Tree Places

Dear children! Hello kids!

„Trees are precious! Keep them. Leave them intact!"
writes American architect Christopher Alexander in his book „A Pattern Language."
And I think he's right!
Because we humans need trees. And sometimes trees need people too.

Hello! My name is Luise and I'm an architect in Germany.

This year, the Biennale is taking place in Venice.This is a major exhibition in which people from all over of the world present their ideas on a good built environment.

Colleagues from Germany have designed a space there that lets visitors experience
what increasingly hot cities might feel like.
Incredible heat is already a daily occurrence in many parts of the world.
This could get worse if we don't build differently – in rural areas as well as in cities.
Trees can help us because they function like a natural air conditioner.

Would you like to be part of the architecture exhibition in Venice?

I invite you to draw a picture on a postcard showing a tree and its surroundings.
A tree that gives you good ideas.
A tree under which you sit and eat with your family.
A tree that protects you.
A tree that knows your secret.
A tree that stands in front of your school.
Or maybe you can think of another important tree?

I would like to create an online exhibition of all the pictures that everyone around the world can see.
It will be part of the program at the Venice Biennale in the German Pavilion.

Please send me your picture, which includes at least one tree and its (built) surroundings, either by email to

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Please send the pictures together in a class set.

IMPORTANT Please don't forget to write:
1. Where is the tree located?
2. What is your name?
3. What country do you live in?

The deadline for entries is August 10, 2025
Thank you!

I'm looking forward to seeing the trees from all over the world.

Yours, Luise from Weimar, in the center of Germany and the center of Europe.