



Hello,

As one of the founding members of the Ontario Nature Youth Council I'm really proud to invite you to join me for Ontario Nature's [80th birthday on June 11, 2011](#). The weekend will be full of great workshops, stories and celebrations.

Personally, I'm most excited about the birthday cake – 80 candles is a lot of fire! Yes, we are lighting 80 candles, burning brightly for every year of protecting wild species and spaces in Ontario.

An 80th anniversary is a good time for the environmental leaders of tomorrow – my fellow [Nature Guardians](#) and me -- to learn from the wisdom of veteran members and share our enthusiasm for the future. We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as we can on the [weekend of June 11th](#).

In addition to going to the birthday party, there's another meaningful way to support our program – through our new [virtual candles](#).

For only \$10, you can purchase a virtual candle and connect a kid with nature.

or

For \$80, you can purchase a box of 10 candles and connect 10 kids with nature.

When you buy a candle (or 10 candles!) please include a story about a childhood experience you had with nature. We would love to hear from you, and will post your stories with your candles on our website.

The funds raised will help foster and support tomorrow's environmental leaders through the [Nature Guardians program](#).

I work with teens like Laura, from Toronto, who is passionate about the link between people and nature, and Drew, from Kingston, who wants to pursue a career in forestry and wildlife sciences. As for me, I've been a passionate, driven environmentalist ever since I was in grade four. We are reaching more young people than ever before through conservation events like "Our Special Spaces" and the Youth Summit planned for this fall. With your support, we can do even more.

So [give a kid a candle!](#) Dedicate it to our group of Nature Guardians or your own Nature Guardian.



Please [give a kid the gift of nature](#) and celebrate the future of conservation with us on our 80th birthday.

Yours for a better world,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Moe Qureshi'.

Moe Qureshi
Nature Guardian Youth Council Member



P.S. After you light your virtual candle be sure to check out our Facebook Page. Nature Guardians across Ontario are staying connected online and we want you to be a part of it