

Interviews With Kids

In summer 2009, Volunteer Youth Reporter Katie Naymon interviewed kids attending several Get Up, Get Out & Go! programs to find out what they liked best about the park. Here are the highlights. What would you say?

Trying New Things, Making Friends

“I loved the train ride because we got to see so much of the park.” Bridget, age 13, Akron

“The concert rocked! We got to dance.” LaBria, age 14, Akron

“We get to do stuff that we normally wouldn’t do.” Genny, age 14, Akron

“I like how you can learn so many things with your friends.” Kayla, age 15, Akron

“I want to do stuff like go outside, go on trains, and hike.” Mia, age 9, Akron

“I like to run in the park; running games are fun. I would do the program again because it’s really fun to meet new people.” Devin, age 10, Akron

“We get to listen to the audio [tour on the train]. It’s very relaxing.” Elise, age 12, Akron

“I just like seeing [Ranger] Brady.” Robyn, age 11, Akron

“It’s fun—you get to do lots of stuff and meet new people. And it’s free.” Bridget, age 13, Akron

Learning Outdoor Skills

“Camping and fishing, yeah, that sounds fun!” Elise, age 12, Akron

“I like fishing, so I’m excited!” Devon, age 11, Akron

“The cooking at camp was fun because I like to prepare food.” Razel, age 11, Akron

Exercising

“We like to kick soccer balls around in the park.” Demi, age 11, Akron

“I like to walk and ride bikes because I like to get exercise.” Chris, age 10, Akron

“I like to play tag and to be with your friends. I like to run a little bit and also walk.” Deandre, age 12, Akron

“I like to jog in the park because it makes me happy.” Kyra age 10, North Royalton

“I like this field in the park—you can run around.” Annaka, age 8, Akron

Seeing Nature

“I love hiking and seeing what nature has to show.” Razel, age 11, Akron

“I like to see the beauty of nature with my friends.” Sierra, age 10, Akron

“We saw a blue heron. You can see so many types of animals.” Rebecca, age 13, Akron

“It’s fun to look at trees and find squirrel nests.” Kyra, age 10, North Royalton

“We look through the water and look for animals.” Kapree, age 12, Akron

“The bike ride was really fun. We saw three deer.” Sydney, age 10, Chicago

Favorite Places

“I love Howe Meadow because you can do a lot of stuff in the field like camping and plain old having fun!” Alexis, age 10, Akron

“Top of the World is just really pretty.” Aajah, age 10, Akron

“I like the towpath because I see more animals.” Sydney, age 10, Chicago

“I just like anywhere that is peaceful.” Reba, age 14, Akron

“I like anywhere I can just sit and talk.” Kasie, age 14, Akron

“We like the fishing pond, so we can fish.” Shaquoi, age 12, Copley

“...the Cuyahoga River because it is pretty.” Abby, age 14, Akron