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Dear Educators,

Welcome to Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots! Roots & Shoots is a 501c3 non-profit founded in 1991 by Dr. Jane Goodall and a group of Tanzanian students. The Roots & Shoots program empowers youth to design and implement community based service learning projects to create lasting, positive change for people, animals and the environment.

Roots & Shoots members take action all over the world, wherever people come together with a common desire to make a difference—in classrooms, home schools, nature centers, neighborhoods, refugee camps, zoos, scout troops and beyond. Young people connect with one another, share ideas and inspiration and implement successful community service projects and service learning projects. Today, there are about 150,000 Roots & Shoots members in more than 120 countries!

Our simple yet holistic approach maximizes youth engagement because projects are driven by the interests and abilities of the participants. Kids are encouraged to develop projects that matter to them. The type of projects vary, based on age, interests and community needs, but the common thread across Roots & Shoots service projects is our methodology of Knowledge, Compassion, and Action.

### Getting Started

To start a Roots & Shoots group in your program, go to [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org). Click on "Get Involved" to start the registration process. Once you are a group member of Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, take time to explore the many member resources highlighted below:

- Resource Center: lesson plans, activities and the R&S Handbook PDF
- Project Database: full access to over 2,600 projects ideas and descriptions reported by our members
- Find a Group: locate and message with other groups in your city and around the world
- eNewsletter subscription: a National newsletter about the R&S network
- Discussion Boards: view and post to all boards
- Print International R&S Newsletter, received by mail
- Invitations to other special events and volunteer opportunities

Thank you so much for your interest in our program. We hope you will choose to become involved and look forward to having you in our network!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison".

Allison Deines  
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