

## Dear Parent,

This is an invitation to your child to become a member of a newly established "Roots & Shoots" group for the Greater Pasadena area that is targeted towards 6-10 year olds. We provide some brief information on Roots & Shoots below as well as on our group's plans and goals on the following page (or reverse side) of this flyer. To learn more please visit [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org). If you are interested in having your child join this group, visit [www.rootsandshootsprotecttheearth.org](http://www.rootsandshootsprotecttheearth.org), send an email to [waliser@caltech.edu](mailto:waliser@caltech.edu) with your son's/daughter's name and age and we will sign him/her into our group, or you can call 626-277-7217. Note that our intention is make this a modest-paced, long-term community and environmental learning process and commitment, with about 6-8 or so activities in a calendar year.

We hope you are having a fun summer,  
Your Local Roots&Shoots Group

**What is Roots & Shoots?** The Roots & Shoots program is about making positive change happen for our communities, for animals and for the environment. And it all starts with you! With tens of thousands of young people in almost 100 countries, the Roots & Shoots network branches out across the globe, connecting youth of all ages who share a common desire to help make our world a better place. This powerful, youth-driven network fosters a fun, flexible and supportive environment where young people and adults alike come together to share ideas and inspiration, implement successful community service projects and participate in special events and global campaigns.

**roots&shoots** The Power of Youth is Global  
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**Human  
community**

  
**environment**



  
**animals**

Roots & Shoots, a program of the Jane Goodall Institute, is a powerful, youth-driven, global network of more than 8,000 groups in almost 100 countries. Together, youth of all ages are taking action to improve our world through service learning projects that promote care and concern for animals, the environment and the human community. **Goto [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org)**



### Potential Activities for our Group

- Contribute to the R&S international tree planting campaign by planting trees in the recently burned Griffiths Park.
- Guided tour of the L. A. Zoo to learn more specifically of our area's endangered species and efforts to re-establish them.
- Visit the Pasadena animal shelter to learn our community's challenges and resources regarding native animals and pets.
- Trail cleanup and wildlife identification in Eaton Canyon or other nearby Wilderness Area
- Tour the L.A. Botanical Garden in Arcadia to learn local challenges regarding native versus non-native plants and stresses to our local ecosystem.
- Interact with an elderly residence facility to connect our youth's vitality with the wisdom and spirit of our elderly population.
- Take part in a (near) zero-energy day at home to explore the possibilities and ramifications of lowering our global energy needs.
- Rain-out Day : Watch a Jane Goodall video to learn about the organization's founder and commitments to animals, community and the environment.
- Select a fun destination on the LA metro rail system to explore and/or expose our children to the needs and benefits associated with public transportation.
- Jane Goodall's annual visit to Griffiths Park Sunday, September 23rd.
- A fund raising activity to illustrate that for even some of the best causes, grass roots ideas and energy are needed to make positive changes.
- What would you like to see us do?

### Other Connections and Goals

**KEEPING TRACK:** Our group has a web site ([www.rootsandshootsprotecttheearth.org](http://www.rootsandshootsprotecttheearth.org)) where we document (e.g., pictures, discussion, video) our activities so the children can readily share their experiences and accomplishments with their classmates, teachers, family and friends.

**MEDIA:** Our group will often seek to connect to the media, both newspaper and television, in an effort to not only gain recognition for the spirit and enthusiasm of our children but to also expose them to the notion that for a good cause, the media is their friend and within their reach.

**RECOGNITION:** Groups that conduct a project in each of the three key areas: environment, animals and community, with at least one of these projects extending over more than one meeting, are eligible to receive "Certificates of Recognition" signed by Jane Goodall. Our group will seek to meet this goal.

**PARTNERSHIPS IN UNDERSTANDING:** A correspondence program whereby R&S will connect our group to a partner group in another part of the world so the children can share the diverse and common themes in their journey to improve our planet.

If your child is not already a member, this represents an invitation to join the Greater Pasadena R&S group which targets 6-10 year olds. If you are interested, send an email to [waliser@caltech.edu](mailto:waliser@caltech.edu) or call 626-277-7217. Note that our intention is make this a modest-paced, long-term community and environmental learning process and commitment, with about 6-8 or so activities in a calendar year.

