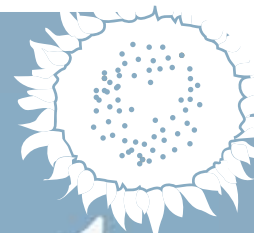




Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots



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Visit to Tanzania



John Silver's dream was to travel from his home in Santa Fe, NM to the Gombe National Park in Tanzania, Africa to see the landscape, meet some of the people, and admire chimpanzees with Dr. Jane Goodall. This summer, John, the co-chair of [the Jane Goodall Institute](#) Board of Directors, finally realized his dream with an opportunity to travel with his co-chair, Don Kendall to Africa to visit villages, admire the amazing African species and experience Gombe first hand. First, they visited the Ngorongoro crater, the largest crater on Earth, which holds two dry lakes, a river and hundreds of animal species. They saw everything from elephants to giraffes to lions on the prowl! They also visited Olduvai Gorge where Louis Leakey discovered Homo erectus. In the Gorge, they witnessed the wildebeest migration, where millions of wildebeest from the Serengeti, cross the Mara River. Each year these animals risk crossing the dangerous river despite the crocodiles that inhabit it as well as the possibility of being trampled by other migrating wildebeest.

John and Don, then traveled to the Gombe with Dr. Jane, and two other researchers to visit chimpanzees. On one of their hikes, they observed a mother and grandmother chimpanzee taking care of some young chimpanzees. Along with seeing chimpanzees while visiting Gombe, John and Don also hiked to a special waterfall that Dr. Jane visits frequently when she travels there. John said that his visit to Gombe with Dr. Jane to see the chimpanzees she has been studying for more than 50 years was dream come true.

The last part of John and Don's time in Tanzania was spent on a visit to a [TACARE](#) village called the Mwamgongo village where they met with the people who are growing businesses with micro-loans funded by the Jane Goodall Institute. Along with seeing the impacts of the micro-loan program, John and Don also had the opportunity to see the Institute's other conservation projects within the village including a coffee importing project creating jobs for villagers. On another visit to the Mwamgongo village, John gave t-shirts to the young people involved in [Roots & Shoots](#).

John returned safely from Africa with amazing safari pictures as well as an immense appreciation for what he had experienced. On this trip, John saw how the Jane Goodall Institute is improving the lives of people in Tanzania, in addition to realizing his dream of observing the amazing animals that helped Dr. Jane make history.



Earth's Birthday Project

This spring, students from Santa Fe, NM and other nearby cities showed acts of kindness for the Earth through their participation in an Earth's Birthday Celebration hosted by [Earth's Birthday Project](#), in collaboration with [Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Four Corners Region](#).

For the 2011 celebration, students from over 700 classrooms in northern New Mexico collected two million coins, totaling more than \$20,000. These funds will be used to protect one million gallons of river water for otters and one million square yards of South American rainforest. Students from Santa Fe, Espanola, Pojoaque and other towns also celebrated Earth's Birthday in their classrooms. Students learned how to better care for the Earth by means of composting, recycling and conserving water. They shared these lessons with their parents and families so they help take care of the environment at home as well. At the end of the year, [Zwibbbles](#), a cuddly educational tool used to help students learn care and compassion for the environment, were awarded to groups with outstanding participation.

To learn more about how you can participate in the Earth's Birthday Project, please contact Roots & Shoots Santa Fe Coordinator [Katie Macaulay](#).



iMatter Marches

This May, Roots & Shoots Four Corners members participated in the Kids vs. Global Warming [iMatter Campaign](#). [Kid's vs. Global Warming](#) is a youth led non-profit founded by Alec Looz when he was 12 years old. After watching the film An Inconvenient Truth, Alec was inspired to take action and to create a way for other young people to do the same. The iMatter Campaign focuses on the youngest generation; those who will be affected by the poor state of the environment in the very near future. The campaign urges young people to speak out for improving the environment by hosting awareness-building marches and educational events. The Campaign also encourages young people to urge their governments to make the environment and climate change a priority. Through the iMatter Campaign, these marches and protests educate both the public as



well as elected officials. This year, iMatter marches were held all over the United States and around the world helping young people voice their concerns about global warming.

Among the many events held worldwide, Roots & Shoots Youth Leader Akilah S. R. organized an iMatter march in her home city. In Albuquerque on Mother's Day, more than 70 participants marched over 2 miles carrying signs and chanting for environmental awareness.

"New Mexico is considered a frontline community, meaning it will be affected first and worst by climate change," said Akilah. In addition to raising awareness about global warming at the march, Akilah has also educated her elected officials as a lead youth plaintiff on the New Mexico lawsuit against Governor Susana Martinez for the Matter lawsuits.

