

INDIAN NIGHT

Demons run out and surround fire circle when all are seated and drums stop.

Medicine Man runs toward fire circle screaming. Tries to rid circle of demons.

- MM: - Great spirit of the north which brings the frigid winters, banish this demon from our circle. (One demon backs off and returns).
- Great spirit of the east which brings us the rising sun and the morning dew, rid this demon from our circle. (Ditto)
 - Great spirit of the south which brings us the warm breezes of summer, rid our circle of this demon. (Ditto).
 - Great spirit of the west which brings us the setting sun and the bountiful hunt, rid our circle of this demon. (Ditto).
 - We must now call on the great chief to banish these demons.

Great Chief enters and banishes them one by one.

- GC: - We now must call to the Great Spirit for aid in lighting our fire. (Get all to chant FIRE!).

Fire starts. Great Chief exits. Enter MM.

- MM: - There is a great tradition among our people. When our children come of age, they are sent out to hunt the great eagle. After the kill is made, the child must pluck a feather from its mighty wing. This feather is held by the child for the rest of his life, for it is said that the spirit of the eagle follows and protects the brave in his journey through life.

The eagle dance is done. Eagle and Chanco exit. MM enters.

- MM: - I now call on Ateah, the chief of the Mattaponi tribe.

Enter Ateah.

- Ateah: - If this is your first year at Camp Chanco, please come forward to be tapped into the Mattaponi tribe.

Tap in. Feathers. Dance. (drums through all).

- Ateah: You who were tapped into this tribe, your word is MA KWEE. This word means friendship. Through your time here at Chanco, you have developed many friendships. These friendships are very special because you will keep them with you throughout your lives.

Ateah exits. MM enters.

- MM: - I now call on the chief of the Pamunkey tribe, Acunda.

MM exits. Acunda enters.

- Acunda: - If this is your second year here at Chanco, please come forward to be tapped into the Pamunkey tribe.

Tap in. Feathers. Dance. (drums through all).

Acunda: - You who were tapped into the Pamunkey tribe, your word is TSI CHU. This means spirit. The spirit of Chanco is very powerful. In your two years here at Chanco, you have experienced this and will continue to as you return to Chanco and after your gone.

Acunda exits. MM enters.

MM: - I now call on Idiofonte, the chief of the Powhatan tribe.

MM exits. Idio enters.

Idio: - If this is your 3rd year at Chanco, please come forward to be tapped into the Powhatan tribe.

Tap in. Feathers. Dance. (drums through all).

Idio: - You who were tapped into Powhatan, your word is TSI MA HOA TA. This word means love. Love is what you have experienced the most of here. It is the love between us all and God's love which keeps us coming back year after year.

Idio exits. MM enters.

MM: - We now call upon the great chief to tell the story of Chanco.

MM exits. GC enters.

GC: (Tells the story).....Now let us celebrate the story of Chanco is dance.

GC exits. Do the play. (with drummers)

"Actors" exit. MM enters.

MM: - Those who have already been inducted into the sacred order of Chanco, please come forward.

Initiates come from beach and kneel with Old Orders standing behind. GC enters.

GC: - Bros., your journey is now complete. You've learned many things through your four years at Chanco. You've learned how to construct friendships, you've learned how the spirit of Chanco unites us all, and you've learned how to give of yourselves and how to love your brothers and sisters. In the past two days, these things have been recalled to you and you've learned another facet of your life at Chanco. You've learned that you sometimes must depend on others. In the past two days, you have had to depend on those you don't know to guide you through a special journey. This is a very special lesson and you should keep it well through your years.

Tap in. All Old Order of Chanco tell name and how many years here. All exit. MM enters.

MM: - We now ask that you join us in an old tradition at Camp Chanco. Let us please form a friendship circle.