

# Quivira Council Tribe of Quivira Handbook

The first Documentation of the Tribe of Quivira was in 1923 at Camp Ta-Wa-Sen-Tha, near Oxford, Kansas. The mission of the Tribe of Quivira (Old Warrior) program has been to encourage Scouts and Scouting units to camp at a Quivira Council Summer Camp. In 1961, the program was first used at the new Quivira Scout Ranch.

Among the many changes approved by the Council Camping Committee was the formation a Tribal Council in 1994 to oversee the activities of the Tribe. You can pick out those members who wear the white coup of the Tribal Council and offer your support and suggestions.

A role of the Tribal Council is to provide support for program activities at our Council camps. With the merger of the Quivira and Kanza Councils in 1997, we now have two excellent camps to offer our Scouts and Troops--Quivira Scout Ranch and Camp Kanza—both of which count towards the Tribe of Quivira program.

In 2003, with the change to Camp Kanza to a Cub Scout and Webelos camp, the Tribal Council voted to establish a Webelos program at Camp Kanza to provide Webelos a head start into the Old Warrior program, called the “Hiawatha Trails” program.



## “Old Warrior” Program

### Tasks of the Tribesmen of Quivira

(Each camper year is a full week (5 days minimum) at Summer Camp)

In addition to the many activity areas, elective Scouting programs and adventure opportunities offered at Quivira Scout Ranch (QSR). Scouts and adult leaders may participate in the Tribe of Quivira (Old Warriors) program. Scouts receive a program orientation during their camp week in preparation for special tribal ceremonial activities.

The Tribe of Quivira provides continuity by encouraging year to year participation in a Quivira Council Scout camp. The program offers symbolic advancement through the Tribe until the designation of Tribal Elder is attained at the conclusion of the individual’s fifth year of summer camp at QSR and his or her sincere effort in completing the following requirements:

### Trackers (1st Year Tribe Members)

To Protect the camp by keeping it clean and free of litter.

Starting on Wednesday, first-year participants will “Protect the camp” by keeping it free from litter. Trash bags will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday to be used to pick up trash along the trails and program areas. When a bag has been filled it is to be returned to the Tribe area so the campers name can be recorded.

First year ceremony:

The first year ceremony begins at the Totem Pole at 9:00AM Friday. Each camper should bring the following to the ceremony: paper, pencil, ground cloth, and an inspirational book. Campers will hear and see the story of Hiawatha as told by Longfellow. Once the story of Hiawatha is finished the Medicine Man will conduct the rest of the ceremony and will instruct the campers on the guidelines they must follow for the day. At Friday night campfire, first year campers are elevated from Trackers to Hunters and given their Coup Thong.

## **Hunters (2nd Year Tribe Members)**

To Preserve the camp by practicing good conservation and maintaining the camp.

During the camp week, but before Friday morning, Hunters will “Preserve the camp”, by completing a service project. There are scheduled blocks during the week for completing service projects. Campers are to meet at the Tepee to receive directions for completion of their service project and have their names recorded. In addition to completing their service project each Hunter will collect and tie two bundles of wood and bring them to the Tepee. Each Hunter will find a log approximately 2” to 3” in diameter and 18” long and will carve their Initials and Troop number into the log and bring it to the Tepee for further direction.

### **Second Year Ceremony**

The second year ceremony begins at the Totem Pole at 10:00AM Friday. Hunters should bring their logs that they have carved and be wearing their coup thong. The Medicine Man will conduct the ceremony and will instruct the campers on the guidelines they must follow for the day. At Friday night campfire, second year campers are elevated from Hunters to Braves and given a yellow service block to be added to their coup thong.

## **Braves (3rd Year Tribe Members)**

To Test yourself by carrying a rock burden, symbolic of life’s challenges.

Braves advance in the Tribe by finding, carving initials into, and carrying a rock of specific dimensions during their third year of camp. The purpose of this symbolic burden is to remind Scouts that they will have to make hard decisions and handle increasing responsibilities which they will carry with them throughout life.

