



Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer Program



**Recreational Soccer
Parent's Handbook
Fall 2011**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA (DDY) Soccer Program. We are committed to creating an environment where kids can grow, develop, and have fun. The YMCA emphasis is on fun and learning the sport of soccer. As a parent, you can help make our YMCA Soccer program a special and successful experience. Volunteer coaches are always needed as well as team parents and field maintenance help. You can help your team with communication and organization by offering to volunteer to help your child's team or help the soccer department. If you want to be involved in your team's successful season, please inform your coach or the Sports Director.

We're excited about the upcoming season and hope that you and your children enjoy this experience! Please let us know if you have any special concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Thank you for participating in the DDY soccer program, we look forward to a fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Meyer-Frisbey

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Decatur-DeKalb YMCA

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS AND COACHES

Sport = important socio-cultural learning environment

Benefits = health, confidence, self image, better grades, more likely to graduate, less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy, etc.

Sport is Value Neutral: coaches/parents bring our values to sport and transmit them to children

1. Sport must be fun. Fun = Enjoyment

- * We enjoy success...we don't enjoy striking out three times in a row...skill is very important to the realization of fun
- * We enjoy learning new things...we don't enjoy boredom
- * We enjoy respect...we don't enjoy terror, threats, negatives

2. Winning & Losing: Must keep competition in perspective... educating your child is key...

- * Only put your child in competitive situations with evenly matched opponents, the fair contest
- * Separate performance from self worth
- * Better to lose and do your personal best than win and play ugly
- * Better to lose to a good opponent and learn what you need to do to get better than to win against someone who can't play and you learn nothing new

3. Skill is a function of repetition...trial and error...and a key to having fun

- * Kids learn/teach themselves
- * Good teachers help
- * Imitation is an important learning method...good...important to take your child to see others play

4. Key: Help your child find a sport that is just right for him or her. Over 100 out there...

- * Commit to a certain time period
- * Commit to skill learning/success experience before you give up
- * Make the deal before you play

5. You can and should coach your child...

- *It's not hard to be better than a 6 year old
- *Not hard to teach

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS AND COACHES CONTINUED

6. Lead by example...as a spectator...cheerleader...

- * Positive to your child
- * Positive to all other children and their parents

7. Deliver value messages over and over again...they will sink in

- * It's important how you play the game
- * How you play says something about who you are...if you cheat, you are dishonest...if you argue about calls, you are a whiner
- * Deliver messages in a non-judgmental, matter of fact way...no anger

8. There are many ways you can encourage your child to participate in sport without forcing it

- * Take them with you when you play...they want to be like you
- * Make play fun
- * Take them to watch others play
- * Buy books about sport
- * Give gifts that say I think you can play

9. Get involved in their sport experience...

- * League governance, etc...
- * Make sure coaches and officials get certified and educated...

10. Selecting coaches/teachers for your child may be the most important thing you do

- * Do not tolerate bad people...no matter how many games your child's team wins
- * Make sure the team your child plays on has children of similar skill



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Timeline:

