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WABASSO ISLAND, Fla., January 30, 2008. On Saturday, February 23, the Emerson Center and the Environmental Learning Center will join with the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots educational outreach program in sponsoring a youth environmental program at the Emerson Center. Goodall, the renowned student of the African Gombe chimpanzees will appear as the Celebrated Speaker at the Emerson at 2 pm and 7 pm on the same day.

The RESOLVE TO GET INVOLVED program invites youth groups (ages 5-18) to the Emerson Center's Unitarian Universalist Fellowship campus at 10 am for an introduction to Dr. Goodall's work and the need for environmental volunteerism by young people. Representatives from local environmental organizations will be on hand to showcase their own work. Johnell Hankins, an experienced Roots & Shoots teacher from Tampa, will work with the youth groups and the

environmental organizations to design projects they wish to develop and conduct together.

The program is expected to end at noon. The Emerson Center is located on the corner of 27th Avenue and 16th Street. For tickets to the event and more information, call Heather Stapleton at the Environmental Learning Center at 772-589-5050.

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western edge of the Wabasso Bridge. Its 64-acre island campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop and visitor center. A list of its many field excursions including hikes, boat excursions and kayaking trips may be found at www.elcweb.org.

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