assists parents with skills such as life skills, soft skills, and parental engagement. They accept people from throughout Macon County and do not require any criteria before joining.		

First Presbyterian Church		
<14-24+		
204 W Prairie Ave., Decatur IL	www.firstpresdecatur.org	(217)-429-4195
The First Presbyterian Church provides people of all ages, cultures, ethnicities, gender, and sexual orientation a safe place to worship. They also provide a space for grief support classes, learning about God, mentoring, and leadership. They do not require any prior skills to join.		
First United Methodist Church		
12-24+		
201 W. North St., Decatur IL	http://www.decaturfirstumc.org/	(217)-423-9711
Through faith development and volunteering, First United Methodist Church helps youth and young adults with mentoring, role modeling, leadership, and healthy relationships. They provide bible study and activities. They assist people from Decatur, Harristown, Forsyth, Blue Mound, and Niantic. No criteria is required before joining.		
Garver Brick United Methodist		
<14-24+		
5280 Garver Church Rd., Decatur IL	www.umc.org	(217)-872-6317
Garver Brick United has children's programs, arts and crafts, knitting, youth programs, disaster relief, vacation bible school, bible study, partners in praise, and homebound meals.		

Good Samaritan Inn – Mercy Kitchens & Mercy Gardens		
18-24+		
920 North Union Street Decatur, Illinois	www.goodsamaritaninn.org	(217)429-1455
Good Samaritan Inn operates a daily lunch service to the community 7 days a week. Opportunities for volunteer service, and for job skills training in Mercy Kitchens and Mercy Gardens. Mercy Kitchens and Mercy Gardens graduates are able to bridge to the culinary and agriculture programs at Richland Community College.		
Girl Scouts		
<14-18		
1100 E Pershing Decatur IL	http://shop.girlscouts-gsci.org/store/	(217)-423-7791
Girl Scouts can provide a girl with the skills of responsibility, goal setting, accomplishment, and the spirit of teamwork. Girl scouts allow girls to volunteer, find courage, confidence, and character while finding who they are as a person. They do not require any prior skills to join.		
Heartland Community Church		
12-18		
3253 N. Brush College Rd., Decatur IL	http://www.heartlandcc.net/	(217)-877-9529
Heartland Community Church assists with role modeling, leadership, healthy relationships, and healthy parenting through their “Core Teen Church” program. They also help parents with parental engagement and skills. They serve throughout Macon County and require dependability to the program if wanting to join.		

Heritage Behavioral Health Center		
<14-24+		
151 N Main St., Decatur IL	www.heritagenet.org	(217)-362-6262
Heritage Behavioral Health Center provides Macon County and surrounding counties with mental health services. They also provide substance use and abuse services both inpatient and outpatient.		
Homework Hangout Club		
<14-18		
249 S Webster St., Decatur IL	https://www.facebook.com/HomeworkHangoutClub/	(217)-872-2306
The Homework Hangout Club has a 100% graduation rate among their 12 th grade students, and have provided their other participants with a raised GPA (Grade Point Average) to a 3.01 and above from a 1.15. They provide a vocational training program, GED instruction, one-on-one tutoring, computer skills training, and recreational activities. They do not require any prior knowledge or skills to join their program.		
Inclusion and Student Engagement		
18-22		
Millikin University Decatur IL	https://www.millikin.edu/student-organizations	(217)424-6395
The office of inclusion and student engagement provides students with safety zone training, job skills, life skills, and help finding their fit. If there are any programs at Millikin University that are not listed, they can be found here. They link students with their interests and help them succeed.		

Life Builders		
<14-24+		
833 W Pershing Rd., Decatur IL	www.lifebuilderscog.comcastbiz.net	(217)-877-7224
Life Builders provides several programs and organizes events throughout Decatur. These services include: senior high youth, brain invaders, and memory café. They promote bettering the community. No prior skills are needed to join.		
Lincoln Trails Council, Boy Scouts		
<14-24		
262 W. Prairie Ave., Decatur IL	http://www.lincolntrailscouncil.org/	(217)-429-2326
The Lincoln Trails Council assists with role modeling, leadership, fitness, job skills, life skills, and soft skills. They help parents with these skills as well. They serve throughout Macon County and do not require prior skills to join.		
Long-Vanderburg Scholars		
18-22		
Millikin University Decatur IL	www.millikin.edu/lv	
This organization recognizes scholastic achievement in students at Millikin University. Through volunteering and diversity, they teach mentoring, leadership, goal setting, job skills, soft skills, and maintaining healthy relationships. They do require a 3.0 GPA, evidence of leadership, commitment to diversity, an application and an interview to join.		