- June 1st – July 31st** Registration for all players either on-line or in person at the YMCA registration desk.
- August 15th** Late registration begins – no requests will be taken during this time.
- August 11th** Parent's Orientation – U10, U12, U14, U16 age groups, 7:30pm, YMCA large conference room.
- August 16th** Meeting for **ALL** U10, U12, U14, & U16 Coaches, 7:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- August 17th** Parent's Orientation - U7 and U8 age groups, 7:00pm, YMCA large conference room.
- August 18th** **Team rosters for U10 & above released.** Coaches will contact their players during the weekend following this date. If your child has not been contacted by August 23, please call the YMCA soccer office at #404-377-9622 for help.
- August 19 – 20th** **GYSA Referee Class at DDY.** For new R9 Referees. Class times, Friday 7:00-10:00pm & Sat, 9:00-4:00pm. Must register for class at: www.gareferees.com
- August 21st** **"G" State Coaches License Class** for U10 and below coaches, presented by Georgia Soccer. 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (YMCA large conference room) Class is free, but coaches must register for the class on the Georgia State Soccer website, www.gasoccer.com.
- August 22nd** Practice starts this week for U10, U12, U14, & U16 (Days & times determined by coach)
- August 23rd** Meeting for **ALL** U7 & U8 coaches, 7:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- August 24th** Parent's Orientation - Jr. Micro & Micro age groups, 7:00pm, YMCA large conference room.
- August 25th** **Team rosters for U7 Boys, U8 Boys & U8 Girls age groups released.** Coaches will contact their players during the weekend following this date. If your child has not been contacted by August 30, please call the YMCA soccer office at #404-377-9622 for help.
- August 28th** Meeting for **RETURNING** Jr. Micro, Micro and Mighty Mites coaches, 3:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- August 28th** Meeting for **NEW** Jr. Micro, Micro and Mighty Mites coaches, 4:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- August 28th** **Coach's Clinic for Jr. Micro – U7 age groups, 5:00pm (YMCA Gymnasium)**
- August 29th** Practice starts this week for U7 Boys, U8 Boys & U8 Girls age groups. (Days & times determined by coach)
- August 31st** Parent's Orientation – Sunday League, Mighty Mites & U8 Coed age groups, 7:00pm YMCA large conference room
- Sept. 1st** **Team rosters for Jr. Micro & Micro age groups released.** Coaches will contact their players during the weekend following this date. If your child has not been contacted by Sept. 6, please call the YMCA soccer office at #404-377-9622 for help.
- Sept. 2nd** Game schedules posted for U10 Boys, U10 Girls, & U12 Boys age groups at our quickscores website at: www.quickscores.com/ddymca. U12 Girls, U14 & U16 age group schedules will be released on the Georgia State Soccer Website at: www.gasoccer.org

Timeline Continued:

- Sept. 4th** Practice starts this week for Jr. Micro and Micro Age groups. (Days & times determined by coach)
- Sept. 7th** **Sunday soccer Mighty Mites and U8 rosters released.** Coaches will contact their players the days following this date. If your child has not been contacted by Sept. 10, please call the YMCA soccer office at #404-377-9622 for help.
- Sept. 9th** Game schedules posted for U7 Boys, U8 Boys & Girls age groups at our quickscores website at: www.quickscores.com/ddymca
- Sept. 10th** **First game of the season for U10, U12, U14, & U16 age groups and Academy/Select players.**
- Sept. 11th** Practices begin for Mighty Mites and U8 Coed (Sunday League).
- Sept. 13th & 14th** Parents Orientation – Kiddie/Little Kickers, 7:00 pm, YMCA large conference room.
****Need to attend one only****
- Sept. 16th** Game schedules posted for Jr. Micro, & Micro age groups at our quickscores website at: www.quickscores.com/ddymca
- Sept. 17th** First game of the season for U7 Boys, U8 Boys & U8 Girls age groups.
- Sept. 18th** Meeting for **RETURNING** Kiddie/Little Kicker Coaches, 4:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- Sept. 18th** Meeting for **NEW** Kiddie/Little Kicker Coaches, 5:00pm (YMCA large conference room)
- Sept. 18th** **Coach's Clinic for Jr. Micro – U7 age groups, 6:00pm** (YMCA large conference room)
- Sept. 19th** Game schedules posted for Sunday Soccer Mighty Mites and U8 Co-ed at our quickscores website at: www.quickscores.com/ddymca
- Sept. 20th/21st** **Team rosters for Kiddie/Little Kickers released.** Coaches will contact their players during the week following this date. If your child has not been contacted by Sept. 28, please call the YMCA front desk at #404-377-9622 for help.
- Sept. 24th** First game of the season for Jr. Micro and Micro age groups.
- Sept. 26th** First game of the season for Sunday Soccer Mighty Mites and U8 age groups.
- Sept. 23rd/24th** Game schedules posted for Kiddie/Little Kickers at our quickscores website at: www.quickscores.com/ddymca
- October 1st** First game of the season for Kiddie Kickers.
- October 2nd** First game of the season for Sunday Soccer Little Kickers.
- October 10th** **Early registration starts for Winter Indoor Futsal**
- Nov. 1st** **Early registration starts for Spring Soccer 2012**
- Nov. 5th - 12th** Conclusion of Fall Soccer season. (Varies by age group)
- Nov. 13th – 20th** Rain date for rescheduled games due to inclement weather. (Varies by age group)

