



Arrowman Echoes



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2023 Pilgrimage Ordeal Jacob Young Lodge Chief

The Pilgrimage Ordeal is August 11-13. We hope you're excited about this weekend of fun, fellowship, and service. Registration is already open for this event on the council's website.

Our lodge has only two ordeals each year, and they are our most important events. Our Ordeals bring in new brothers and help keep our camp in great condition. If you know a newly elected Scout into the OA, encourage them to come!

We need new members to keep our lodge thriving as a high-performing lodge and hold our title as the "Section Best All-around Lodge." If you plan to attend this year's Pilgrimage Ordeal, invite other brothers and newly elected candidates in your troop to attend as well! Hope to see you there!

Register here

or by going to

www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop



Lodge Dues - Price Increase!

The price of our 2024 dues will increase in September. Take advantage of the current \$12 price and renew your membership for 2024 now.

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 for by scanning the QR code or by going to www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop.

NOAC 2024 Preston Stephens Webmaster

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference is set for July 27-August 3 at the University of Colorado in Boulder! This is the first west-coast NOAC since 1988 and should be a great new experience for our members .

NOAC has so many events and activities for our lodge to participate in. It has trainings, athletic competitions, and shows—just like conclave, but on a huge National scale. There will always be something fun and exciting to do at NOAC!

We are still settling on a fee, but it will likely be around \$1200. The early-bird payment was a success in 2022, so we are expecting that to return for 2024. The early bird means you'll have to pay \$700 before December 1st to avoid another \$50 fee. Any member in good standing can attend.

We're planning to fly Delta, so if you or someone you know has SkyMiles, that could lower the cost for you. Check our social media posts this month for final fees. If you have any financial questions, contact Mr. Mike Bazonis.



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Merit Badge Day 2023 Lucas Luster Merit Badge Day Chairman

Merit Badge Day is upon us!!! It is scheduled for September 16th, 2023 at Faulkner University in Montgomery. Registration is available online. This is a great opportunity to complete a merit badge that would be hard to do otherwise. I encourage every youth to sign up for a class and encourage their fellow scouts to come as well.

This year we are offering Automotive Maintenance, Aviation, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Engineering, First Aid, Nuclear Science, Sustainability, and Veterinary Medicine.

Merit Badge Day is a great opportunity to knock out a merit badge's requirements while also getting in some fellowship and service. I hope to see you all there!!



Conclave Recap Parker Stephens 2022-2023 Lodge Chief

This year Alibamu Lodge had the honor of hosting the Section E6 Conclave! We had 733 delegates here at Camp Tukabatchee, providing awesome fellowship, training, and a great experience for everyone who came. Our lodge came out winning Best All-Around Lodge for the 11th year in a row and numerous other awards for the weekend.

I want to thank all of the Alibamu members who helped make conclave possible. All the hard work that we put in over the last year really paid off. Be sure to join us next year at Ini-To's Flint River Adventure Camp for the 2024 conclave in Molena, Georgia on April 19-21.

Elected Officers for 2023-2024

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the 2023-2024 lodge year! These officers are going to lead our lodge towards another successful year and hopefully another Best All-Around Lodge

- Lodge Chief-Jacob Young (Right)
- Lodge Vice Chief-Joshua Alexander (Middle-Right)
- Lodge Secretary-Sippi Aaj (Middle-Left)
- Lodge Treasurer-Eli Crawford (Left)



OA Night 2023 Preston Stephens Webmaster

On June 22 at summer camp, OA night was held at Camp Tukabatchee. The lodge made root beer floats, held Wischixin games, branded leather, and held our annual Vigil callouts.

Earlier in the week, our lodge had four members earn their Brotherhood.

This year, we tapped out three new Vigil candidates. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge can bestow on its members. From left to right, our candidates are Eli Crawford, Mr. Kevin Houlditch, and Joshua Alexander. They will undergo their Vigil ceremony at Fall Hangout in October.



Other Lodge Events

After Merit Badge Day on September 16, our annual lodge banquet will be held at Faulker University. This is the perfect event to bring friends and family to show them all of the things our lodge has accomplished throughout the past year while enjoying a delicious meal and fun games.

Registration for banquet will open in July.

This year's Fall Hangout will be held at Camp Tukabatchee on October 20-22. Friday is filled with games and activities to have a fun time with your brothers. On Saturday and Sunday, we will help with our council's Spook-o-ree for Cub Scouts.



Upcoming Important Dates

LLD—August 5th at 8am

Pilgrimage Ordeal—August 11-13

Section ACT Training—August 25-27

MBD and Banquet—September 16

Fall Hangout—October 20-22

Fall Fellowship—December 1-3

Mike's Minute
Mr. Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser

Thank you to the 136 Alibamu brothers who helped to make sure the 2023 E6 Conclave was a success! The 2,000 service hours you performed helped make our camp look great. The summer camp staff had an easy staff week because of all of this work. I'm proud of Nethan Crew for a successful term as section vice chief.

I'm even more proud of each of our lodge executive committee members for their work making sure we had the Best All Around Lodge program for the eleventh year in a row! I'm hoping our new LEC will continue the tradition and make it twelve!

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2023-2024 Lodge Calendar

Our 2023-2024 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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