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Earth Day fun breaks out on the east side

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A hot sun, outdoor games and a rock 'n' roll band made for the perfect afternoon April 22 at the Levitt Boys and Girls Club, 705 E. University Ave., where about 250 children gathered to enjoy Earth Day.

The U.S. Navy's Horizon band performed for a couple hours behind the club, where children cheered, danced and ran off their energy on the playground.

Seven members of the band, based at the Great Lakes naval base near Chicago, played to the delight of the crowd.

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"We play all around the country, at school events and we do concerts," said Navy Lt. Karlos Kirby, who is originally from Des Moines. "The band is a full-time band. If there is a job in the civilian world, there's an equivalent in the Navy. This is an opportunity to let people in Iowa know what assets the Navy has."

"We do a lot of public gigs," said vocalist and Seaman apprentice Steven LaMonica, from Dallas. "It gives everyone a chance to see a different side of the Navy."

Jennifer Riggs, education program director for the Levitt Boys and Girls Club, planned the day's events. She alternated between affixing temporary tattoos to a long line of children and dancing to the

band.

"I'm a big environmentalist so I wanted to make Earth Day something they remember," she said. "I wanted it to be something so they could get out and enjoy their community - so they will learn to take care of it."

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Adrianna Slaughter, 9, of the city's east side has her face painted while attending an Earth Day celebration.



Tyran Locure, 10, of the city's east side, displays good form with a hula hoop.

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