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Registration:

On-line registration is now offered for all Decatur-DeKalb YMCA soccer programs. In person registration at the Y will also be available at the membership desk. For on-line registration go to www.ymcaregistration.com. This is an on-line registration system through the Metro Atlanta YMCA. An early registration period will be offered and during that time participants will save \$15.00 off the program cost for registering early. Regular registration will follow and will continue to be offered until all spaces are filled. Once an age group is filled then it will be closed and a waitlist will be provided. Players on the waitlist will be contacted to come in and register if a spot opens up on a team roster or if another team is formed.

Players are allowed to request to be placed with a specific coach or teammate on the registration form. All requests will try to be honored, if possible. Registration and requests are taken on a first come, first serve basis. During late registration, requests will not be honored. If requests for a certain coach are more than the allowed number of players per team, then returning players will be given first preference then any additional spots will be given to players based on when they registered.

The YMCA policy is to promote fun and friendship during youth sports. This is why we try to grant all wishes from players to be with a friend or on a certain coach's team. This philosophy can sometimes accidentally cause one team to dominate over others in ability. Please be aware that this might happen and that the YMCA does not intentionally try to make this happen. Otherwise, all teams are randomly grouped together.

Practices:

Practice days and times are selected by coaches for their convenience. All coaches are volunteers and give of their time to help coach for the YMCA. Coaches select practices from set days and times, and locations. If a player can not attend practice at a certain time or on a certain day, they may request to be placed on a team that does not practice then so a conflict does not arise. Requests will try to be honored, if possible.

It is important that your child attends practices regularly. Practice is where your child will learn the skills to help them succeed in soccer and to be prepared for a game situation. If they don't attend practice on a regular basis then they will not learn the proper skills needed and could cause them confusion during a game situation. If your child is out sick or unable to attend practice, please notify your coach in advance so they can prepare accordingly.

Games:

Games will be played on Saturdays and/or Sundays (for certain age groups) at various venues throughout the Decatur area. Each age group for U8 and below will have a specific field that all games will be played at for the season. For U10 and above age groups, home games will be played at Pattillo field and then away games will be at other local clubs in the Atlanta area. Game schedules will be provided for each age group at the beginning of the season. Changes to the game schedule will only be made if absolutely necessary. All game schedules will be posted to the YMCA website, as well as field directions.

Games Continued:

YMCA policy provides for all players to play at least 50% of each game regardless of ability. Certain circumstances might arise that will cause a child to not play their required time, i.e. injury, illness, etc. Please talk with your coach if you have any questions or a concern about your child's playing time. Also it is important that your child attends practices regularly, so they are prepared for a game situation. If a child is absent from practices for long periods this rule will not apply due to safety reasons.

The YMCA Recreational Soccer Program does not keep track of win-loss records or individual game scores. We ask that coaches and parents do not focus on the score but on the individual progress of each player. At the YMCA it is always a tie and everyone is a winner!

Uniforms:

All players, Jr. Micro and above, must purchase a DDY recreation uniform. Starting Fall Season 2011 there will be a New Uniform. The recreation uniform will include a navy & white reversible jersey, navy shorts, navy & white socks, and a knapsack. The price will be \$30.00 for the entire uniform. Once you purchase a uniform you do not need to purchase one again unless your child out grows the uniform.

The uniform will now be purchased directly through the vendor. It is currently available for sale on-line only at: <http://www.krownsports.com/ddysc/>. Once you purchase your uniform you will have the option to pick it up at the store or have it shipped to your house for a small fee. Address for Krown Sports is 278 Laredo Drive, Decatur, GA 30030. The store is located across the street from the Farmer's Market and is open 10 am - 7 pm, Mon – Fri, and 10 am – 4 pm on Saturdays. You will have the option to exchange any item for a different size at the store.

