



# Arrowman Echoes

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## Our Year in Review

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As 2024 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the key moments that shaped our lodge's year.

This year we had **4,125** hours of service for our lodge. To put that number into perspective, it would be like singing the OA song 495,000 times (which is a lot).

This year we also welcomed **26** new members, **23** new brothers, and **5** vigil members, which brings our membership total to **223** members.

We sent members to all kinds of events this year with **4** scouts going to NLS, **18** scouts at Indian Winter, and **19** scouts going to NOAC.

2024 was also a big year for our leadership. We created **3** new LEC positions and trained **30** scouts at this year's LLD.

It also bears mentioning that at this past Conclave, our ceremonies team placed in their competition for the very first time in our lodge's history. We also won best "All-Around Lodge," making this the **12th year in a row** that we have won that title.

Thank you to all of our members for making this year as amazing as it was. We are so grateful that you all gave so much of your time and energy to our lodge, and we know that with your continued support we will make this next year another success!

## A Gaze into the Future

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

While reflecting on our past accomplishments is always nice, it's just as important to look toward the future. In 2025, we have an exciting lineup of events and opportunities planned!

For the first time ever, we'll host an OA Night at Winter Camp. This event will be similar to the OA Night we all know and love from Summer Camp, but with a winter twist. Expect games, branding, hot chocolate, and fellowship! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the Order to Scouts who may not attend summer camp and introduce them to what the OA is all about.

April kicks off with another thrilling Conclave! This year's theme is "The Arrow's Tour," and it's going to be a rockin' good time. Get ready to enjoy great music, to fellowship with other Arrowmen from our section, and to compete for the coveted "Best All-Around Lodge" award.

Looking further into the year, keep an eye out for even more opportunities to serve our fellow Scouts and Scouters. Last year, we introduced a 5-mile hike event to help Scouts achieve their second-class rank. We plan to continue finding meaningful ways to give back to those who chose us. Stay tuned for more details as the year unfolds!

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# Indian Winter is Coming Up!

**Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief**

Indian Winter is one of Section E6's exciting annual events. Lodges will unite for a weekend of American Indian Activities (AIA), training, and fellowship. This year, Indian Winter will be at Camp Horne in Cottondale, AL. It is shaping up to be the best yet, featuring a variety of exciting new activities and experiences.

The list includes new training sessions like Quest Events 101 and the News Team, which offers participants unique opportunities to build skills and connect with others. The weekend will also feature the debut of this year's music video at a special release party.

Last year's Indian Winter was the largest in Section E6 history. This year, we're determined to make it even more memorable. Don't miss your chance to learn, bond, and celebrate with brothers from across the Section!

Sadly, the event was delayed due to weather, but be on the lookout for a new date and other information about this amazing event.



## Game Time

**Thomas L., Athletics Chair**

Please join us for our Conclave skills practice day on January 26 from 1:00-2:50 pm, which will be at Alibamu field at Camp Tuk. You will need a water bottle, cleats if you have them, and dress for the weather. If you can be there five minutes early, we will need help setting up the games.

# Fall Fellowship Reviewed

**Brewer Houlditch, Treasurer**

Brothers, another Fall Fellowship has come and gone, and I'm glad to say it went very well. Though I was not present for all of Fall Fellowship, I was happy to see my brothers having a good time while I was there.

As a lodge, we completed all of our service goals we had planned the day and we even held a talent show at the end of the day. So I'd like to extend my gratitude to all those who prepared and performed during the talent show.

I would also like to personally congratulate the new brotherhood members brought in during our Fall Fellowship Brother ceremony. Thank you all for making Fall Fellowship amazing this year, and I can't wait to see you all again in 2025.



**Brewer Houlditch, Tyler B., Lucas Luster, and Jaxon H. conducted the Brotherhood Ceremony on December 6 at Camp Tuk.**

# Conclave: The Arrows Tour

**Rosie A. Vice-Lodge Chief**

This year's Section E6 Conclave will be at Camp Bert Adams on April 4-6, and the theme is The Arrows Tour! Early Bird registration ends on January 31, and you can register on [Section E6's website](#). Early Bird registrants will receive the standard issue 2025 Conclave Patch in addition to an "Early Bird Item." Late fee registration will start on March 18, so sign up early and save money!