During the week a Brave attends camp, they will find a rock from somewhere within the QSR property boundaries. To insure the rock is the proper weight and dimensions, it must be brought to the Tepee and weighed by a Tribal Council member before any work is started. The rock is required to weigh between 16 and 24 pounds. The Brave carves their initials into the rock using the following dimensions: Initials must be 3” high, ½” deep, and (each leg of initial) ½” wide. Each Brave must supply their own tools and safety equipment to complete their rock. (i.e., hammer, chisel, gloves and safety glasses). The rock must be completed and turned in to the Tepee for final approval on or before 6PM on Thursday of their week in camp.

### **Third Year Ceremony**

The third year ceremony begins at the Totem Pole at 5:30AM Friday. At this time the Medicine Man will give you instructions for the rest of the day. Following are requirements that each participant, in addition to the Medicine Man instructions, must observe throughout Friday: (Exceptions: A physician’s release or a physically challenging condition may require a designated helper or waiver of parts of the program.)

- The Brave (Warrior candidate) MUST transport and support their burden (Rock) from the time they retrieve it on Friday morning until they are relieved of that burden through the receipt of their Indian name and Eagle Claw at Friday night’s campfire. (There is a “safe area” exception to this rule, see below.) Under no circumstance should the Warrior candidate give their burden to anyone to hold, carry, etc..
- No Warrior candidate can use a Backpack, suitcase, sling, etc. to transport their burden. A towel may be used as padding but the initials and burden must be visible and displayed with pride at all times.
- “Safe Areas”: Will be established in each activity area, within each campsite and any area designated by the Medicine Man. The purpose of the safe area is to allow the Scout to

participate in designated activities. These activities consist of merit badge program activities, designated camp activities, meal times (if in campsite) and latrine use. Safe areas should only be used a reasonable minimum amount of time.

- A burden may not be removed from any area except by the owner of the burden or by a Tribal Elder (Wearer of the Large White bead on their Coup Thong). Any burden found to be mislaid or forgotten should be reported to a Tribal Elder who should respectfully retrieve the burden and bring to the Tepee. Once a burden has been retrieved by a Tribal Elder the Brave must perform a service project designated by the Tribe before it is returned.

### **Naming of the Warrior Candidate**

An Indian name must be found and turned in to the Tepee no later than noon on Thursday of the week the Scout is in camp. The adult leadership will initiate the naming of the Warrior candidate. The Indian translation must be selected from a source approved by the Tribal Council at camp. (Dakota dictionary, etc...). The purpose of the Indian Name is to highlight an important strength, never a weakness, nor be a burden to the new Warrior. A committee of Tribal Elders will meet to review the Warrior candidate names. If a name does not meet the Elders' approval the troop leadership will be notified and asked to provide another name. The Tribal Council shall have the final authority on all Indian Names.

### **Warrior (4<sup>th</sup> Year Tribe Members)**

To Dedicate yourself to the support of the Tribe of Quivira.

During the week, the Warriors must assist in Tribal activities. On Friday they are asked to assist in one of the first, second or third year ceremonies. Forth year and above campers are responsible for building and tending to the fire for Friday night's closing campfire.

#### **Fourth Year Ceremony**

The fourth year ceremony begins at the Tepee at 9PM on Thursday. Warriors are required to wear their Coup Thong to the ceremony. If they are found worthy by the Tribal Elders they will be given the opportunity to Blue the tip of their Eagle Claw. At that time they are elevated to the position of Old Warriors.

### **Old Warriors (Fifth year Tribe Members)**

To Give Leadership to the Tribe by guiding the growth of younger Tribesmen.

Old Warriors are encouraged to help with the tribal program throughout their camp week. They also are encouraged to sit on the review committee for all new Indian Names that are given that week.

#### **Fifth Year Ceremony**

The fifth year ceremony begins at the Tepee at 9PM on Thursday. Old Warriors are required to wear their Coup Thong to the ceremony. If they are found worthy by the Tribal Elders they will be given the opportunity to receive the Indian Head which they attach to their service block. At that time they are elevated to the position of Tribal Elders. Tribal Elders are afforded the highest respect at all ceremonial campfires.