Kiddie Kickers/Little Kickers will be issued a t-shirt and matching socks from the YMCA. Coaches will be given matching t-shirts. T-shirts are included in the program cost for the Kiddie Kicker/Little Kicker program.

Equipment:

All players will be required to have a soccer ball, shin guards, and a water bottle to participate in the program. Soccer cleats are optional. Please remember to bring all equipment to all practices and games.

Mandatory – Shin Guards, worn on the inside of socks, water bottle, and soccer ball.

Recommended – Soccer cleats (tennis shoes may be worn), sunscreen, and bug spray.

Ball sizes –

U8 and below – size 3 ball

U10 and U12 – size 4 ball

U14 and above – size 5 ball

Please do not allow your children to wear any jewelry, watches, or earrings during practice or games. This is for the safety of all the players.

Please mark all equipment with the player's name so equipment doesn't get lost.

End of Season Awards:

Awards/trophies will no longer be issued to teams by the YMCA. If a parent or team would like to purchase trophies the YMCA will give vendor information out with a special trophy and medal of the season. The expense of the trophies/awards will be the parent's responsibility.

Individual and Team Photographs:

The YMCA will offer individual and team photographs during the season. The Y does this as a service to the parents, players and coaches. TSS Photography will take all Fall soccer photos for our league. The main contact number for problems or issues is: 678-740-0875.

The Y receives a percentage from pictures purchased from TSS Photography for its Partner With Youth campaign. The PWY campaign is the scholarship fund that allows all to participate in the soccer program.

Partner With Youth: (YMCA Scholarship program)

The YMCA actively seeks to identify and involve individuals and families in need. The Partner with Youth Scholarship program is designed to help those in need and to give them a chance to participate in activities that they otherwise could not afford. The YMCA raises money during our yearly "Partner With Youth" campaign to fund the scholarship program. If you would like to donate towards the scholarship program, please see Kathy Meyer-Frisbey, Sports Director. All monies donated to the YMCA are tax deductible.

Inclement Weather:

In the case of inclement weather the Soccer Director will make all decisions if fields will be open for play. The following guidelines will be used:

- The weather hotline will be updated after 3:30 pm on weekdays, 8:00 am on Saturdays, and 11:00 am on Sundays.
- The weather hotline phone number is #404-687-2518
- Field status will also be available on our website under "field status". This will be updated at the same time as the weather hotline.
- Coaches and parents may now sign-up for the free service, Status Me. It is to let you know when soccer fields are closed for practice or games. You will automatically receive either a text message or email when a field is closed. Service is free to all, but you must go on the website to sign-up. Website is: www.statusme.com
- Coaches will not be allowed to conduct practice or play a game if the field is closed due to weather conditions. This is a safety precaution and must be abided by.
- Coaches may not move a practice from one field to the other when a field is closed due to weather. Teams may only use the assigned field for practice due to insurance reasons. (We only have coverage on certain fields.)
- If a coach decides to cancel practice and the field is still open, it is their responsibility to contact their players and parents.
- If a game is cancelled due to weather, make-up games will be scheduled between the teams and the soccer director.
- Once practice has started, it is the coach's responsibility to cancel or stop practice if inclement weather arises.
- It is the Coaches responsibility to make sure parents are aware of the weather hotline, website and status me to obtain information pertaining to field closures.

Status Me:

“Status Me” is a service provided to the sports families of the YMCA. It is a free service for parents to receive information pertaining to field closures for games and practices. A parent must sign-up for the service and can choose what field they would like to know information about and on what day of the week. They will be automatically emailed or text messaged if a field is closed or opened due to weather or any other factors.

- To join, go to www.statusme.com, and click on “join now”.
- Enter a user name and password.
- Click on register and then enter an email address and/or a phone number.
- Follow the directions to join the “Decatur-DeKalb YMCA” club and choose what field/s and day of week that you want to be notified about.
- Sit back and wait to be notified when a field is closed during the season.

The Weather hotline and website will still be updated with field closures for those parents who wish to not join.

