



Arrowman Echoes

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Tukabatchee Area Council #005
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Conclave

Jacob Young, Lodge Chief

Mark your calendars for April 19-21! You're invited to attend a tropical gathering at Camp Thunder in Molena, Georgia. Here we'll engage in our section's "Conclave in Paradise." As the gentle Hawaiian breezes take us to a tropical island, you'll begin your days among lush palm trees and floral leis. The relaxing island environment will make engaging in a couple of classes a breeze.

Dive deeper into the tropical spirit as we engage in the island's Ultimate Frisbee and volleyball tournament. Yet the true challenge awaits us at the Wischixin tournament, where we will stand on the edge of our twelfth consecutive Best All Around Lodge title! This win can only be achieved if we work as a team and build our skills by attending the upcoming skills day.

During this tropical outing our ears will be delighted by Hawaiian music played on ukuleles while we will bask in the warmth of tiki torches, but we will need to keep our goal in mind of being Best All Around Lodge for the twelfth consecutive time!

I am looking forward to celebrating our lodge's achievements with you as the Hawaiian sun sets on our Conclave in Paradise.

Register at www.OAsectionE6.org today.

Lodge Dues

It's time again for 2024 dues to be paid, so please pay as soon as possible. Only members with dues paid can wear a Lodge flap on their uniform and attend Lodge events. If you have any questions, please contact a Lodge officer.



Dues can be paid by scanning the QR code or by going to www.tukabatcheesa.org/shop

Beaver Day

Lucas Luster, Service Chairman

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming summer camp season, it is time to mark your calendars for Beaver Day! Scheduled for February 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Beaver Day is not just for Order of the Arrow members; it is an open invitation to all scouts who wish to contribute to the betterment of our camp. We encourage every one of you to spread the word and encourage your fellow scouts to join us. Remember, the success of our camp relies on the collective efforts of our scouting community. We will engage in various projects geared towards general maintenance and improvements across the camp. Stay tuned for more information as we approach the event date. We will release details about specific projects and the tools needed for the day. I look forward to seeing all of you there, ready to contribute to the ongoing success of our lodge and camp.

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Indian Winter

Jacob Young, Lodge Chief

Thank you to everyone who came out to Indian winter and represented the lodge. We had a total of 18 members participate, and we all had a great time! My hope is that those who attended learned valuable lessons that they can use in the future leadership of our lodge. My favorite part about Indian winter was being able to socialize with all of my fellow section members during our times of fellowship.



Brotherhood

Brewer Houlditch, Ceremonies Chairman

Do you enjoy the ceremonies conducted by our lodge for ordeals? Do you like the regalia the ceremonialists wear? Do you think yourself capable of standing tall, and speaking out in front of others? Then consider joining the Alibamu Lodge ceremonies team. We always need more people to help the ceremonies run smoothly. If the acting and the ceremonies are not for you, then consider being on the support team, and set up the ring before ceremonies. Without people to help set up or be in the ceremonies they won't happen. If you are interested, contact me at brewerhoulditch@gmail.com. Anyone is welcome to join the ceremonies team.



By the Numbers

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary

2023 was a big year for the lodge. We hosted Conclave and we did several service projects around the camp. As we go into the new year, it is nice to look back at our numbers from last year.

242 members
45 new Ordeal members
26 Brotherhood conversions
4 Vigil inductions

82% activation rate (new members attend an event within 6 months)
12 more youth members than 2022
6 more adult members than 2022

35% average membership attendance at events
51 brothers were on summer camp staff (91%)

\$4,830 donated to the council in cash and materials (\$19.96/member)
5,062 hours of service to the council (20.92/member)

136 attended conclave at Camp Tukabatchee
14 attended Indian Winter
1 attended National Leadership Seminar

4th year in a row High Performing status in the lodge Performance Measurement Program
19th year in row qualifying as a PMP lodge (or equivalent)

Tailypo

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary

With Conclave coming up, it is time to start working on this year's tailypo booth. For those of you who are new, a tailypo booth consists of a history display and a game that usually pertains to the theme. This year's theme is Conclavin' In Paradise and our plan is to have a tropical display with the Viking game Kubb as our game. We need help putting our plans into action.

We will be announcing a workday soon. If you are interested in helping out, keep your eyes on our socials and Remind.