-By Johanna Silver, Roots & Shoots Four Corners Office Assistant

Rio Grande Roots & Shoots Great Peacemakers Art Show

-By Sophie E. Y., Member of Rio Grande Roots & Shoots



During the last two and a half years, our [Rio Grande Roots & Shoots](#) group has participated in a program called [Great Peacemakers](#) to learn about how we can change the world in peaceful ways. In this program we have learned about many peacemakers throughout the world. Some of these peacemakers included, Mahatma Gandhi, Astrid Lindgren, Anderson Sá, Dr. Jane Goodall, Thich Nhat Hanh, the Dali Lama and Colman McCarthy. With each peacemaker, we read a chapter out of the book *Great Peacemakers* and then discussed it as a group. After our discussion, we created art that corresponded to the specific peacemaker. At the end of each year we hosted an exhibition of all the art we have created. At the end of this school year, we completed the Great Peacemakers project and celebrated with a great event. In addition to the art show, we gave peacemaker impersonations, where students dressed as a peacemaker and give a short talk on them.

Because of our peacemakers program, our Roots & Shoots group has learned how to be non-violent and compassionate. It has changed many of us, and all for the better. Here is a little of what I have learned about the Great Peacemaker, Colman McCarthy:

Colman McCarthy was born in 1938 and grew up to be a journalist and a teacher. He now directs the Center for Teaching Peace and gives peace courses in several high schools and colleges in the Washington D.C. area. I wrote to Colman McCarthy and he wrote back. From reading about Colman McCarthy, I learned that anyone can be a peacemaker, no matter what their strengths are. He believes that unless you teach a child peace, someone else will teach him violence. Our Great Peacemakers program directly corresponds to his message, as it is a curriculum that teaches peace. I would definitely recommend reading this book as it should be part of every child's education.

One art project the group completed included visiting the Rio Grande Zoo to draw portraits of the chimpanzees after learning about the work of Dr. Jane Goodall. Below are some of their drawings:



2011 Youth Leadership Retreat



This June marked the fourth annual Youth Leadership Retreat of [Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots of the Four Corners region](#) hosted at the [Wind River Ranch](#) in Watrous, NM. The three day retreat had its largest number participants with over 30 young people in attendance. Youth leaders came from across New Mexico including Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Vegas. Also in attendance were students from the [Armand Hammer United World College](#) native to Jordan, Afghanistan and even Tanzania!

The Wind River Ranch specializes in ecological education and restoration of native species. Retreat participants had the opportunity to experience the beauty of the ranch by taking

hikes and walks along the river and leading a river restoration service project.

Along with the splendor of the ranch, youth also participated in workshops led by members of the [Four Corners Youth Leadership Council](#) (FCYLC). During these workshops, the participants were introduced to Jane's Goodall's Roots & Shoots program where they learned about what makes a good leader, and how they could participate in the FYLC to receive even further leadership training. Two council members led one of the activities called "The Leadership Compass."

In this exercise, participants learned about characteristics of leadership, and types of leadership styles. The participants organized themselves into groups based their own personal leadership style and while in their groups, discussed the pros and cons of their style as well as which other styles they would work well with.

In addition to leadership workshops, participants also enjoyed environmental observation activities from educators like Melanie Beck, the Environmental Educator at the [Santa Fe Children's Museum](#). In her "Private Eye" workshop participants looked at butterflies through a magnifying glass and were instructed to draw and write about what they observed.



Youth participant Lidiya B. shares her poem she wrote during the Private Eye workshop:

Butterfly was flying through the field in the autumn.

With wings delicate like silk fabric.

Sunshine was falling on its delicate body.

With a summer breeze touching her like a leaf plant.

It's scaly body reminded me of a figure on yellow paper.

Made as Christmas toy as the pirate mask we glanced at.

Night came soon thinking of butterfly's beauty.

Hays noticing moon's bright smile on butterfly too.

-By Johanna Silver, Roots & Shoots Four Corners Office Assistant



Las Vegas Kite Festival



On Saturday, April 30, 2011 sixth grade students from [West Las Vegas Middle School](#) celebrated at Storrie Lake in Las Vegas, NM after completing several week-long projects where they learned about raptors. Over the course of the week, two rangers from [New Mexico State Parks](#) came to the school to teach students about raptors and their habitats taught in both English and Spanish. They were also joined by Navajo storyteller, [Adam Teller](#), who told traditional stories about eagles and hawks and the importance of environmental stewardship.

After the educational programs, students constructed and decorated kites that looked like the birds they learned about for their celebration. That weekend students and their families met at Storrie Lake to fly their kites and to participate in a program with live raptors taught by Laura Simmons of [New Mexico Raptors](#). Laura brought a Swainson's hawk, a great horned owl and a turkey vulture to show the class. After the presentation the sixth graders were awarded prizes for their kite designs and served lunch.

