



Arrowman Echoes

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75th Anniversary Fellowship Logan Bozeman Lodge Treasurer & 75th Chairman

As know well by now, Alibamu Lodge is celebrating it's 75th anniversary this year. We will be celebrating this special event at fall fellowship. Activities planned for the weekend include a legends Wischixin game for, you know, the old guys, night time movies, games and fellowship, as well as our annual patch auction. During the day on Saturday, we will watch the SEC Championship, so don't let that keep you from coming. On Saturday, we will have a luncheon with a special speaker and former lodge chiefs to celebrate our lodge's 75th anniversary.



Traditionally, the 75th anniversary is the "Diamond Anniversary."

To commemorate this event, the first 75 paid participants will receive a free diamond courtesy of City Pawn and Mr. Barry Ehrlich (attendance is required). The trading post will also have some new inventory including a new belt buckle and a lodge belt! Everyone come out and enjoy this special event and fellowship with your brothers. Hope to see you there!

2016 Lodge Banquet Ryan Jones Lodge Chief

This year our annual lodge banquet is set for January 2, 2016. The event will be at Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery at 6:30 PM. We are still working hard on a keynote speaker and will hope to be able to let you know who it is in our next newsletter. More details about the cost and menu will be provided in that newsletter right after fall fellowship. The food may be different this year so check out that newsletter! This is the final time to celebrate our 75th anniversary with us and we hope you all can be in attendance. Mark your calendars today!

2016 Dues Reminder Nathan Rankin Lodge Secretary

Brothers, as we near another year of Scouting, I would like to remind you that 2016 dues are due between now and the banquet in January. Dues help fund our events and allow us to focus on the mission of our Order: service. We ask that dues payment be made early in the year, and that you would remind your fellow Arrowmen to pay theirs as well, in order to exceed our JTE goals for the coming year. Our goal for 2016 will be 367 members. Will you be one of them? Use the mail-in on the back or pay at alibamu.org.



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Chiefly Speaking Ryan Jones Lodge Chief

This summer Hunter Gay, Matt Harris and I were able to attend national high adventure bases. Hunter went to Sea Base while Matt and I attended Northern Tier. I cannot speak for Hunter or Matt, but as for myself I highly enjoyed my time in the Canadian Wilderness. I want to briefly give you an idea of the experience I had. Day one, Matt and I arrived in the Minneapolis airport anxiously looking for the Scouting group who greets all the participants. After locating them it was a short wait for the van which would take us the rest of the five hour journey to Eli, Minnesota. We arrived at the Charles L. Summers Canoe Base around five that night and it was straight to business once we arrived. We received dinner, our instructors for the night, and a brief tour of the facilities as we were led to our bunks for the night. At around five the next morning we were out of the bed and ready to get moving. The next hours were filled with excitement and anticipation as we waiting to board our canoes and get on the water. That day we canoed seven or eight miles to our new home for the week; a campsite located on Sunday Lake. Our work week project was to fill in gravel on a portage trail so as to make traversing the trail with gear and a canoe much easier. We worked on the North Portage. Our week was spent by taking large rocks, and turning them into smaller rocks with sledge hammers. It was a tough task and rough work. By the end of the week, the five of us in our group were almost ready to go home.



Then the voyage happened. The second week was filled with the most amazing canoe trip of my life. We canoed a total of 139 miles in one week! The days were long, hard, and by the end of most of them we were so tired we went to sleep as soon as possible, but they were all worth it.

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, then I highly recommend this program as it was a rewarding experience both physically and mentally. I will warn you that it is a grueling challenge, but one worth it in the end entirely. For more information about these OAHA programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to one of us. Lodge scholarships may be available for those who sign up before March 1. There are plenty of July treks that will not interfere with summer camp. Your destiny awaits you...

Lodge Elections & Advisers Mr. Mike Bazonis Associate Lodge Adviser



Ryan admiring the beauty of nature at Northern Tier

We'll hold lodge elections at fall fellowship in December. If you're interested in running for one of the four lodge offices be sure to ask your parents to sign the officer candidate form (alibamu.org/forms/officer_candidate_form.pdf). The form lists the responsibilities of the job as well as the events you're expected to attend. In addition to bringing one of these forms you must talk to me at least an hour before the election. We'll make sure you understand the responsibilities and what you're taking on.

