

Coming Home to Gaia

Girls' Artwork & Profiles



Introduction

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

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



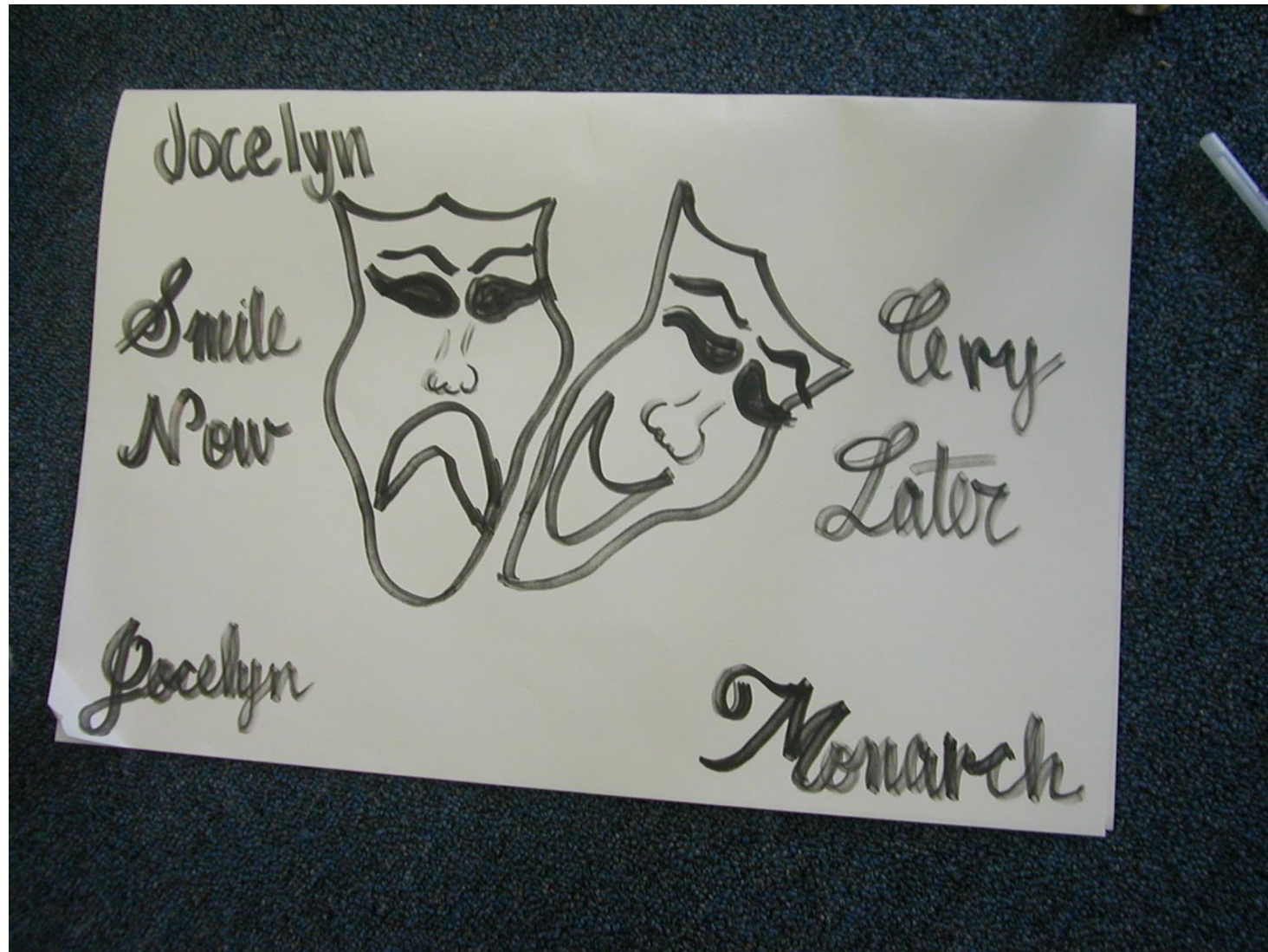