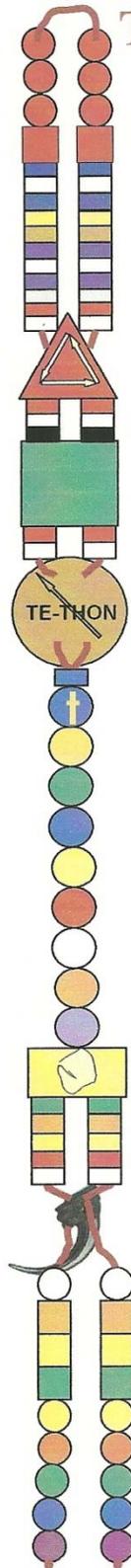
### **Tribal Council**

The Tribal Council oversees the activities of the Tribe of Quivira. Members of the Tribal Council will be recognized with a White Coup (Large Bead) on the Coup Thong. Speak with a member of the Tribal Council to get the requirements to become a Tribal Council member.

### **Honorary Chief**

Each week, at the opening campfire, the Tribesman with the greatest tenure at QSR will be recognized as the Honorary Chief for that week. He will assist in ceremonies and the approval of Warrior rocks. At

closing campfire the Honorary Chief will be presented a set of White coup beads. A Tribesman may be an Honorary Chief only once.



## THE QUIVIRA COUNCIL COUP THONG

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O-A Service (attend two service weekends a year to qualify)  
(Red Beads = 1 pair per year; 1 Cube = 5 years)

L.E.C. (Blue/White/Blue Cylinder)

OA Dance Team (Yellow Disc)

OA Election Team Leader (Brown) Name must appear on elections form

Elangomat (Purple Disc)

Elangomat with 70% of Clan Complete Brotherhood (White/Purple Disc added in 2000)

Sunshine Fishing Derby (Crystal Disc)

Vigil Ceremony (Red Disc = Speaking, White Disc = Non-Speaking.)

Vigil Honor Coup (Red Triangle with Gold Arrows)

Brotherhood Ceremony (Red Disc = Speaking, White Disc = Non-Speaking)

Nimat (Conducted Brotherhood Hike added in 2005)

Brotherhood Honor Coup

Ordeal Ceremony (Red Disc = Speaking, White Disc = Non-Speaking)

Red Arrow on Leather Conch (O-A Member)

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Leather Conch - 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Warrior Name - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Webelos Summer Camp at Camp Kanza (Blue Disc added in 2004)

Chaplain at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Blue Bead with Gold Cross added in 2005)

Senior Patrol Leader at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Gold Bead)

Scoutmaster at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Green Bead)

Commissioner at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Blue Bead)

District Committee - pre 1994 (Large Yellow Bead)

Council Committee - pre 1994 (Large Red Bead)

Tribe of Quivira Tribal Council (Large White Bead)

Camp Director at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Orange Bead)

Program Director at Quivira Summer Camp (Large Purple Bead)

Brave Service Coup - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year (Yellow Block)

Tribal Elder Service Coup - 5<sup>th</sup> Year (Golden Indian Chief)

Tom-Tom Beater Coup (Green Disc)

Fire Builder Coup (Orange Disc)

Trail Lighter (Yellow Disc added in 2004)

Tribal Ceremonies (Red Disc = Speaking, White Disc = Non-Speaking)

Warrior Coup - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year (Eagle Claw)

Old Warrior Coup - 4<sup>th</sup> Year (Blue Tip on Eagle Claw)

Honorary Chief (White Beads)

Quivira Camp Staff (Orange Cylinder – QSR)

Quivira Camp Staff (Yellow Cylinder - Ta-Wa-Ko-Ni)

Quivira Camp Staff (Green Cylinder - Kanza)

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Quivira Camper (Beads = 1 pair per year; Cubes = 1 pair per 5 years)

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# Tribe of Quivira

Year at QSR	Test	Responsibilities	Rank	Promoted to:	Recognition
1	Silence, Bitter Water and Meditation	Protect the Camp	Tracker	Hunter	Coup Thong
2	Carve Log, Service to Camp, Gather 2 Bundles of Wood	Preserve the Camp	Hunter	Brave	Service Block
3	Carve and Carry Rock	Test Yourself	Brave	Warrior	Eagle Claw
4	Found worthy by Tribal Elders	Assist 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Campers and help with closing campfire.	Warrior	Old Warrior	Blue Claw Tip
5	Found Worthy by Tribal Elders	Assist 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Campers and help with closing campfire.	Old Warrior	Tribal Elder	Indian Head on Service Block
>6		Governing Body of the Tribe of Quivira	Tribal Council		White Coup