Thunder and Lightening Policy:

If thunder and/or lightening is detected or heard during practices or games, play will be suspended for 20 minutes. All players and spectators must leave the field during this time. Players may only return to the field for play if the thunder and/or lightening has past and can not be seen or heard.

Please do not drop off children to practice and then leave the premises when weather is questionable. If practice needs to be ended due to the weather the parent needs to be available to pick up the child. Remember, coaches are volunteers, not paid staff. Their time is just as valuable as ours.



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Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer **Parents and Player Code of Conduct Agreement**

The following Code of Conduct Agreement outlines a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport which belongs to the players. While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, parent and spectator excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Uncontrolled or abusive parental behavior is not accepted at the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer (DDY).

Financial

When your child registers to play for a DDY Soccer team, program fees for the upcoming season (Fall or Spring) are due at the time of registration. Your child cannot participate in any practices or a game until your balance due is paid off.

All DDY Soccer team members are required to purchase and wear the designated DDY uniform.

DDY is willing and is looking for players to help them financially in order for them to participate in our soccer program. DDY will not turn anyone away according to their financial situation.

Your Player

The Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer attempts to provide the best coaching and training available for your player. Keep this in mind when encouraging your player and their teammates during a game. DDY wants and needs your enthusiasm and support for our teams, but only in a constructive manner. A parent's duty is to encourage; not to coach or to criticize. Sideline coaching will not be tolerated.

Conduct

Continuous yelling is distracting for both teams and at times can reveal the parents lack of understanding of the game. Enthusiasm, in short bursts of encouragement, is welcome and needed. Profane or abusive language will not be tolerated. Always show respect to the players and spectators of the opposing team.

Alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, pets, and firearms are not permitted at any DDY organized soccer events (practices, games, meetings...etc.).

Always remember you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any game or other organized soccer event.

The Referee

Never use foul or abusive language toward any of the referees; center or linesmen. The coach and team captain(s) are in control of the game. Each referee is just as different as the field the game is played on. Most young referees are fellow DDY players, so be patient and supportive of them, as your child may soon be in there position. Remember: A parent has never overruled a referee and never will.

Anyone who violates this Code of Conduct Agreement is subject to immediate dismissal from a game and disciplinary action will be taken from the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer Staff.

The Player

It is recommended that each player attend all practices and games. Should it be necessary to miss a practice or a game for illness or personal reasons, the player is responsible for informing their coach as soon as possible.

Players are expected to arrive at practices on-time and ready to take the field, shin guards and soccer shoes on. Leave all non-soccer discussion at the sideline.

Ethical behavior and respect for your opponent, the referees, spectators and all coaches is required of all DDY Soccer players.



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Soccer Field policies:

Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer program is an **Alcohol and Tobacco free program**. These products may not be used on any YMCA soccer fields including practice fields. If a parent has alcohol on a practice field, it is the coach's responsibility to ask them to leave the field. If a parent needs to smoke then they must go to the parking lot to do so.

Columbia Seminary College Soccer field:

(Large field behind College)

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field
- Parking **ONLY** allowed behind Harrington Center Library in parking lot or along Inman Road.
- Portable toilets will be at the field during the season. Please keep toilet clean and free of trash.
- Please clean up any trash or materials after games.

Emory Grove Field:

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field.
- Bathrooms are not available at this site.
- Do not park in Church parking lot.
- Please clean up any trash or materials after practices.

Fernbank Elementary School field:

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field
- Do not interfere with school functions or after school programs.
- Bathrooms are not available at this site.
- Please do not move the benches or picnic tables.
- Please clean up any trash or lost and found after practices.

Mason Mill Park:

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field. A dog park is located next to the soccer field.
- Please clean up any trash or materials after games.

Pattillo Soccer field:

- Please park only in designated parking spots.
- Please do not block the entrance to the small parking lot or in front of the shed.
- Please do not park on the paved area by unloading docks. You may park in the small paved parking lot by the front entrance.
- If you bring a dog or pet, please pick up all waste.
- Please do not allow children to throw rocks on the fields or to climb the fences.
- Portable toilets will be at the field during the game season. Please keep toilets clean and free of trash.
- Please pick up all trash after games and put in the trash cans.
- All lost and found will be kept in the shed, please leave all left articles at the shed.