Lutheran Child and Family Services		
<14-24+		
1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur IL	www.lcfs.org	(217)-428-8380
Lutheran Child and Family Services strive to strengthen families, nurture and protect children, and enhance communities. They provide the Decatur community with adoption services, birth parent services, foster care, counseling, family support, fathers' center, and more! They do not require any prior knowledge or skills to join.		
Macon-Piatt Special Education District		
<14-18		
355 E Cerro Gordo St., Decatur IL	http://www.mpsed.org/index.htm l	(217)-424-3030
Macon-Piatt Special Education District serves students in all disability categories. Their services include early childhood special education, social and emotional development, vision, hearing, life skills, essential skills, alternative program, and a vocational program.		
Macon Resources		
<14-24+		
2121 Hubbard Ave., Decatur IL	www.maconresources.org	(217)-875-1910
Macon Resources promotes the growth, independence, and self-worth of children and adults with disabilities. They have services for children with autism, camp earth, all-inclusive day care, after school and summer care, social skills, and speech therapy. They also provide day vocational services, employment services, and residential services.		

Maranatha Assembly		
<14-24+		
555 W Imboden Dr., Decatur IL	www.maranatha-assembly.org	(217)-423-2452
Maranatha Assembly provides many services for people of all ages across the board. For young adults they offer red church, Master's commission, young married couple's life group, vortex kids, missions, and forge student ministries.		
Music Therapy Connections		
<14-24+		
1234 Centre West Drive Springfield IL	www.musictherapyconnections.org	(217)-622-1626
Music therapy connections is a place where people of all ages can grow and learn through music. They provide group and individual music therapy and piano, voice, guitar, and ukulele lessons. They serve multiple Central Illinois counties.		
Northeast Community Fund		
18-24+		
825 N. Water St. Decatur, IL	www.northeastcommunityfund.org	(217)429-5846
NECF provides free food and clothing, as well as opportunities for furniture vouchers to low income individuals. In addition, we have family budget workshops, and predatory lending forgiveness programs designed to help individuals and families to keep from being overwhelmed by debt.		

Office of Student Success		
18-24+		
Millikin University Decatur IL	www.millikin.edu/oss	(217)-424-6424
The office of student success provides resume help, job skills, and job training for students. They also have other services, such as peer mentoring, academic counseling and advising support, exploratory studies, strategies for academic success, the EDGE program, and supplemental instruction.		
Old Kings Orchard Community Center		
12-18		
815 N. Church St., Decatur IL	www.okocommunitycenter.org	(217)-428-2782
This organization provides a safe environment for children and seniors in the neighborhood. They assist with mentoring, role modeling, goal setting, fitness, soft skills, healthy relationships, involvement with the arts, and involvement with nature, plants, and growing food. They also assist parents with such activities. They serve throughout the city of Decatur, they do not require prior criteria to join other than willingness to participate!		
Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women		
18-24+		
301 N Fairview Ave., Decatur IL	https://www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/PBP/Chapters/chapter.aspx?ekfrm=22993	
Pi Beta Phi assists women with peer mentoring, role modeling, leadership, life skills, soft skills, and healthy relationships. They work towards helping children with literacy and volunteer/hold events to combat this. Pi Beta Phi is a national organization and they do not require any prior skills to join.		

