



# Moonlight Memories DJs

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The summer weather will soon be here. That means outdoor parties with the songs and artists that we associate with summer fun.

## Top Summer Songs

### **"Hot Fun in the Summertime" Sly and the Family Stone**

Recorded in 1969 it was released after the band's high-profile performance at Woodstock, which greatly increased their popularity. The song peaked at Number 2 on the Billboard Singles Chart. Recently, Rolling Stone Magazine ranked the song #247 on their list of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time". Moonlight Memories DJs considers this the definitive "summer anthem."



### **"In the Summertime" Mungo Jerry**

In 1970 this song was released by the British rock band "Mungo Jerry". Written and composed by its lead singer, Ray Dorset, it celebrates the carefree days of summer. It reached number three on the Billboard Singles Chart. It became one of the best-selling singles of all-time, eventually selling more than 10 million copies worldwide.

### **"Surf City" Jan and Dean**

The opening lyrics "Two Girls For Every Boy" set the tone for this summer classic. The song is written by Dean Torrence (of Jan & Dean) and Beach Boy Brian Wilson. Brian had the song half complete when he played it at a party for Jan and Dean. Wilson had lost interest in the song and figured that he would not complete it so he suggested that Jan and Dean finish the song and record it. It became the first song about surfing to be a Number One Hit.

### **"All Summer Long" Kid Rock**

Released in 2008 "All Summer Long" is unique in that it samples two other songs "Werewolves of London" and "Sweet Home Alabama". Thus eight people have song writing credits for "All Summer Long". The draw of the song is that it takes one back to their younger days to recall the wild times they had in the summer.

## Top Summer Artist

### **Beach Boys**

Formed in California in the early sixties this group, led by song writer Brian Wilson produced numerous classic summer songs. The best, according to this disc jockey, are California Girls, Surfin USA, Kokomo, Good Vibrations, Fun Fun Fun, Surfin Safari, and Don't Worry Baby.





# Hula Hoops — Great for Outdoor Parties

Moonlight Memories DJs finds Hula Hoops to be a great addition to an outdoor party. For often a crowd can be dispersed over a large area and this makes it difficult for the DJ to run any activity. But with Hula Hoops a lot of the crowd seems to center around the DJ. Some will use the Hula Hoops while others gather around to watch.

DJs can have their crowd use the Hula Hoops in two ways. The first is just to have them out for general use. The second is to hold Hula Hoop contests. Depending on the crowd and ability of the participants the contests can be broken up into age groups.

Since the best hula users can keep one hula hoop spinning for several minutes it is usually necessary that during a contest that after a minute the DJ tells those who are still twirling to stop and grab another hula hoop. Then round two starts with two hoops. If after another minute some are still spinning both hoops a third hoop is added. Three hoops is usually enough to find a winner, but I have seen where as many as five hoops were needed to determine the winner.

*Bruce Doorly*

## History of the Hula Hoop

Many think that the Hula Hoop was a fad born in the late 1950s, but kids and adults have played with hoops as far back as three thousand years ago. In ancient Egypt large hoops made of dried grapevines were popular toys. The hoop was propelled along the ground with a stick or swung around at the waist.

During the fourteenth century, a "hooping" craze swept England. The records of doctors at the time attribute numerous dislocated backs to "hooping."

In 1957, an Australian company began making wooden hoops to be used around the waist for exercising. When they could not keep up with the demand the item attracted the attention of California toy manufacturer Wham-O. The next year (1958) Wham-O manufactured a plastic hoop in a variety of bright colors and promoted them on California playgrounds. The public went crazy over them and the hula hoop became the greatest fad the country has ever seen. Twenty-five million were sold in four months!

The hysteria died out in a year, but the hula hoop still stayed around. Recently the fitness craze has helped keep the hula hoop popular.



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