

Children of the Earth

Children of the Earth is our own program developed for children ages birth-8th grade. As we're a new organization this program will continue to grow as we grow. Currently it is designed to introduce children to spirituality following the basic tenants that their parents are provided with by being members of the Cove of Light.

Nursery-This is for ages birth-5 years of age in which activities are appropriately chosen for this age group developmentally. Teachers/Workers in this area will focus all activities, readings, and learning around the Cove's missions. They will focus on knowing the elements names, the Goddess/God, the workings of nature (basic concepts), and a basic understanding that they are spiritual beings. These concepts will come through activities such as circle time, songs, readings, and art/play activities.

1st through 3rd grade-This is for children in 1st through 3rd grade in which activities are appropriately chosen for this age group developmentally. Teachers/Workers in this area will focus all activities, readings, and learning around the Cove's missions. They will focus on understanding nature in terms of conservation, knowledge of their fellow beings in nature, they will focus on dragon lore & Fae lore, they will begin to focus on basic knowledge of energy, as well as beginning to develop those areas of spirituality such as empathy. They will also be introduced to drum circles as well as meditation and chanting. These concepts will come through activities such as circle time, songs, readings, and art/play activities.

4th through 6th grade- This is for children in 4th through 6th grade in which activities are appropriately chosen for this age group developmentally. Teachers/Workers in this area will focus all activities, readings, and learning around the Cove's missions. They will focus on learning about the world outside of their own individual circle. They will further their previous learning of nature by now learning about The Green Man and all aspects of nature not only at the mundane level but also at its magical level. They will begin to understand how their meditation is the preface for their magical workings later in life. They will begin to study at basic levels the main traditions of religions only in terms of names and where they are from and basic tenants. They will begin to reflect upon their world in terms of being both nature and spiritual and begin to learn how one affects the other. These concepts will come through activities such as circle time, songs, readings, and art/play activities.

7th & 8th grade- This is for children in 7th through 8th grade in which activities are appropriately chosen for this age group developmentally. Teachers/Workers in this area will focus all activities, readings, and learning around the Cove's missions. They will begin to have a greater connection with their outside world. This is the age in which children are preparing to leave the middle school life and enter young adulthood in high school. So, the focus is more about how they are a part of their society both in the mundane and spiritual. They will begin to focus on more service-oriented group activities within the Cove such as mowing lawns for those who might not be able to do so, working at a retirement home, volunteering at a hospital, and so forth. These activities are

designed to show how in every tradition there is a lesson of being a servant and serving others out of the compassion in one's spirit. They will learn about the many traditions of the pagan world in basic concepts and tenants. They will learn the basics of gardening and learning which foods/plants heal and which are harmful. They will learn basic cleansing rituals of which are kept at the mundane level that will help children at this age learn discretion but that won't cause issues in the mundane world. These concepts will come through activities such as circle time, songs, readings, and art/play activities.