Coming Home to Gaia

Girls’ Artwork & Profiles
The following slides include photos of the masks and drawings made by the Girls in this program. In most cases the masks represent the Animal Spirit Guides the Girls chose during shamanic journeys or in working with the Sams & Carson Medicine Cards.
Grandmother Olive is a 150 year old olive tree by my house. She represents Gaia, Mother Earth, and is the Guiding Spirit behind this project.
Masks & Drawings

The masks were made right after the Girls’ shamanic journey to find their Animal Spirit Guides.

The drawings were made on the last day of our program, and “sum up” the Girls’ experience of co-creating and enacting the Rite of Passage.
Air’s Mask

Challenge: Shyness
Animal Guide: Frog
Air’s Drawing
Monarch’s Mask

Challenge: Passing 8th grade
Animal Guide: Eagle
Monarch’s Drawing

Jocelyn
Smile
Now
Cry
Later
Monarch

Jocelyn
Monarch
Rose Crystal’s Mask

Challenge: Parents
Animal Guide: Cat (Lion)
Rose Crystal’s Drawing
Eagle’s Mask

Challenge: Appropriate Leadership
Animal Guide: Eagle
Challenge: Shyness & Language
Animal Guide: Spider
Rain’s Drawing
Muffin’s Mask

Challenge: Shyness & Self-esteem

Animal Guide: Skunk
Muffin’s Drawing

Eat me

Yummy!

Delicioso
Butterfly’s Mask

Challenge: School, especially Math
Animal Guide: Otter
Butterfly’s Drawing
with White Owl
White Owl’s Drawing
with Butterfly

Challenge: Passing 8th grade
Animal Guide: Owl
Cougar’s Mask

Challenge: Family duties
Animal Guide: Cougar
Our Altar

This is how our Altar looked most of the time. Note the feathers, candle, shell with water in it, and healer’s stone, representing the East, South, West, and North— the Four Directions we invoked before each session.
Our Altar
“May these Girls grow up, live long, and be good Women. May they honor and protect our Mother Earth.”

Navajo (Dine) Blessing
Grandmother Olive's Farewell