

## Talking Stick



My talking stick is made out of cedar wood from my grandma's backyard. I choose this type of wood because it is used for healing, purification, spiritual protection and it smells good. My stick is unique because of its curvature unlike many of the other sticks. My stick also has 2 unique bumps which I decided to keep on. My stick is significant to me because it has my animal's totems which represent me.

My 5 totems that I choose to be on my stick are The Deer, The pelican, the butterfly, the turtle and Mother earth. I choose the deer because the meaning associated with the deer combine both soft, gentle qualities with strength and determination and the ability to move through and obstacles with grace. Next I choose the pelican because because the meaning associated with the pelican is Teamwork and being able to understand the importance of being kind to everybody. Next I choose the butterfly because the meaning associated with the butterfly is Freedom, fun and joyous times, I very much enjoy this lifestyle. Next I choose the turtle because the meaning associated with the turtle is being the wisest of the animal kingdom and accepting nature and moving on with natural methods, and I like to think that I am wise. The last totem on my Stick is mother earth, The reason I used this was because all life on this planet was created by this and I am very grateful for all the things mother earths gives us, The beautiful sceneries, animals, food and water.

I decorated my talking stick with feathers, rabbit fur and green beads attached to leather string. I used 2 feathers which I used because they are interesting and represent birdlife. Next I used 2 strips of rabbit fur because it represents awareness, family and the circle of life. Finally I used green beads to go on the leather straps because green is the symbol of mother earth and everything on it, and I appreciate this very much.