



Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.
Tukabatchee Area Council #005
www.Alibamu.org

SR-9 Conclave

Join us for the annual Section SR-9 Conclave, April 24-26. This year's service lodge is Waguli and they have worked very hard to get camp ready for us to have a great time. At conclave, all 11 of the lodges in our section come together for a weekend of great food, fellowship, athletic competitions, American Indian dancing, ceremonies, awesome shows, interesting training, administrative competitions, patch trading, and lots more. Come have a great time, learn something new, make new friends with Arrowmen from other lodges, and watch Ryan compete against the other lodge chiefs in the annual pie eating contest! The section leadership is already working hard to make this conclave the best our section has ever seen! To sign up talk to Ryan Jones. If you're still not sure whether or not to come, ask someone you know who's been to conclave before, and just remember that our section has more lodges than any other section in the country, and that means we have the most fun. We will leave at lunch time on Friday. See the form on the back to register or Alibamu.org

Allogagan Ordeal

Ryan Jones
Lodge Chief



At the beginning of the year you were challenged to engage in meaningful and cheerful service. A great opportunity to meet this challenge is at this year's Allogagan Ordeal, which will be held May 8-10. We plan on making this weekend packed full of fun work and projects that matter to you, the Arrowmen. I know that this will be the weekend you do not want to miss. Also, I want you to remember back to your first Ordeal. Remember the thoughts and feelings you had, remember how new, different, and scary it was for you. We need you to come help ease that for the new members. The only way they will keep coming back is if you, the current members, engage them and show them what we are all about. You are the heart and soul of this organization and without you, no service would be accomplished and we would not retain any new members. So plan on being at Camp Tukabatchee on May 8-10 to help welcome our new members, improve camp, and have fun in the process.

History Book & Banquet Awards

The 2015 banquet was a great one. If you weren't there be sure to come to the Allogagan to pick up your copy of our history book. Alabama State Treasurer and Ordeal member, Mr. Young Boozer was an excellent speaker. Matt Harris and Mrs. Deborah Clark received the Founder's Award. Austin Kelsey received the Ham Murray most promising youth award. The Hugh Mauldin adult of the year award recipient was Mr. Mike McDuffee.



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Elangomats

Jadon Downs

Training Chairman

Arrowmen, the Allogagan Ordeal is May 8-10. We expect to have a large number of candidates looking to seek their Ordeal membership, and we need youth to be Elangomats to guide the clan through their journey. It's important to the growth of the lodge that we induct new members, and being an Elangomat is an extremely effective way to give a good first impression to our new and upcoming brothers. Elangomats are encouraged to be Brotherhood, although that is not required. Good Elangomats show maturity, leadership skills, and are willing to lead candidates through our Ordeal process. Elangomats lead three orientation classes and supervise the four tests of the Ordeal. In recognition of your service you'll receive one of our Elangomat flaps pictured below. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more about the responsibilities, please contact me today.

Amendment to Alibamu Lodge Rules Timothy Jordan Merit Badge Day Chairman

I have proposed to amend Alibamu Lodge rule III-B to read as: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Lodge Officers, Immediate Past Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, Associate Lodge Adviser(s), Lodge Camping Chairman and Adviser, Lodge Publications Chairman and Adviser, Lodge Service Chairman and Adviser, Lodge Vigil Chairman and Adviser, Lodge Ceremony Chairman and Adviser, Lodge Training Chairman and Adviser, Historian and History Committee Adviser, Cub Scout Chairman and Adviser, Special Events Chairman and Adviser, Merit Badge Day Chairman and Adviser, Drum & Dance Chairman and Adviser, Chapter Chief and Adviser for each Chapter, Scout Executive and Staff Adviser.

The underlined portion is the new text. These chairmen have been ad hoc members of the LEC for many years. It is now time for them to become full voting members. A vote is scheduled to take place at the Allogagan Ordeal in May.



Chapter Feud at the 2015 banquet - Chilitauga beat the "others"

2015 SWAG Review

James Able

A Swaggy Arrowman

How much swag do you have? Twenty one of our Arrowmen went to Camp Comer and had a swag-tastic time at the Section Winter Activities Gathering (SWAG). The weekend was full of American Indian affairs events including a drum and dance pow-wow.

The brothers on the trip attended several training sessions geared towards crafts, ceremonies, and AIA. Personally I enjoyed classes on the new Brotherhood ceremony, Ordeal management, and teepee set up. Hopefully the lodge's teepee will be appearing at Scout events as many brothers of our contingent attended the class. The weekend was filled with fun, excitement, and fellowship. Alibamu is looking forward to SWAG 2016 at Camp Thunder.