Preparation for Conclave will happen at Camp Tuk for skills practice on January 26 and February 16 at 1 pm, with LECs at 4 pm both days. Please come out and support our lodge as we get ready for the most fun event of the year!

Everyone is also invited to the Allogagan Ordeal at Camp Tuk on March 14-16 to meet our new Arrowmen and cheerfully serve alongside them! [W.W.W.](#)

# Cheerful Service

**Will R., Service Chair**

In 2024, we had multiple work days or weekends, thanks to Arrowmen and Scouts who came to Camp Tukabatchee to spend time and fellowship with each other in cheerful service.

We have removed debris from campsites; cleaned the dining hall, the admin building, and the commissary; and maintained the council ring. We helped get camp ready for Spook-O-Ree, and we prepared the 5K trail. We also cleaned up the new OA room.

Thank you to all who helped serve in 2024, and we hope to do even more in 2025!

# Chiefly Speaking

**Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief**

"Pause, and look you back on Scouting, whose sign and motto you accepted."

These were some of the first words spoken to you during your Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Hopefully, you spent your Ordeal reflecting on Nutiket's words and considering your role within the Order.

Now, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect once again. Have you made the impact you wanted to see within the lodge? What about in your home troop?

If your answer is no, remember—it's never too late. There is always time to be a humble servant and make a difference for those around you.

One meaningful way to do this is by stepping into a leadership role within the Alibamu Lodge. At the Allogagan Ordeal in March, only a couple of months away, we'll hold elections for our next Lodge officers. If you're interested, I encourage you to run for one of the four positions—regardless of whether you think you'll be elected. The experience itself is invaluable, and it's an incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lodge and the council.

About a year ago, I stood where you are now. I decided to run because I believed I could make a positive difference in the program I love. Now, it's your turn. Step up, take the challenge, and make your mark.

If you have any questions or would like to know about my experience as Lodge Chief, please reach out. I would love to help you make your next step in serving those around you.

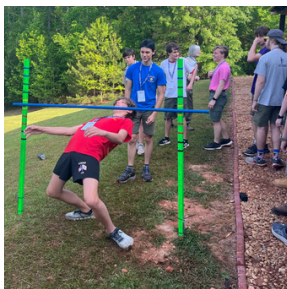


# '24 Photo Dump

Jaxon H., Secretary

Everyone loves to see pictures, and we love to share them! It can make someone's day to see themselves featured in a post or an article. Please join the PhotoCircle so we can all share pictures and memories, and those pictures might be included in the newsletter or social media: [PhotoCircle](#).

Also don't forget to join our Remind by texting @alibamu to 81010 so that you will receive announcements and important information!



## 2025 Lodge Calendar

Our 2025 Lodge calendar is now available at [www.alibamu.org/calendar](http://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.

## Upcoming Dates

- Indian Winter..... Jan 10-12
- Winter Camp..... Jan 17-20
- Conclave Skills Day..... Jan 26
- Conclave Skills Day..... Feb 16
- Allagogan Ordeal..... March 14-16
- Conclave..... April 4-6

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## Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

Life isn't about keeping score. It's not about how many friends you have or how accepted you are. It isn't about who your family is or how much money they have or what kind of car you drive or where you are sent to school. It's not about how beautiful or ugly you think you are or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on, or what kind of music you like. It's not about if your hair is blonde, red, black, or brown or if your skin is too light or too dark. LIFE JUST ISN'T.

But, LIFE IS about who you love and who you hurt. It's about who you make happy or unhappy, purposefully. It's about keeping or betraying trust. It's about friendship. It's about what you say and mean, maybe hurtful, maybe heartening. But most of all, it's about using your life to touch or poison other people's hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone. Only you choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices are what life's all about. Choose positivity, respect, and love for our fellow humans!! You will find it is always the right choice!

## Lodge Dues

It's time again for 2025 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.tukabatcheeps.org/shop](http://www.tukabatcheeps.org/shop).