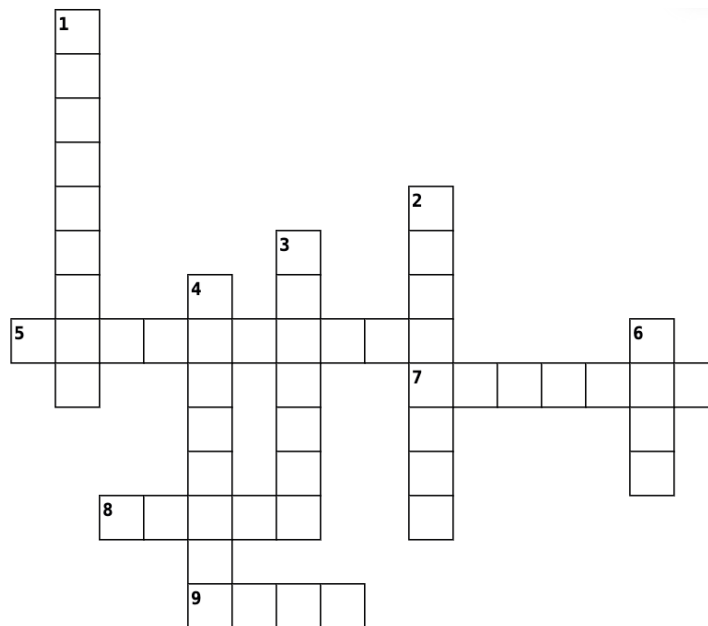
If you are interested in helping work on or run the booth, please contact me at sippiaaij@gmail.com or (334) 462-7970.

Elangomats

Bobby Bradford, Training Chairman

Want to take your service to the lodge one step farther? We always need Elangomats for our upcoming Ordeals. As an Elangomat, you will go through the Ordeal again to guide the upcoming Arrowmen. You will eat, sleep, and work with the Scouts going through Ordeal. At the end of the Ordeal, you will be given a special Elangomat patch.

If you are interested, contact me at bobby.m.bradford@icloud.com or (334) 202-4406.



Across

- 5. The Guide
- 7. The Guard
- 8. The Medicine Man
- 9. The abbreviation of the OA's National Conference

Down

- 1. The Conclave game our lodge dominates
- 2. The Fall Fellowship theme
- 3. #1 Lodge
- 4. The Admonition
- 6. The Lodge Advisor's cat

Alibamu Word Search

H	C	T	H	J	R	S	E	A	T	R	I	Y	B
O	E	U	S	O	B	L	I	G	A	T	I	O	N
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SERVICE
ARROWMEN
TUKABATCHEE
JACOB YOUNG
OBLIGATION
TAILYPO
ORDEAL
BROTHERHOOD
VIGIL

If you play the games and want to show off your educational prowess, take a photo, post an Instagram story, and tag us. We would love to share you on our story, so make sure you tag us! You can also send in suggestions for future games that we can put in the newsletter, or let us know if you want to do more of these games. Your input is always appreciated!



Find Us Online!



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2023-2024 Lodge Calendar

Our 2024 Lodge calendar is now available at www.alibamu.org/calendar or by scanning this QR Code. Make sure to add our dates to your calendar or subscribe to the Google Calendar so you'll know when our events, meetings, and workdays are.



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Upcoming Dates

Conclave Skills Day- January 28
 LEC Meeting- January 28
 Beaver Day- February 24
 LEC Meeting- February 24
 Allogagan Ordeal- April 5-7
 Lodge Elections- April 7
 Conclave- April 19-21



Chiefly Speaking

Jacob Young, Lodge Chief

Aloha everyone! I hope you all had an amazing winter break and are having a great new year. Me and my fellow lodge committee members have planned many amazing and fun things for the upcoming year. I cannot wait to share them all with you! Our chapter chiefs and vice chiefs are working very hard to get all of our district's elections completed in time for upcoming camporees, which is always great to hear. We have a skills day coming up on January 28, and we can't wait to see all of you there! Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and devotion to the lodge over the past year, and I can't wait to see what 2024 holds for us!

Register Today

www.OAsectionE6.org

April 19-21

We'll depart about 11am on Friday. Talk to Mike before registering if that's a problem.



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