Monarch's Mask



**Challenge: Passing 8th grade
Animal Guide: Eagle**



Monarch's Drawing



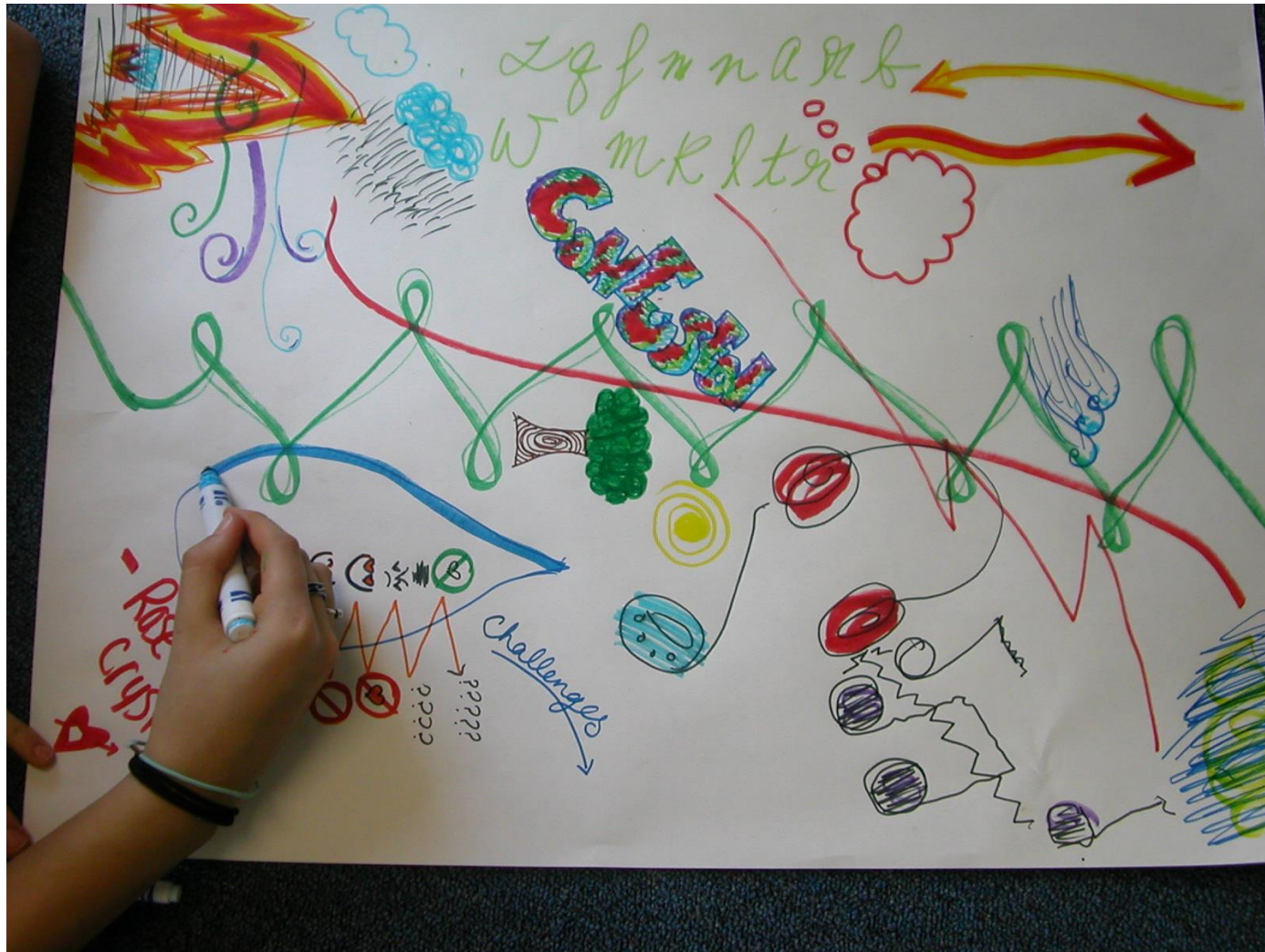
Rose Crystal's Mask



Challenge: Parents
Animal Guide: Cat (Lion)



