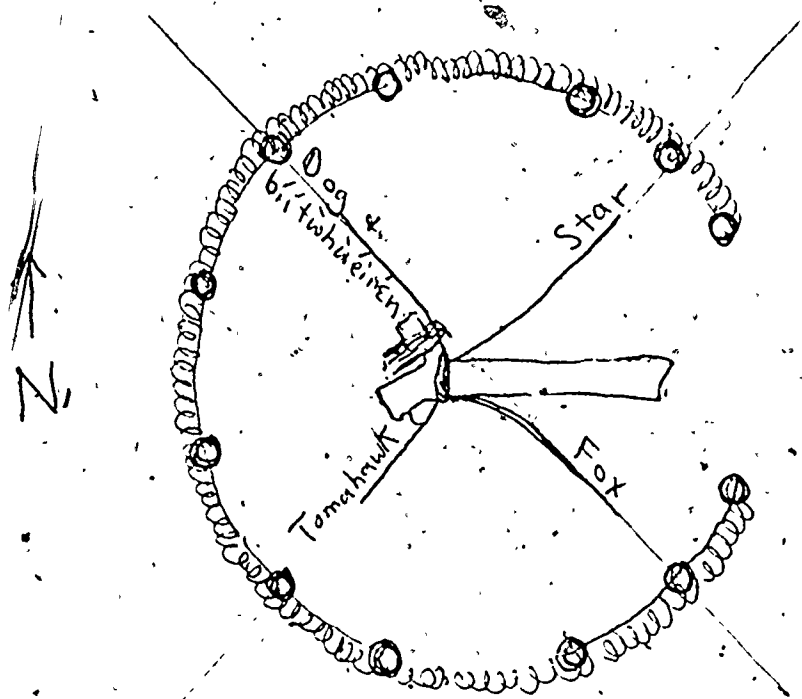


SUMMARY OF SUN DANCE ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED IN T-679



Center pole and rawhide ropes and positions of companies

Tomahawks bring the cross-pieces and dig the south 6 holes. They erect the south six uprights and the crosspieces.

biitw hwéi.nɛnw dig the north 6 holes. They erect the north 6 uprights.

The Dogs dig the center post hole. (Dogs cut it, also.)

Fox bring the 12 uprights for the perimeter posts. They bring the ridge poles (rafter poles) and the brush for the sides.

The Stars bring the uprights for the perimeter. These are forked poles.

The center pole is raised by while the Dog Clan and part of the biitw hwéi.nɛnw sing. Older people place themselves near the bottom of the pole and go through motion of raising it, but stouter, younger men are positioned between them to do the actual lifting. There are four motions of lifting the center pole and on the fourth motion it must come up.

The nest of willows and the red-painted cottonwood spear are already tied in the fork of the center pole when it is lifted. Rawhide ropes (4) are hanging down from the fork. Men use these ropes to guy the pole into upright position. Fox, Star, Tomahawk, and biitw hwéi.nɛnw each take a rope to do this. Fox on the south(east); Star on the (north)east; Tomahawk on the (south)west; biitw hwéi.nɛnw on the north(west). These latter are substituting for the Dog Clan, members of which sing.

Everyone except the singers joins in tamping the dirt around the center pole with willow sticks.