

When we moved up--when we moved into this Starhawks--they became our leaders then. In other words, they combine the Starhawks and the Fox, till after that Sun Dance. That was all one organization under the Starhawks.

(What kind of dance steps did you all do when you were a Fox?)

Well, they just did like this Gourd Dance. Stand in a circle and west and up and down, you know. Move forward--you can move forward--and come back. But sometimes they turn their backs to the tipi poles and they hold on to the tipi poles with one hand and dance, and face the outside, you know. Face--with their back to the center. And then sometimes they hold your hand like this behind them.

(Let's see--that'd be their right hand.)

Yeah. Their right and you hold on to.

(And then you'd be holding onto the tipi pole with your lefthand?)

Yeah. That's a Fox.

(Did you have any rattle?)

No. No. No rattle of any kind. Don't have anything, even only whatever you want. When you become Starhawks, well, you can have gourds--rattle. And then you can have your eagle fan. Those two things you can carry when you're a Starhawk. But those are individual ownership.

(Well, did the Foxes carry anything?)

No. No. Oh, I could carry a fan--an eagle feather fan or something like that--if you want to. But you didn't have to carry anything.

(How would you dress when you were dancing?)

Just the typical Plains Indian style. Leggings, moccasins, and we could wear a beaded vest or a buckskin shirt and belt. You could wear a roach or a war bonnet or a otter cap--anything like that. Or you could even just have an eagle feather in your hair.

(Did they ever go without a shirt?)

Oh yeah. In the summertime, they go without shirt.