-By Johanna Silver, Roots & Shoots Four Corners Office Assistant

Listening Leadership Retreat

I attended the Listening Leadership Retreat at [Wind River Ranch](#) this summer. The point of the retreat was to learn leadership through listening. This is a different way of thinking about leadership because usually we think of leaders as being very vocal. Listening is a skill every leader needs to have. Leaders need to understand what people want and need. I learned that a good leader listens to all points of view in order to make a knowledgeable decision that will have a successful result.

At the leadership retreat, 11 middle and high school students learned to use better listening skills by paying attention to smaller, more subtle sounds than we would normally notice. After the listening training, we learned how to use sound recording equipment and recorded sounds at different locations on the Ranch. Using the recording equipment was really fun, especially with the headphones, because I could hear sounds amplified while they were being recorded. My favorite sounds were of the bison that live at Wind River Ranch. We parked in the middle of the herd, cut out all sounds from cars and people and started recording. I never thought about bison sounds before, but when I could hear each grunt and hoof fall in crisp detail, I felt like I was listening to

-By Roman V., Member of Rio Grande Roots & Shoots

something that I had been deaf to before. My respect for the bison grew after this experience.

Some other sounds we recorded were beavers slapping the water with their tails, frogs chirping and many birds singing in unison. Our mentors, Joel and Margaret were very knowledgeable and I learned a lot. The goal was to create a sound map of Wind River Ranch that we will compare to sounds recorded next year. This retreat left a good impression on me and I can't wait to do it again.



Save the date!

Upcoming Roots & Shoots Events...

Saturday September 17th

Roots & Shoots Day of Peace

Following Dr. Jane's leadership, as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, members and friends of Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots have been called to celebrate International Day of Peace and plan projects that promote peace year-round. For Day of Peace, Roots & Shoots groups build and fly the signature [Giant Peace Dove Puppets](#), which were created by Roots & Shoots members to celebrate Dr. Jane's appointment as a UN Messenger of Peace. Through flying their Giant Peace Dove Puppets, and planning projects that promote peace, Roots & Shoots groups show their commitment to creating a better world for all—for people, animals, and the environment we all share. Stay tuned to learn more about regional events or plan one of your own! [Find out more.](#)

Wednesday October 5th

Santa Fe Teacher Training

Roots & Shoots Four Corners is offering a training workshop to educators and group leaders in Santa Fe, NM from 4 p.m. - 8: p.m. Please contact [Emily Dietrich Millstein](#) to register or for more information.

October 21st-22nd

North America Training Summit

In just a few months, Roots & Shoots group leaders will be gathering for the 2nd annual Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots North America Training Summit. This year the Summit is being hosted in New Orleans at the historic French Quarter hotel, the Omni Royal Orleans. This will be one gathering you won't want to miss. [Register today.](#)

O n l i n e C o m m u n i c a t i o n s S u r v e y

At Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots we are committed delivering excellent service and high-quality programs. In an effort to continuously improve our service, we are asking members to help us by taking a short, five-minute survey. [Submit your responses today.](#)

Meet New Council Members

Abuubakar Ally



Abuubakar is from Tanzania and is currently studying at the [Armand Hammer United World College](#) in Las Vegas, N.M. Although he is new to Root & Shoots and the [Four Corners Youth Leadership Council](#), he has already been involved in many service learning projects. He is part of the Service Learning

Council at the United World College and has been a member of World Children. He is also involved in Community Work, which helps build houses for Las Vegas residents and is a co-leader of Math Games for Children that helps children improve their math skills through games. He is very interested in intercultural interactions and leadership.

Genevieve Conley



Genevieve Conley is from Santa Fe, N.M. and studies at the [New Mexico School for the Arts](#). She became familiar with Roots & Shoots through her participation on the [Santa Fe Animal Shelter](#) Youth Board.

She has been a member of the Board for three years advocating for the welfare of homeless companion animals. In addition to the Youth Board, Genevieve has visited the horse shelter, helped with the annual regional Roots & Shoots Day of Peace event and was part of a land management group at her school. She is excited to join the Four Corners Youth Leadership Council because she enjoys meeting and working with people who are as passionate about current world issues as she is.

Setasha Sizemore



Setasha is a sophomore at [Albuquerque High School](#). She is passionate about the protection and preservation of nature and is interested in helping the environment. She hopes to learn how she can help protect her local ecosystem through her participation in the Four Corners Youth Leadership Council. Her positive and determined outlook will help Setasha have great impact in the world.

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