Soccer Field policies continued:

Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

- Please park in designated parking areas only. If lot is full then please park next door at Oakhurst Baseball Park.
- Please follow one way signs into the parking area and back out.
- No dogs or pets allowed on the field
- Portable toilets will be at the field during the soccer season. Please keep toilets clean and free of trash.
- Please do not go into the Boys & Girls Club. No soccer participants are allowed inside the building during business hours.
- Please clean up any trash or lost and found after practices and games.

United Methodist Children's Home soccer field:

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field.
- Vehicles must obey the **SPEED LIMIT of 15 miles per hour**. You may be restricted from driving on the property if you are caught exceeding the speed limits.
- Parking is only allowed next to the soccer field in the grass parking lot. No parking on the streets or in other parking lots.
- Please do not go near the cottages or interfere with any function of the children at the home.
- Please use the designated bathroom. See signs for directions.
- Please clean up any trash or materials after games.

West Chester Old Elementary School field:

- Please park only in designated parking spots.
- No dogs or pets allowed on the field.
- Please do not allow players to play near school and windows, especially with balls.
- Bathrooms are not available at this site.
- Please clean up any trash or lost and found after practices and/or games.

W. D. Thompson Park:

- No dogs or pets allowed on the field. A dog park is located next to the soccer field.
- A portable toilet will be at the field during the game season. Please keep toilet clean and free of trash.
- Do not interfere with any activities taking place at the covered picnic area.
- Please clean up any trash or lost and found after practices and/or games

Winnona Park Elementary School field:

- Please park along side roads and do not block private driveways.
- No dogs or pets allowed on the field.
- Please do not allow players to play near school and windows, especially with balls.
- Portable toilets will be at the field during the soccer season. Please keep toilets clean and free of trash.
- Please clean up any trash or materials after games.

***Parents** – Please be remindful that all soccer fields that DDY SC uses are fields owned by others. Please be good stewards of the YMCA and treat all fields with kindness and respect so we may continue to use the fields in the future.

****Please be advised that additional field sites or policies may be added during the season.**

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Directions to Fields from Decatur-DeKalb YMCA:

Columbia Seminary College

701 Columbia Dr.
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave. and go about 1 mile to the intersection of Clairemont & Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Continue on Commerce about 1 mile and you will go under the train track overpass and through a traffic light (intersection of College & Commerce).
- ⇒ After passing through the light you will now be on South Columbia Dr. (Which was formerly Commerce). Continue about half a mile and you will see Columbia Seminary on the right.
- ⇒ Take a right onto Inman road. Parking is located on the street and in the library parking lot. The soccer field is located behind the college – Big field is currently open.

Ebster Field (There are no restroom facilities at the field)

404 W. Trinity Place
Decatur, GA. 30030

- ⇒ From the YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave. and go about 1 mile to the intersection of Clairemont & Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Turn right onto Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Proceed on Commerce across West Ponce de Leon Ave.
- ⇒ Turn right on West Trinity Pl.
- ⇒ Turn left on Electric Street.
- ⇒ Ebster Field is on the right behind the Decatur Police Station. Street parking is in the area.

Emory Grove Field

1887 Edinburgh Terrace NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

- ⇒ From the YMCA, turn left onto Clairemont Ave and head North.
- ⇒ Turn Left onto N. Decatur Road
- ⇒ Go 0.1 miles and turn slight right at Westminster Way NE
- ⇒ The path to the soccer field is located to the right of the house at 1803 Westminster Way. (Opposite Emory Presbyterian Church)
- ⇒ Take the path between the two fences and walk towards the back of the houses. You will see a tennis court and then the field is next to it.
- ⇒ The field is interior to the homes on the block of Westminster Way and Edinburgh Terrace.
- ⇒ Parking is available at Druid Hills High School.

