

and dances which are distinctively Arapaho have long been discontinued in Oklahoma. The last Arapaho Sun Dance was held in 1940 and was poorly attended. As individuals and family groups Arapahoes participate in and attend local Indian activities such as pow-wows, benefit dances, bingo games, wakes, funerals, peyote meetings, and church services. However these affairs are largely neighborhood or community activities and, although in Arapaho districts there may be a preponderance of Arapahoes present, there is nothing in these activities to distinguish the Arapahoes as a group from other Indians in the area. The main expression of an Arapaho group identity are those occasions when the Arapaho chiefs (A council of chiefs which functions mainly as a Hospitality Committee is one of the few surviving remnants of tribal organization) are introduced or asked to dance as a group. Otherwise these activities may have a definite intertribal flavor, especially in those areas where there are Cheyennes, Caddoes, Kiowas, or members of other tribes resident.

Only one pow-wow in the area formerly included in the Cheyenne-Arapaho reservation is put on by and dominated by Arapahoes. This is the annual Barefoot Park Pow-wow held near Canton, Oklahoma. This pow-wow is held on land owned by an Arapaho, Warren Sankey, Sr., and the pow-wow committee for the past few years has consisted of four Arapahoes and one white man. This is the only pow-wow I know of where members of other Indian tribes are excluded from planning and organizational positions, though of course every effort is made to attract all Indians in the vicinity to attend and participate in the activities. Although Arapahoes (mostly members of the Sankey family) control the Barefoot Pow-wow, the program itself is Pan-Indian in content and appeal. There are war dances, round dances, and exhibition performances by outside dance organizations such as the Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Society, the Kiowa Gourd Clan, and the Fort Sill Apache Fire Dancers. Heavy emphasis is placed on the contests for war dancers, straight dancers, and women and girls dancing in buckskin and cloth dresses. Cash prizes are given to