Also, annually we take a look at our chapter and committee adviser positions. If you're interested in serving as an adviser next year please let me know. Nearly every youth on the LEC has a adviser and that could be you.

Tents, Platforms & More

Logan Bozeman
Lodge Treasurer

What do tents, platforms, cots, the central bathhouse, council ring benches, dining hall A/V equipment, and the lights at the athletic field have in common? They were all paid for by our lodge. A majority of that funding comes from patch sales and auctions. We need your support to make projects like that keep happening. At fall fellowship we'll hold an auction. We already have many great items, but we need more. Please take a look in your patch boxes and closets and find a few things for us. Save some of your spending money so you can bid on some of these items as well.

Merit Badge Day
Timothy Jordan
MBD Chairman

The 9th annual merit badge day had 172 boys in attendance. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and promoted this program in their troops. Thank you to all of our counselors. Without them no MBD would be possible!

Frazer UMC in Montgomery was a great host and we hope to be able to return in 2016. We've been talking to the University of Scouting leadership about holding one large MBD/UoS next year to make this event even better.

One Day of Service/Cub Carnival
Mac Thompson
Ceremonies Chairman

Our One Day plans changed last minute so we worked on the trail at camp. A section was impacted by a tornado several years ago and was still overgrown. Nearly 25 brothers came out and helped work on it. There's still more to do, but it's a start!

After trail work, many of us stayed at camp to help with the first Cub Carnival weekend. We'll also be helping with the second weekend. The carnival staff always looks forward to our help each year. I'd like to encourage you to come out and help next year. Cub Scouts are where our future members come from and in 2016 the lodge will focus on helping them more than we ever have. We need you to support them and us with this.



ASA Last Call
Logan Bozeman
Lodge Treasurer

There are just two months left to earn your 100th anniversary Arrowman Service Award. Requirements can be completed until December 31 and you have until banquet to turn in your score cards. Once you've completed yours turn them into me at fall fellowship or banquet along with \$2.50. Multiple patches are available. So far we've had 28 brothers complete the requirements. Take a look at the requirements and see if you've earned or are close to earning yours. Score cards can be found at alibamu.org.

Rededication Ordeal
Will Reeder
Lodge Vice Chief

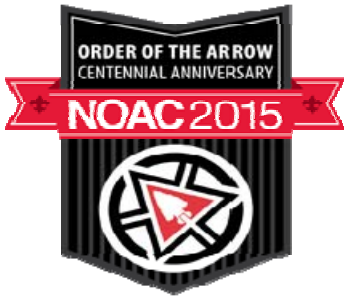
The Pilgrimage Ordeal was a huge success this year. Not only because of the Ordeal itself but also because it was also our lodge's centennial celebration to commemorate the 100th year of our Order. We used this opportunity to host an Ordeal rededication ceremony for all who wanted to. These brothers who participated received a special edition of our #OA100 flap with a red border. Over the weekend we inducted 13 new members, we had 2 Arrowmen earn their Brotherhood (Trey Taylor and Mr. Brandon Cumbie), and we had 49 brothers rededicate themselves to the Order.

On Saturday we worked on several service projects around camp and also did some work at the council service center to make both places even more beautiful (Who knew that was even possible?) After a long day of service, we ended the day with some wonderful pork chops to help fill the stomachs of the hungry Scouts and Scouters. Then to top that off we enjoyed lots of fun, food and fellowship with our fellow Arrowmen. With all of this being said, if you weren't able to make it to this Ordeal, you really missed out on a good one! A special shout out to Mr. Chuck Maney for attending his 100th Ordeal this summer!

OA Trivia

What ceremonial figure admonished you during your Ordeal ceremony?
A. Nutiket B. Allowat Sakima
C. Meteu D. Elangomat
(Answer on page 5)





NOAC 2015 Review

Matt Harris
NOAC Chairman



Going into NOAC 2015 there was a lot of anticipation in the air. Never before had an event been hyped up as much or had so many people sign up. Many were wondering if Michigan State University and the NOAC staff could live up to all of the expectations in this 100th anniversary year. When all was said and done though everyone was giving two thumbs up about their NOAC experience!