Fernbank Elementary School Field

157 Heaton Park Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

- ⇒ From the Decatur DeKalb YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave.
- ⇒ At the intersection of Clairemont & Scott Blvd. turn right onto Scott Blvd. and proceed 1.1 mile to Artwood Rd. NE

Directions to Fields from Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Continued:

Fernbank Elementary School Directions Cont:

- ⇒ Turn right onto Artwood Rd. NE and go .2 mile to Heaton Park Rd. NE.
- ⇒ Turn right onto Heaton Park and go .1 and the school will be on the right. Fields are located behind the school.

Mason Mill Park

1340 – B McConnell Drive
Decatur, GA 30033

- ⇒ From the Decatur DeKalb YMCA turn left onto Clairemont Ave.
- ⇒ Continue following Clairemont Ave. towards North Druid Hills Rd.
- ⇒ Turn right onto McConnell Drive, then take a right at the cross road. (Library is on the left)
- ⇒ Follow the road down the hill and around a left hand corner Fields are located behind Center and to the left of the tennis courts.

Patillo Soccer Park

Located at the corner of Mt. Industrial Blvd. and E. Ponce de Leon

- ⇒ Take 78 towards Stone Mountain
- ⇒ Take the Mountain Industrial Blvd./Tucker Exit
- ⇒ At the top of the ramp, turn right onto Mountain Industrial Blvd.
- ⇒ Go about a quarter mile and the park will be on the right, directly across the street from the corner gas station.
- ⇒ The fields are enclosed by an “L” shaped perimeter fence. The entrance to the park is facing Mountain Industrial Blvd. The fields are located at the intersection of Mountain Industrial Blvd & E. Ponce de Leon.

Renfroe Middle School

220 West College Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave. and go about 1 mile to the intersection of Clairemont & Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Go 0.7 miles then take a right onto East College Ave.
- ⇒ Renfroe Middle School will be on the left past Agnes Scott College.
- ⇒ Field and parking are located behind the school.

Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

450 Eastlake Dr.
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the YMCA take a right onto Clairemont Ave.
- ⇒ At the first light turn right onto Scott Blvd. and proceed approx. one mile.
- ⇒ After Scott Blvd. merges with Ponce De Leon Ave. go about ½ mile and take a left onto East Lake Rd., which turns into East Lake Dr.
- ⇒ Go about 1 mile, you will pass Ridgecrest Dr., then proceed under the Marta railroad tracks, and go through the intersection of East Lake Dr. and Park Place. After passing Park Place the Boys & Girls Club will be on your left.

Directions to Fields from Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Continued:

United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) Soccer Field

500 S. Columbia Dr.
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave. and go about 1 mile to the intersection of Clairemont & Commerce.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Continue on Commerce about 1 mile and you will go under the railroad underpass and through a traffic light. (Intersection of College & Commerce).
- ⇒ After passing through the light you will now be on South Columbia Dr. (Which was formerly Commerce). Continue about half a mile and you will see UMCH on the left. The soccer field is located around the back of the campus

West Chester "Old" Elementary School

758 Scott Blvd
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave.
- ⇒ At the first intersection (Clairemont & Scott Blvd.) turn right onto Scott Blvd.
- ⇒ The school is located a few blocks down on the right.

W. D. Thompson Field

1760 Mason Mill Rd.,
Atlanta, GA

- ⇒ From the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA, turn left on Clairemont Avenue and go approximately 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Mason Mill Road.
- ⇒ Continue on Mason Mill Road for approximately 0.5 miles. At the bottom of the hill, turn right on to Mason Woods Drive NE.
- ⇒ Go about 200 ft, Park is located on your right.
- ⇒ Field is located at the bottom of the hill.

Winnona Park Elementary School

510 Avery Street
Decatur, GA 30030

- ⇒ From the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA turn right onto Clairemont Ave. and go about 1 mile to the intersection of Clairemont & Commerce.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Commerce Dr.
- ⇒ Continue on Commerce about 1 mile and you will go under the railroad underpass and come to a traffic light. (Intersection of College & Commerce).
- ⇒ Turn right onto E. College Ave. and go approximately .1 mile.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Avery Street.
- ⇒ Follow Avery St. approximately half a mile and the school will be on the left.
- ⇒ Field is located behind the school.