The SWAG contingent made a stop at Desoto Falls



Dues Reminder

Logan Bozeman
Lodge Treasurer

Chiefly Speaking

Ryan Jones
Lodge Chief

The new year is upon us and moving rapidly. That means it is time for YOU, the lodge members, to renew your membership. This year, dues have been raised to \$10. Our goal for the year is 366 and we are at just 180 so far. Don't miss out on all of the fun activities the lodge has to offer! Check your mailing label to see if you are current.

We have officially kicked off the 2015 year. For those of you who have not heard yet it is also the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow and the 75th anniversary of Alibamu Lodge! Thus far we have had banquet, Section Winter Activities Gathering (SWAG), and Beaver Day. All three of these events were a huge success and I just want to take the time to thank you all for participating in one way or another. Coming up next will be our SR-9 Conclave in April and then our spring Ordeal in May! I have high hopes for both of these events and can't wait to see what will happen. With that being said I would like to encourage all of you to call three Arrowmen who have not recently been involved and invite them to one of our upcoming events. If everyone called just three other people and invited them we would have a huge turnout! Remember it is only the 75th and 100th anniversaries once and I certainly do not want these brothers to miss out on all the fun.

Twelve Month Camper Award

Payton Parrish
Camping Chairman

Do you like to go camping? Does your troop go camping every month? If so we've got a new award you and your troop can earn. The requirements are pretty easy. If your troop holds a real campout once a month for twelve months straight you'll qualify for this award. We also have a ten month award for troops that cannot make twelve happen. The full requirements are on the forms page at Alibamu.org. Please let your SPL and Scoutmaster know about this. We want to have many of our troops to earn this award in this first year. The actual patch has not been designed yet.

You'll find out more in the next newsletter, but go ahead and plan on attending the Pilgrimage Ordeal in August. This will be a special 100th anniversary rededication weekend with a special 100th anniversary flap you can only get by participating.

Remember I am always just a phone call or email away. If you ever need anything at all or you just want to talk please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be honored to talk with you. Hope to see you all at conclave and Ordeal.



Hinkle's Wisdom

Jim Hinkle
Lodge Adviser

Troop OA elections are just about complete and many scouts had a great time at their camporees and call-outs. This is not the time to say, "Well done." These newly selected scouts still need an ordeal. Encourage them to attend the Allogagan May 8-10.

Current members, if you were fortunate to obtain a NOAC space, how are you doing with your payments?

Are you planning to go to conclave April 24-26?

Great job everyone on helping Alibamu to be a Journey to Excellence gold lodge for 10 straight years! Let's make it 11!!!

Trading Post Update

Logan Bozeman
Lodge Treasurer

There are many exciting things happening in the trading post. Several new things have been ordered and are arriving daily. Some of these new things include lodge belt buckles (\$18), Nalgens (\$14), 75th hat pins (\$5), 75th neck slides (\$5), 75th bolos (\$8), 75th neckerchiefs (\$14), and stickers (\$2&4)! We should have a new t-shirt by Allogagan (\$12). Come by and check them out, and get yours before they are gone!



100th Anniversary NOAC

Mr. Mike Bazonis
Associate Lodge Adviser

All NOAC delegates need to plan to attend the Allogagan. We'll have our first contingent meeting Saturday afternoon. Parents are welcome to come, but it's not necessary. We'll send notes home with you.

We still do not know anything about adding additional adults to our National OA Conference contingent. We are still accepting youth for the waiting list. Ordeal candidates can sign up as well as long as they plan on attending the Allogagan Ordeal in May so let them know about this. The trip is August 1-8 and includes a visit to King's Island theme park. The \$725 fee covers all of your meals and activities. Contact me today at bazonis@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

New Lodge Staff Adviser

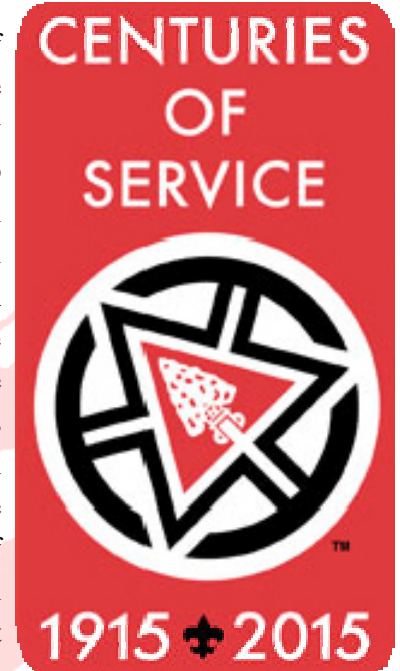
Due to some council responsibility changes, we have a new staff adviser, Mr. Larry Newton. He is a former lodge vice chief, section chief, and national vice chief.

Mr. Leith Wilson served as our staff adviser from 1997 until this year. We'd like to thank him for his service over those many years.