Alibamu had an exceptional time at NOAC, not to mention all of the fun we had on the road there and back! After loading up the bus and departing for the conference the first stop 179 made was at King's Island theme park in Ohio. We spent the day having fun and riding famous roller-coasters such as the Beast, Diamondback and the Banshee. After a long and tiring day of thrill rides, our lodge rested up in a hotel for the night so we would be ready to go bright and early for the start of NOAC the next day.

The week of NOAC could be described as an amazing blur. There were so many things for Arrowmen with all kinds of interests and all ages to do. With activities, games, and exhibits around every corner there was no choice but to constantly be doing something. From the OA Warrior extreme obstacle course to the Dutch oven cook offs there was plenty of fun to be had. One place you could always find a few of our Arrowmen was at the Hub. At the Hub there were lots of activities such as zip lines, climbing walls, ice pick climbing, airsoft, bouldering obstacles, bubble ball games, as well as lots of displays like OA high adventure and the Centennial Fire.

As far as competitions go Alibamu did not disappoint. Our ceremonies team did an outstanding job with their evaluation and Matt Harris shook his tail feathers in the fancy dance competition. In sports, our Ultimate Frisbee team placed 17th in the nation, our Lodgeball team placed 9th, and our flag football team came close to winning it all, but were stopped short and placed 5th in the Nation. The flag football team later challenged the national champion to a pick up game and beat them easily!



Two more categories in which the

NOAC 2015 staff really outdid themselves would be training and shows. Training was spread out across campus for easy access to everyone and with lots of varieties so everyone could get plugged in. The shows at NOAC were simply incredible. Between the t-shirt canons, cool light shows, impressive performers like the juggler Charles Peachock, world recognized singer/songwriters Maddie and Tae, and the deep meaningful messages of the main speakers and skits the shows were always worthwhile.

NOAC 2015 was a huge success for all involved! Alibamu had an amazing time at the conference and if you didn't get to go to this one, I'm sure National will find a way to make the next one even better. Until next time, Go Alibamu!

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Lodge Calendar

December 4-6
Fall Fellowship
Camp Tukabatchee

January 2
LLD Training
Aldersgate UMC

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Lodge Banquet
Aldersgate UMC

January 8-10
Indian Winter
Camp Thunder

Answer to the trivia question is B. Allowat Sakima

Indian Winter Mac Thompson Ceremonies Chairman

In the last issue I told you about an exciting section event called Indian Winter! This event is January 8-10 at Camp Thunder. This event is helpful to our lodge by enhancing our ceremonialists and drum and dance team; therefore better Ordeals for candidates and winning awards at conclave. This event also offers training on leadership skills to help our lodge and all around American Indian Affairs (AIA) and Inductions & Ceremony Events (ICE) activities.

We have reserved 18 spaces already. Hopefully those are in heated cabins! If you're interested in attending register by December 20 to ensure a car space and avoid the late fee. You won't have to miss school for this like we do with conclave.

2015 Fall Fellowship

December 4-6 @ Camp Tukabatchee

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

SUPPER IS PROVIDED FRIDAY

A new medical form must be submitted if you didn't turn one in for 2015

If paid by November 25 at 12:00 p.m. (Nov 27 online)

___ \$17 Brother

___ \$32 Brotherhood Candidate

___ \$10 2016 Lodge Dues

___ \$5 Former Lodge Chief Lunch Only**

If paid after November 25 at 12:00 p.m. (Nov 27 online)

___ \$22 Brother

___ \$37 Brotherhood Candidate

___ \$10 2016 Lodge Dues

___ \$10 Former Lodge Chief Lunch Only**

Indian Winter Only – Don't pay after December 20 without asking if we have space.

___ \$15 Indian Winter Brother

**If you're not currently registered with the BSA you may attend for lunch only, from 11am until 3pm. We encourage you to reconnect and join the BSA and lodge again!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

eMail _____

Phone(____) _____ - _____

Medical Form Required

I will bring a BSA medical form signed and dated 12/6/14 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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