Planned Parenthood		
12-24+		
3201 N Oakland St., Decatur IL	https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/illinois/decaturn/62526/decaturn-health-center-3282-90430	(217)-620-9434
Assists with reproductive healthcare. Encourages role modeling, life skills, soft skills, and healthy relationships. Helps parents with parental engagement, parenting skills, and healthy families throughout Macon County.		
The Salvation Army		
<14-24+		
229 W Main St., Decatur IL	www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/decaturn	(217)-428-2672
The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discrimination. They offer programs such as Sunday school, youth troops, music classes, athletics, crafts, camping, education enrichment, life skills, and physical wellness. They do not require any prior skills.		
Springfield Urban League		
18-24+		
420 W. Prairie, Suite 100., Decatur IL	www.springfieldul.org	(217)-520-0389
The Springfield Urban League offers different job trainings and programs for individuals 18 and older. To be eligible, one must be receiving SNAP Benefits. Clients are randomly chosen. Contact Courtney Carson to be considered.		

Tabernacle Baptist Church		
12-24		
650 N Wycles Rd., Decatur IL	http://www.tbc.church/	(217)-877-5653
Provides bible study for youth and young adults in this age range. Promotes role modeling, healthy relationships, and healthy families. Assists parents with leadership, goal setting, parenting skills, and healthy relationships through bible study. Serves throughout Macon County and requires no criteria before joining.		
Teen Challenge		
18-24+		
440 W Macon St., Decatur IL	www.facebook.com/TeenChallengeIL /	(217)-423-9117
Teen Challenge provides adults with effective faith-based solution to substance use and abuse to help them operate in society.		
Teen Court		
<14-17		
253 E Wood St., Decatur IL	www.maconcojjc.org/mobile/teen-court-cl.html#	(217)-424-1400
Teen Court provides youth who have been in the juvenile justice system an alternate program for them to learn and grow. They provide them with steps to complete their program and rehabilitate. Teen Court gives youth an educational, successful alternative to the juvenile justice system.		

Webster-Cantrell Hall		
12-19		
1942 E. Cantrell St., Decatur IL	http://www.webstercantrell.org/wordpress/	(217)-423-6961
This organization assists with peer mentoring, role modeling, leadership, goal setting, nutrition, job skills, life skills, and healthy relationships. They also include parents on activities and help them with these skills as well as parenting skills and parental engagement. They serve Decatur/surrounding counties and a referral is required to enter into their program.		
Westminster Presbyterian Church		
14-24+		
1360 W Main St., Decatur IL	www.wpcdecatur.org	(217)-428-6603
Westminster believes that youth is one of the most important aspects of their church. They offer several services including: Sunday school, extended and nursery care, LOGOS, youth group, and seasonal activities and programs.		
Workforce Development		
14-24+		
757 W Pershing Rd., Decatur IL	http://www.co.macon.il.us/workforce-development.php	(217)-875-8751
This program offers training and employment services to Macon and DeWitt Counties. They assist youth with earning a GED, gaining employment, completing high school diploma, and post-secondary education.		

YMCA		
<14-24+		
220 W McKinley Ave., Decatur IL	www.decaturymca.org	(217)-872-9622
The YMCA provides a multitude of programs such as: sports, health and fitness, aquatics, youth and family activities, education, and summer day camp. They also provide sports, health and fitness, aquatics, and education to adults. They do not require any prior skills to join, however, there is a membership fee.		
Youth Advocate Program		
12-17		
202 E. Eldorado St., Decatur IL	http://www.youthadvocateprogram.org/	(217)-422-7864
The Youth Advocate Program provides services to at-risk children and their families. They assist with mentoring, role modeling, leadership, goal setting, job skills, life skills, crisis intervention, and conflict resolution. They also help parents with parental engagement, family counseling, crisis intervention, and healthy relationships. They serve Macon, Dewitt, and Piatt Counties and require members to be between the ages of 12-17 and have willingness to participate.		
Youth With a Positive Direction		
<14-24+		
2000 N. Main St., Decatur IL	https://www.facebook.com/Decatur-Community-Partnership-369426963080307/	(217)-972-0488
Youth With a Positive Direction is an afterschool program where they work on mentoring, nutrition, fitness, job skills, life skills, and healthy families. They also assist parents with parent mentoring, leadership, nutrition, soft skills, healthy parenting, and have family nights. They serve throughout Macon County and do not require any prior skills to join.		