Arrowmen Service Award

Riley Locke
Publications Chairman

There is still time for you to earn the 100th anniversary Arrowman Service Award. Youth and adult requirement cards are available at Alibamu.org. All requirements have to be completed by the end of the year. If you already attend lodge functions you're already well on your way to earning it. The actual award is a nice patch you can wear on your OA sash. This is only the third such patch in the OA's history. The others were the 50th and 60th anniversary awards. We want to have as many of our lodge members earn this as possible so get started today!



Cub & Webelos Summer Camp

Porter Kennedy
Cub Scout Chairman

Each weekend from May 30 to June 28 I need help showing our Cub Scouts & Webelos a good time at their summer camp. We want them to have a great weekend and hopefully want to become Boy Scouts later. Several brothers are needed each weekend to staff various events or lead dens. If you're able to help one or more weekends contact

Beaver Day Review

Hunter Gay
Service Chairman

We had a record 111 brothers and Scouts at Beaver Day this year. We finished cleaning out all the wood from the campsites, removed the horse pen, cleaned the OA lodge and quartermaster building at Camp Hobbs, removed brush from near the pond around the dining hall and cabins, and removed pine straw from the top of the cabins. Thank you

2015 Lodge Executive Committee

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Lodge Calendar

April 24-26

Conclave & LEC
Camp Sidney Dew

May 8-10

Allogagan Ordeal
Camp Tukabatchee

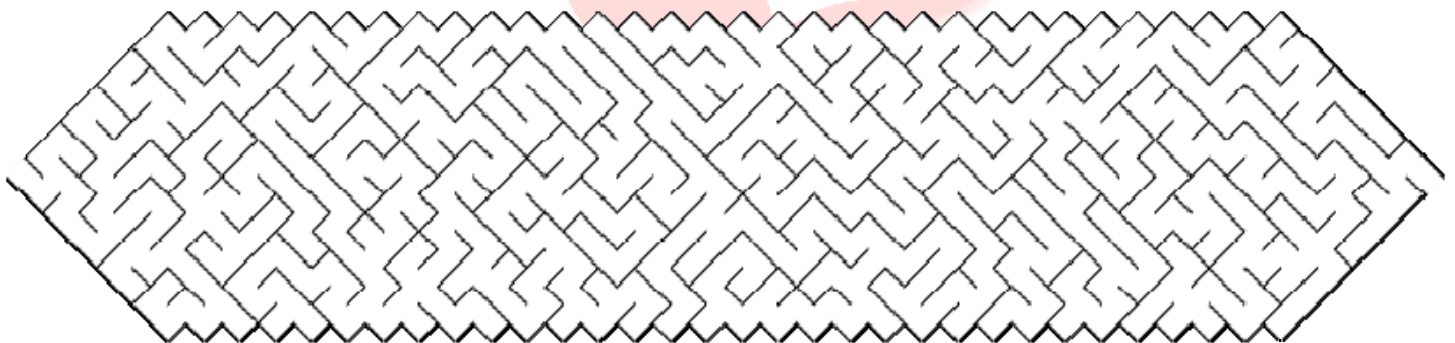
June 18

Vigil Night
Camp Tukabatchee

June 25

Lodge 75th Anniversary

June 28



How quickly can you make it from point to point?

2015 Allogagan Ordeal

May 8-10 @ Camp Tukabatchee

5:00-7:00 p.m. check in Friday

SUPPER IS NOT PROVIDED FRIDAY

**A new medical form must
be submitted for 2015!!!**

If paid by May 1 at 5:00 p.m.

- ___ \$16 Brother
- ___ \$31 Brotherhood Candidate
- ___ \$44 Ordeal Candidate - new member
- ___ \$10 2015 Lodge Dues - not for new members
- ___ \$54 Conclave (\$36 + \$18 late fee -deadline was 3/27)

If paid after May 1 at 5:00 p.m.

- ___ \$21 Brother
- ___ \$36 Brotherhood Candidate
- ___ \$49 Ordeal Candidate - new member
- ___ \$10 2015 Lodge Dues - not for new members

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

eMail _____

Phone(____) _____ - _____

Medical Form Required

I will bring a BSA medical form signed and dated 5/11/14 or later with me. Parts A & B must be completed. Part C is optional, but would be nice. A doctor visit is NOT required for Parts A & B.

This form will not be returned. I will not bring the original copy. The lodge will keep this on file for the 2015 calendar year so I don't have to bring a new one each time. I'll bring a new one if mine expires.

I understand I am expected to be at camp for the entire weekend I understand that event patches will be given out and sold only on Sunday morning. If I leave early I will be unable to get these - no excuses. Before I leave camp I will checkout with Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bazonis, Mr. Chappell, or Mr. Newton.

Signed _____

If under 19, Parent Signature _____

Make checks payable to BSA and mail entire form to: BSA, 3067 Carter Hill Rd, Montgomery, AL 36111 or register online @ www.alibamu.org

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