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ENTERTAINMENT

'Day of Peace' with Jane Goodall at Santa Monica Pier

The Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots youth program of California will host its seventh annual "Day of Peace" festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 20th on the Santa Monica Pier.

The family festival marks Southern California's celebration of United Nation's International Day of Peace. Admission is free and open to the public.

The event will feature music and entertainment performances, arts and crafts, pet adoptions, special activities for children of all ages, as well as educational and environmentally conscious exhibits.

The United Nations appointed Goodall, a well-known anthropologist, as a messenger of peace in 2002. Through her Roots & Shoots program, Goodall encourages the efforts of young people and adults across the globe to identify concerns in their communities and take action to create a better world, a greater understanding of different cultures, and a more balanced co-existence among people, animals and the environment.

Roots & Shoots youth groups from throughout the state will display a wide variety of environmentally-themed projects that have been completed throughout the year to inspire those who attend to do their own part to make the world a better place. The festival will culminate with a Giant Peace Dove Parade at 2 p.m., which includes the flying of handmade doves along the Santa Monica Pier parade route.

All who attend the festival are encouraged to contribute to the Day of Peace Food Drive for People and Pets. Everyone who donates non-perishable food items for people, pets or both, will receive a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win a prize. The Westside Food Bank will partner with Day of Peace to collect and distribute the food donations to local social services agencies that assist families and individuals of all ages in need.

For more information, including vendor and exhibitor opportunities, www.dayofpeace.org or info@dayofpeace.org.