



Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.
Tukabatchee Area Council #005
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Banquet
Adam Holtzcher
2021-2022 Lodge Chief

Pilgrimage Ordeal
Nathan Fletcher
Lodge Vice Chief

We are once again holding our annual awards banquet. It will be Saturday, September 10 after Merit Badge Day at Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery. The lodge will hosting dinner, have some activities, and most notably, recognizing the service of our excellent members in the last year. We'll have more details in the next newsletter, but go ahead and put the date on your calendar.

This event is open to people outside of the lodge or even Scouting, so plan on bringing your friends and family!



The Pilgrimage Ordeal is August 12-14. I hope you're excited for this fun, fellowship, and service filled weekend. Our lodge conducts only two Ordeals each year and, they are our most important events of the year. Our Ordeals bring in new members and help keep our camp in good condition. If you know a Scout who was newly elected into the OA encourage them to come. Coming to Ordeals is a great way to commit yourself in cheerful service and fun fellowship. The Ordeal is also a great way to become more involved in the lodge and make life long scouting friends. I encourage everyone to come and we would be honored to see you there. We need new members to keep our lodge thriving as a high-performing lodge and hold our title as the "Section All Around Best Lodge." So if you are planning to attend this year's Pilgrimage Ordeal, invite other brothers and newly elected candidates in your troop to attend as well! If you're an Ordeal member who joined before 2022, I encourage you to come to Pilgrimage and seal your membership by obtaining the Brotherhood Honor. Its really easy and the requirements are at the bottom of Alibamu.org

2022-2023 Lodge Calendar

Our 2022-2023 lodge calendar is now available at www.Alibamu.org. 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.

We encourage you to especially put our conclave workdays on your calendar. We'll need a lot of help!



2-Brotherhood
2-New Officers
2-2023 Jamboree

3-OA night
3-Conclave 2023
3-Fall Fellowship
3-Big Projects

4-Pilgrimage Registration
4-Decade of Excellence



2022-2023 Lodge Officers

As a new program year starts it's the time we present our newly elected officers:

- Lodge Chief - Parker Stephens (right)
- Lodge Vice Chief - Nathan Fletcher (middle)
- Lodge Secretary - Preston Stephens (left)
- Lodge Treasurer - Jacob Young



Brotherhood Eli Crawford 2021-2022 Lodge Secretary

Ordeal brothers, now is the time for you to earn your Brotherhood. Being Brotherhood seals your membership in the OA. This is a wonderful opportunity from which it will enlighten you to a new family and a new understanding of the OA. I strongly suggest you strive to achieve this and if you have any questions please contact a lodger officer or check out the lodge website.

If you went through your Ordeal in May you're not eligible until fall fellowship, but all other Ordeal members are eligible to get theirs at the Pilgrimage Ordeal next month.



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The National Scout Jamboree is July 18-28, 2023 with a fee of \$2,200. Contact Scoutmaster Mr. Jeff Young if you have any questions. Sign up at the council office or TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop. Boys and girls can attend.

OA Night at Summer Camp

Jacob Young
Treasurer

OA Night at Camp Tukabatchee was a huge success. We held our Vigil call outs, held a Wischixin tournament, made root beer floats, and branded leather items.

Congratulations to our newest Vigil Honor candidates: JP Baughman, Mr. Perry Bankester, Mr. Troy Nettles, Kayden Ray, and Ashton Taylor. The trading post released the new standard lodge flap and they were well received with over 100 sold! Thank you for your support of summer camp OA Night.



2023 CONCLAVE

Parker Stephens
Conclave Chairman

Are you HYPE for conclave 2023?? We need all of you reading this to sign up and register for the best weekend at Camp Tukabatchee! At conclave, we'll have games, competitions, fellowship, patch trading, and more events throughout the weekend. We plan for our youth to work a maximum of 1-2 hours and then spend the rest of the day on their own. Come to pilgrimage, fall hangout, fall fellowship, and our conclave skills practices next year to practice ultimate frisbee, Wischixin, and volleyball!



Fall Fellowship

Jacob Young
Treasurer

Get ready to join us for fall fellowship, one of the lodge's most fun events. At fall fellowship you'll participate in games, have ample time for fellowship, and grow your friendships with your OA brothers. Games will include dirty Santa, Wischixin, volleyball and more! The trading post will be open for all of your lodge merchandise needs. This event will also be themed, so be ready to get into the spirit! If you have any theme or program ideas please let me know. I hope to see you all there December 2-4, 2022.



Big Conclave Projects

Mr. Fred Cumbie
Service Committee Adviser

As we prepare for conclave next year, we have a few bigger projects we'd like to complete. We need to replace the light posts on the island and need two sets of 12' scaffolding with platforms at the top. We also want to build stairs going up to the council ring. We need someone that can help us with surveying the hill and designing the stairs. If you can help with either of these projects please let me know at 256-794-1039 or brandoncumbie@gmail.com.

Mike's Minute

Mr. Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser

We'll celebrate our 2021-2022 program year at our awards banquet in September, but it's time to get started with 2022-2023. It's going to be a huge year for Alibamu as we prepare to host the 2023 section conclave at Camp Tukabatchee. We're expecting 600+ delegates and will need your help. I encourage you to visit Alibamu.org to see our calendar and make plans to attend all of our events. We'll have a special lodge flap for those who come to our scheduled and popup workdays. Make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram for those popup dates.

2022 Pilgrimage Ordeal

August 12-14 @ Camp Tukabatchee

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

Register at TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop

Or snail mail forms are available at www.Alibamu.org

If paid by 8/7 at 9:00pm: \$22 Brother, \$37 Brotherhood Candidate, \$52 Ordeal Candidate

\$5 late fee starts 8/7 at 9:01pm

Unless you attended an OA event in 2022, a new BSA medical form with at least parts A&B is needed for 2022. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!

A Decade of Excellence

Adam Holtzscher

2021-2022 Lodge Chief

We had a great time at the 2022 section conclave back in April. We had 52 Alibamu brothers present. We won Wischixin again along with second place in the rock, paper, scissors relay and third place in Ultimate. That gave us first overall in the Quest.

In addition to that we were awarded our tenth straight, Best All Around Lodge title!

Congratulations to our own Nathan Crew for being elected to serve as the 2023 section vice chief!



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