# Connecting Youth with Nature

in the Ashokan Watershed and Beyond

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### Do you know this kid?

- Technology is both important and useful
- Kids are losing their connection to nature
- Parenting and the way kids play used to be a lot different



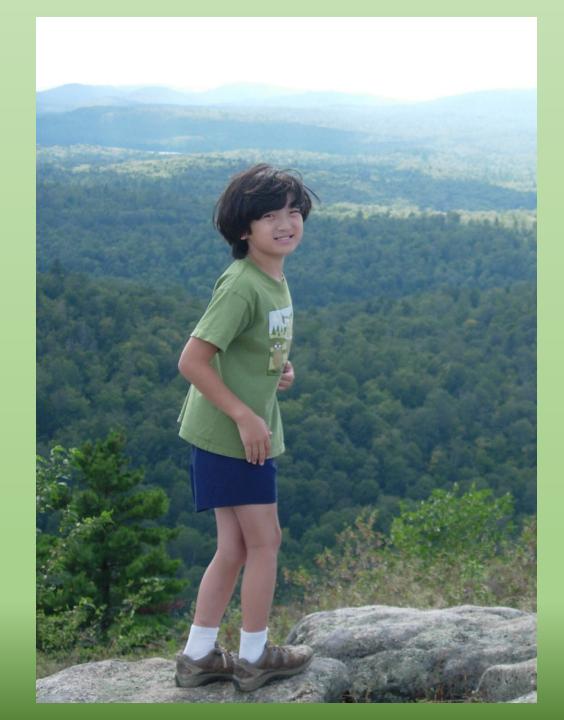


## So, what are we going to do about it?

### Get the kids outside!

### Kids are naturally inquisitive.

## They like to explore.



# Outdoor challenges provide a sense of accomplishment.



### Creating core memories...





### ...bonds kids with nature.

Fostering Future Environmental Stewards Kids who care about nature will:

- Advocate for wild spaces
- Pass on the importance of protecting our natural resources





The Ashokan Watershed is a great place to connect kids to the natural world!



### Publicly accessible

- Streams
- Hiking trails
- Forests
- Campgrounds
- Day use areas
- AWSMP-sponsored
  programs



#### Wouldn't you LOVE to know this kid?

- Inquisitive
- Confident
- Self-reliant
- Adventurous
- Balanced
- Focused
- Healthy

Connected to nature!



