

who will be singing in the Sun Dance come in and there is singing of Sun Dance songs most of the night. There is no light or fire on the inside of the Rabbit Tipi,

Every year a few men may be invited to join the Rabbit Lodge, but only a few of the men who join the Sun Dance are involved in the Rabbit Lodge. I suspect that a man must have been in the Sun Dance four or more times before he is considered qualified to be invited into the Rabbit Lodge. Although I do not yet understand how the Rabbit Lodge and Sun Dance are related, I understand that the former is considered to be an essential part of the whole Sun Dance activity. Men who are joining the Rabbit Lodge must fast during the three days it is held, and of course they must also fast if they are in the Sun Dance. However they may eat and drink in the interval between these two events. Apparently the initiates of the Rabbit Lodge dance during their activities.

Before any of the Rabbit Lodge or Sun Dance activities begin, the Keeper of the Sacred Pipe must set up his tipi on the dance grounds. No one else is allowed to set up their camp before the Pipe Keeper puts up his tipi. His tipi is located on the west side of the dance grounds. The Pipe Keeper also must leave his tipi in place on the dance grounds until everyone else has moved out.

The Rabbit Lodge tipi is set up a short distance west of the place where the Sun Dance Lodge will be erected. It is located in the large open area in the middle of the camp grounds, and no other camps are set up close by. The entrance, of course, is on the east. A small cedar tree, about four feet high this year, is stuck in <sup>outside</sup> the ground/on the west side of the Rabbit Tipi. Spectators and people not involved are supposed to stay at a respectful distance and not come close to this tipi.

The actual tipi used for this year's Rabbit Lodge was undecorated and had a four-pole base. This tipi belonged to a Cheyenne. Arapahoes traditionally used a tipi with a three-pole foundation. As soon as the Rabbit Tipi was taken down, it was set up again in another area of the camp and was occupied by a family.