



# Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.  
Tukabatchee Area Council #005  
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## Merit Badge Day Josh Alexander Service Apprentice

Our annual merit badge day is September 18, at Aldersgate UMC. All registrations will be online only. The last day to order shirts is August 31. The pre-registration deadline is September 7. To register or to find more details visit the address below. It only takes a single day to either earn a merit badge or partially complete most of one.

There is a large range of merit badges to take. The merit badges available this year are Automotive Maintenance, Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle), Citizenship in the World (Eagle), Collections, Communications (Eagle), Composite Materials, Engineering, Game Design, Law, Medicine, Nuclear Science, and Sustainability (Eagle). Every badge available offers a great easy way for you to complete most requirements while also having a great experience doing it. Merit Badge Day is a chance to see some of the services OA does without actually being in the OA. I hope to see you there!!

**For more information, please visit  
[www.alibamu.org/merit-badge-day](http://www.alibamu.org/merit-badge-day)**



## Calendar

**August 13-15** Pilgrimage Ordeal  
**September 18** Merit Badge Day  
**September 18** Banquet  
**October 22-24** Fall Hangout  
**December 3-5** Fall Fellowship

## Pilgrimage Ordeal Mary Stephens Ceremony Chairman

The Pilgrimage Ordeal is August 13-15 and we need your help! Coming to Ordeals is one of the best ways our brothers can commit themselves to cheerful service, and we'd be honored if you could join us and help. We've always got projects to keep Camp Tukabatchee the most amazing camp it can be. Ordeals are also the most important event in getting new brothers involved with the lodge, so if you know any Scouts that have been newly elected to the OA, remind them to come! Ordeal candidates are the lifeblood of every lodge, and without them, Alibamu Lodge wouldn't be able to continue as a high-performing lodge. If you're planning to attend the Pilgrimage, encourage other brothers in your troop to attend as well! We're excited to see you all there!

If you are an Ordeal member who joined before 2021, I'd like to encourage you to get your Brotherhood at this Ordeal. It's really easy and will help you have a better understanding of what the OA is all about. The requirements are at the bottom of Alibamu.org

Contact me to join the ceremony team. We need actors and stage crew.

Brewer needs 3 Elangomats for this ordeal. If you'd like to help our new members and earn a cool ICE flap contact him as well. Our info is on page 4.



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## 2021 Conclave Parker Stephens Webmaster

Wow, conclave 2021 was awesome. It was really great to get to see our friends from across the section.

We were the Tailypo booth champion, best trained lodge, Wischixin champion, and won the spirit award. Jeremiah Croskey placed second in the fancy dance with the first place fancy outfit. In the virtual events, we took third in planbook and website and first in newsletter and Instagram. That gave us first place overall in the virtual events. All of these conclave awards, and all of the year round hard work from you and our lodge executive committee, resulted in Alibamu being named the 2020-2021 Best All Around Lodge.

Thank you to Adam and Ms. June for their work on the spirit items and Tailypo booth!

I'm already looking forward to conclave 2022 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins!

## New Lodge Officers

The 2021-2022 lodge officers were elected at the Allogagan Ordeal in May:

Chief - Adam Holtzscher  
Vice Chief - Kayden Ray  
Secretary - Eli Crawford  
Treasurer - Jacob Young

## Summer Camp Parker Stephens Webmaster

Our OA night at summer camp last month was a massive success! We had a sociable ice cream social, an easygoing volleyball match, and a rather intense game of Wischixin. I would also like to congratulate our six newest Brotherhood members and to thank our other ceremonialists for having an exceptionally successful evening. It is nights like these that we remember the importance of Wimachtendienk!



## Chiefly Speaking Nethan Crew 2020-2021 Lodge Chief

As our lodge program year ends, I am both saddened by the passing of a great year and excited for the start of a new one for all of us to improve as a lodge and individually. This year we did many great things including becoming a High Performing Lodge by PMP standards, Best All-Around Lodge nine years in a row, and being able to have all of our events in person through a pandemic and following COVID guidelines. I want to personally thank everyone who came to a lodge event this year, no matter if you came to one or all of them. Your assistance in helping our camp and having fun with us, really helps our lodge run as smoothly as possible. I'm proud of so many of you and I can't wait to see what you become in our council, lodge, and the world.

W.W.W.  
Nethan Crew



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## Mike's Minute Mr. Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

Some of our adviser roles change periodically just like our office and chairman roles do. I'd like to thank Mr. Austin Kelsey for serving as an associate lodge adviser for the 2020-2021 program year. I look forward to finding new roles for Austin! Mr. Jeff Young is serving as associate lodge adviser for the 2021-2022 program year advising our lodge treasurer.

I'd like to thank all of our new officers and chairmen for accepting their roles. We'll have a lot of challenges this coming year, but I know this group is up to the task.

## Banquet Nethan Crew 2020-2021 Lodge Chief

Our annual lodge banquet is coming up and everyone is invited to this celebration of our past year's successes. The banquet is September 18 at Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery. The night will be filled with fun activities, recognition of the past years' accomplishments, and the installation of our new lodge officers. We'll have more details in the August newsletter. I hope to many of you!



## National OA Conference Adam Holtzsch Lodge Chief

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a biennial event that has not been held in three years... so it is long overdue! For those who have not had the pleasure of attending a NOAC due to this hiatus, but have been to a section conclave, they share many similarities. We participate in highly competitive sports, drum and dance, ceremonies, tailypo booths, and watch shows, but NOAC does so with a higher budget and quality. While staying on the campus of University at Tennessee in Knoxville, we have the opportunity to participate in various, unique activities and interact with over 6,000 Arrowmen from across the nation.

The fee is \$700/750. The early bird deposit is due in December so you'll want to sign up soon to take advantage of that offer. See [Alibamu.org](http://Alibamu.org) for full fee details.

We'll talk more in the August newsletter, but additional NOAC details are available on our website as well. You can also ask me.

So clear your schedules for July 24-30, 2022 to attend NOAC with us!



# 2021 Pilgrimage Ordeal & Lodge Dues

August 13 - 15 @ Camp Tukabatchee

Check-in begins at 5:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm

## If paid by 8/6 at 4:30pm (8/8, 9:00pm online)

- \$22 Brother
- \$37 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$52 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- \$12 2021 Lodge Dues - NOT FOR NEW MEMBERS!
- \$12 2022 Lodge Dues - New members can pay ahead

## If paid after 8/6 at 4:30pm (8/8, 9:00pm online)

- \$27 Brother
- \$42 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$57 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- \$12 2021 Lodge Dues - NOT FOR NEW MEMBERS!
- \$12 2022 Lodge Dues - New members can pay ahead

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to BSA and mail entire form to:  
BSA  
3067 Carter Hill Rd  
Montgomery, AL 36111

or register online @ [www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop](http://www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop)

**Unless you attended a 2021 OA event, a new BSA medical form with at least parts A&B is needed for 2021. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!**

## 2021-2022 Lodge Executive Committee

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