



# Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots USA

## **Roots & Shoots – Los Angeles Basecamp**

### **2025 Project Grant Awards**

#### **Justin's Frog Project**

Justin's club partnered with local conservation organizations to learn about the endangered Mountain Yellow Legged Frog, and investigated the possibility of building a safe habitat for newly released frogs.

#### **Kinetic Academy Green Team**

The Kinetic Academy Green Team has received previous Roots & Shoots grants to support their on-campus garden and cleanup initiatives at local parks and beaches. This year, their grant funds are going towards new equipment to support prior initiatives, including reusable trash buckets, grabbers, and gardening equipment.

#### **Odyssey High School**

Students at Odyssey High School are leading an initiative to install a water filtration system and ice maker to improve access to clean drinking water on campus. Building on a previous reusable bottle campaign, the project aims to reduce plastic waste while supporting students who currently rely on bottled water.

#### **Woodland Hills Academy Humanities Magnet**

Students are expanding their school garden to create more hands-on, outdoor learning experiences beyond the classroom. The project will combine gardening, environmental education, and wellness activities to help students grow their own produce while supporting mental health.

## **AndOneSports**

AndOneSports promotes sports equity by providing free gear and peer-led coaching to Title 1 schools. High school athletes mentor younger kids, building leadership and community. They used their Roots & Shoots grant to purchase sports equipment based on each school's specific needs.

## **Gardens4Kids**

Students at Gardens4Kids took a prior Roots & Shoots project one step further by partnering with a local homeless shelter to bring garden-based learning to children. Youth leaders teach sustainability, biodiversity, cultural food traditions, and kindness while building an indoor hydroponic system that transitions into a container garden.

## **Carson Street Elementary**

Carson Street Elementary has received several Roots & Shoots grants over the last few years. This year, students are using resources from the Monarch Fellowship and National Wildlife Federation to create a Monarch Sanctuary Garden to support monarchs. Eventually, they plan to share plants with the wider community.

## **Katelyn's Community Science Project**

Katelyn partnered with the LA Arboretum and local libraries to create interpretive signage to educate visitors about native landscaping, highlighting benefits for wildlife and ecosystem resilience. Workshops for adults and children provided hands-on learning, including opportunities to engage in community science events.

## **Pine Valley Outdoor Science School**

Students at an outdoor science school track waste reduction and take their skills back to their schools and communities, spreading sustainable practices. The project aims to equip partner schools with resources to continue these activities year-round and celebrate students' achievements in reducing waste.

### **Culver City High School**

Students transformed a neglected school space into a pollinator-friendly garden with seating, creating a place for both wildlife and students to enjoy. Working with a UC Master Gardener, they improved soil, planted flowers, and installed drip irrigation to support pollinators while enhancing campus life.

### **Daniel Webster Middle School**

Students investigated how everyday products contribute to ocean pollution and biodiversity loss through beach audits and research. They will create a PSA and artwork to raise awareness on campus and in local businesses, engaging peers in environmental action.

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