



US Army Corps  
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Buffalo District

# America's Great Outdoors Let's Move!/National Kids to Parks Event

**Event:** Doo Wop at the Dam

**Location:** Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area

**Date:** May 26, 2013

**Time:** 11am - 4pm

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## **What is it?**

This event is designed as an active day of outdoor play to get local families moving and encourage them to visit their local park throughout the year. The Doo Wop at the Dam is a summer kick off and celebration of the construction of Mount Morris Dam with a 1950s style day of fun for the whole family. Throughout the event, the Visitor Center was open for visitors to explore, guided dam tours were provided, and family-oriented activities were facilitated by local high school age volunteers. A local antique car club displayed 1950s vehicles, which added to the 1950s ambiance. Grilled hotdogs and refreshments were served by a local Boy Scout Troop.



## **Also Featuring:**

- Guided tours inside the dam
- Hot dog BBQ
- Hula Hoop
- Human "drag races"
- Sack race
- Tug of War
- Hopscotch
- Face painting & more!





## Who's involved in the making of the Doo Wop at the Dam?

Over **400 visitors** from the local area and beyond participated in this event.

**30 youth volunteers** make this Kids to Parks/Get Moving! event possible.

**15 local High School student volunteers** from the Key Club/Jr. Kiwanis, which is a group that focuses on developing leadership skills in high school students through community service. The students' role is to facilitate activities with the children participating in the event. Throughout the event, we announce activities over a loud speaker and the volunteer students work to rally kids and parents into participating. The student volunteers led games like duck-duck-goose, red-light-green-light, water balloon toss, freeze dance for 20 - 40 minutes, depending on the childrens' interest, then we transition to free play on the playground/water break/snack break for 20 minutes, and then we announce another group activity. The result is a whole bunch of kids playing together, having an absolute blast making new friends, families staying at the park for the entire day, and leaving after the event with a bunch of blissed-out-played-out kids!

**10 Boy Scouts and troop leader volunteers** grilled hot dogs, served popsicles, and poured cold drinks for visitors throughout the event. The Boy Scouts also participated in many of the event activities; the tug of war being the highlight, of course!