Rose Crystal's Drawing

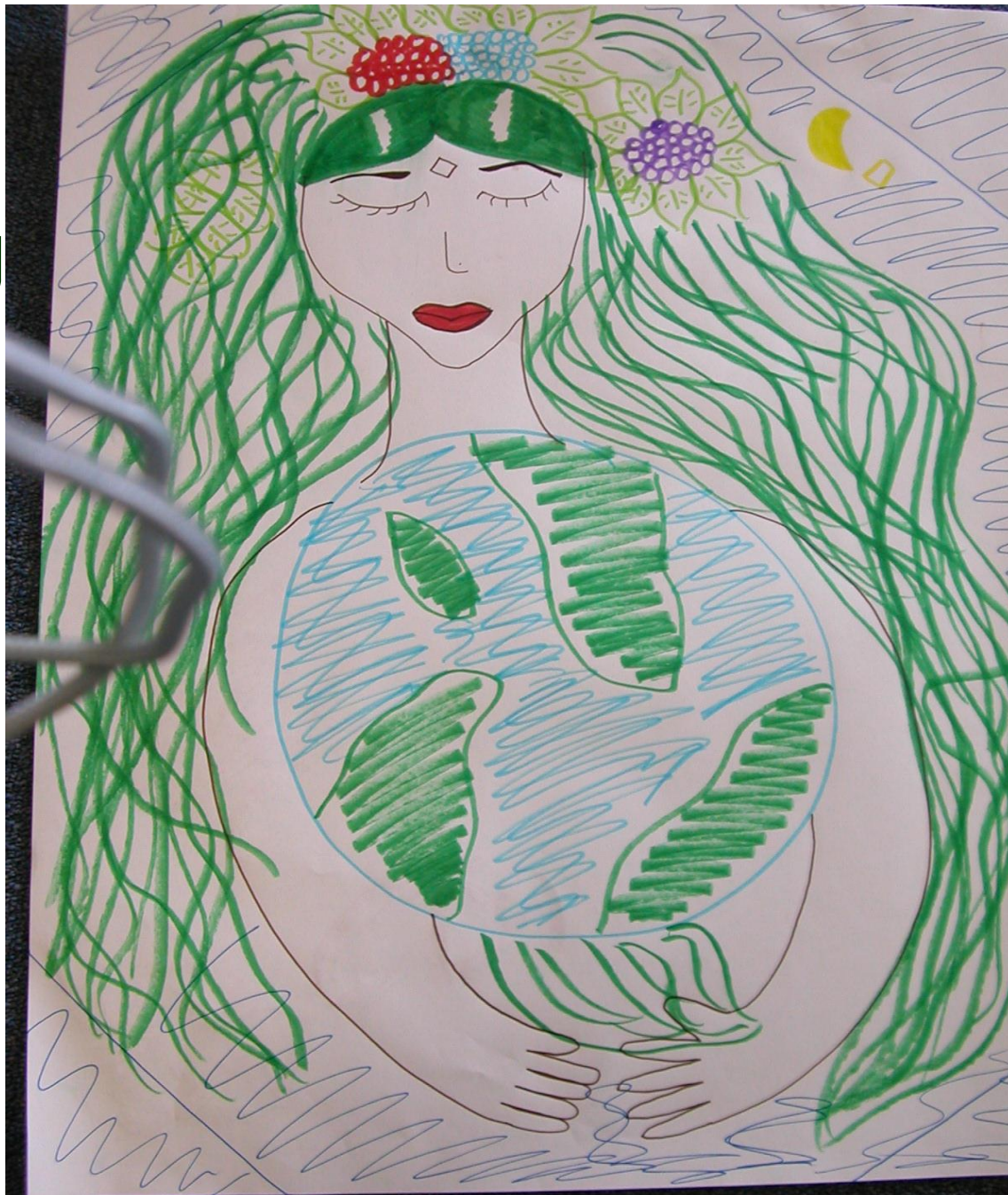


Eagle's Mask



Challenge: Appropriate Leadership
Animal Guide: Eagle

Eagle's Drawing



Rain's Mask



Challenge: Shyness & Language
Animal Guide: Spider



Rain's Drawing



Muffin's Mask



Challenge: Shyness & Self-esteem

Animal Guide: Skunk



Muffin's Drawing



Butterfly's Mask



Challenge: School, especially Math

Animal Guide: Otter



Butterfly's Drawing with White Owl



