New York City Celebration of Service

May 5, 2012 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Join fellow Roots & Shoots members from around the region to celebrate the year and the impact that each and every school and group has had in their community.

The Celebration of Service will be hosted at New York University in collaboration with the Wallerstien Collaborative. There will be opportunities for teachers and their students to share their service projects, listen to inspiring speakers, participate in learning labs and work on a collaborative group service project.

Registration for this FREE event includes:
- Lunch for all attendees,
- Seats at a keynote presentation with Olivia Bouler, author of Olivia’s Birds Saving the Gulf,
- Admission to one of the three environmental Learning Labs and
- Involvement in a fun and interactive collaborative service project.

All three learning labs and the collaborative service project count towards a student’s and classroom’s completion of service.

Groups are also invited to share past service projects by displaying a tri-fold presentation board at the event. Displays should not exceed 3 feet in length. Space for a group’s display will be reserved at time of registration.

For New York Teachers: Transportation stipends for your students are available! This can include funds for public transportation or round trip school bus transport. Funds are limited so this opportunity is available only on a first come, first served basis. If you need transportation support, please fill in the request for transportation during registration.

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Schedule of Events
1 p.m.
Lunch and Project Sharing
Groups will have the opportunity to display their presentation boards, share their service projects and meet with other Roots & Shoots groups. Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

2 p.m.
Keynote: Olivia Bouler
Olivia Bouler, author of Olivia’s Birds Saving the Gulf, will give an inspiring keynote presentation, and share her experience raising more than $200,000 to support relief efforts in the Gulf of Mexico after the 2010 Deep-water Horizon Oil Spill.

2:30 p.m.
Learning Labs
You and members of your group can select one of the following three Learning Labs to attend. Each are action oriented and provide lots of learning regarding relevant New York environmental topics. Split your flock or migrate as a a group if space permits.

Learning Lab # 1 - Invasive Species: Service Learning’s Most Wanted
Invasive species can have a tremendously negative impact on the health of our ecosystems. In this hands-on workshop, we will learn how the movement of aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals are directly related to both our physical and cultural environments. Through discussion, games, and craft making, we will explore how and why these non-native species have arrived in our neighborhoods. Most importantly, we will determine what we can do as service learning leaders to lessen their impact and stop these creatures from expanding their territories.

Learning Lab # 2 - Terrariums: The World in Your Hands
Building a terrarium is a great way to observe the wonder, complexity and importance of the natural world and its eco-systems in a portable miniature model! In building and caring for the terrarium we reinforce our role as stewards of the environment and witness its interconnectedness with people and animals. In this hands-on workshop, each student and teacher will leave with their own terrarium made from recycled and other materials! Teachers will also leave with a terrarium lesson-planning packet.

Learning Lab # 3 - Worms at Work: A Worm Composting Bin How To
Further details will wiggle your way soon.

3:30 p.m.
Flap, Fly and Flutter Service Project
Protect two of New York’s most important winged wonders. Groups will complete one or both projects including a bird fly in prevention project led by Olivia Bouler. In this activity participants will make bird silhouettes to hang in windows to help birds navigate away from often dangerous glass windows. In the second project led by Katherine Anne Chulvick, participants will construct homes for pollinators using recycled materials that can be placed in any outdoor space.

5 p.m. - Event Concludes