White Owl's Drawing with Butterfly

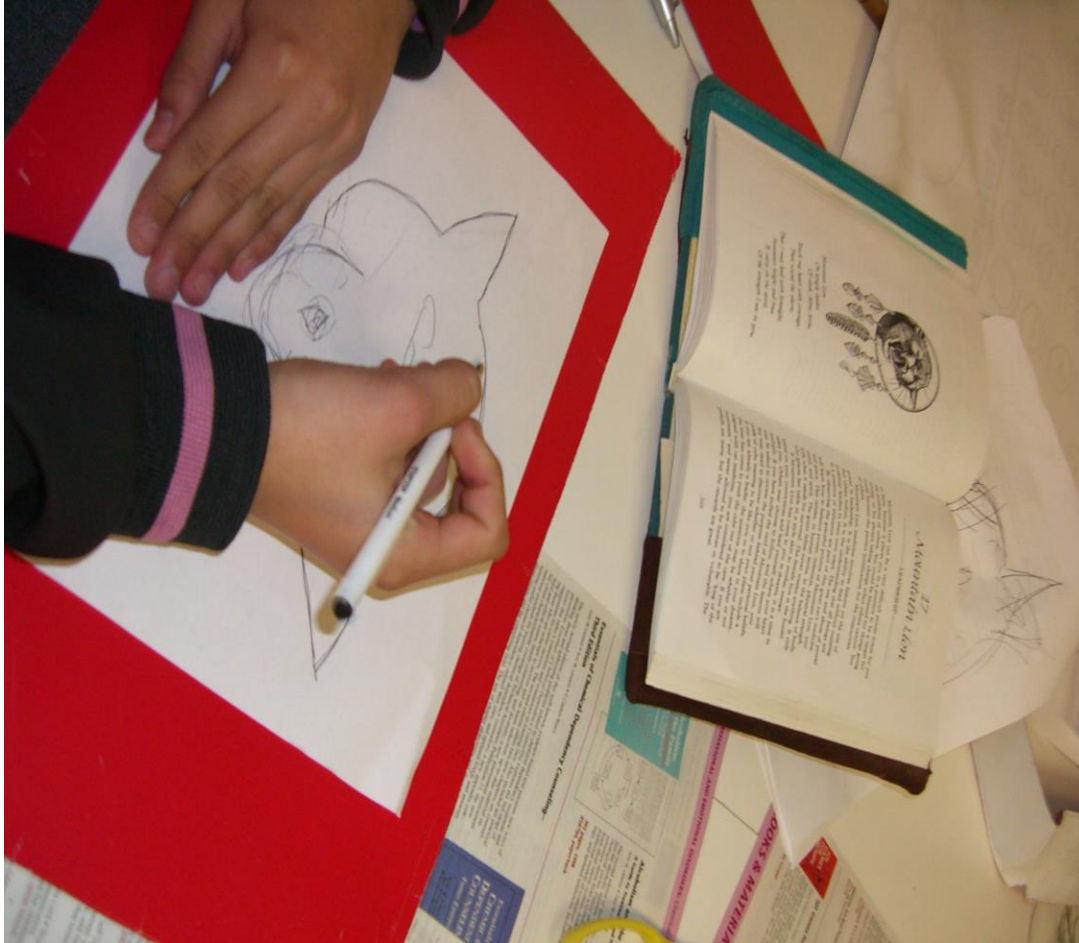


Challenge: Passing 8th grade

Animal Guide: Owl



Cougar's Mask



Challenge: Family duties

Animal Guide: Cougar



Mask Medley



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



Grandmother Olive's Farewell

**“May these Girls grow up, live long, and
be good Women. May they honor and
protect our Mother Earth.”**

Navajo (Dine) Blessing



