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Pilgrimage Ordeal

Lucas Luster, Incoming Lodge Chief

The Pilgrimage Ordeal, scheduled for August 9-11, is just a few months away. This is our opportunity to give back to our beautiful Camp Tukabatchee and welcome new brothers into our order. We have to show the candidates how great our lodge is. As Vice-Chief-elect Rosie Aaij elaborated, "We hope to see Ordeal candidates come out and have fun, even in the heat! This service and fellowship are essential to our Lodge, and helps us to give back to Camp Tukabatchee with our cheerful service."

It is always better at your second ordeal. Instead of doing labor because you were told to by Allowat Sakima, you are serving because you want to serve your camp alongside your brothers. While it may not be the most fun event on the surface level, our job is to set a tone of cheerful service. As Joshua Alexander put it, "Ordeal is the place to survive and also thrive." If we enjoy the service and fellowship we get to have during the event, we are sure to want to come back to the lodge events.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming ordeal to show our new candidates that the OA is not just about service but is also a place to have fun with people who love the woods and camping.

Best All Around

Jacob Young, Lodge Chief

Congratulations to all brothers on bringing home the win for Best All Around Lodge for the 12th consecutive year!

Our lodge was first place in Planbook, Lodge Spirit, and Ultimate Frisbee. We secured a second place win in Wishixin, and a third place win in tug-of-war and for our Lodge's Instagram page. This was a hard-fought win, and I am proud to have been a part of it, you should be, too. Let's get started on making sure we can do it again for year 13.



Sippi Aaij (secretary), Eli Crawford (treasurer), Jacob Young (Chief), and Joshua Alexander (Vice-Chief) received Alibamu's awards at the end of Conclave.

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Tailypo

Ellie Malkemus, Lodge Historian

This year at Conclave, we had an incredibly successful Tailypo with a history board, food, games, and even tropical themed (fake) tattoos. The games and Conecuh sausage stand were run by several Alibamu members, and they were a hit!

Alibamu won second place for Tailypo, and we had a great time doing it. Brewer Houldich stated, “It was fun helping to staff Tailypo because I had a great time talking to people from other lodges who came to check out our display.” Thomas Lawlor aptly described the Conecuh, pineapple, and Hawaiian punch station as “sweet, spicy, and delicious.” Overall, Alibamu members had a great time during Tailypo, making it both successful and fun!



Ellie Malkemus and Rosie Aaij set up the Tailypo history board. Ellie worked with Ms. June Cyrus to document the different activities from the previous year, and they also displayed patches from Alibamu.

Ms. June Cyrus and Mr. David Ehrlich prepare the Conecuh sausage and the pineapple snacks for the Tailypo booth to share something from Alibamu’s area with other conclave participants.



Conclavin’ In Paradise

Joshua Alexander, Lodge Vice Chief

Alibamu 179 embodies a vibrant and unwavering spirit. Our Lodge, united by a shared enthusiasm and camaraderie, showcased this spirit when we dressed in our Hawaiian regalia, including leis and tropical shirts.

Between cheering for Ini-to Lodge during the volleyball game to singing Karaoke in front of all of E6, Alibamu 179 showed great sportsmanship and positive energy. We worked together to embody our spirit of Brotherhood—always ready to celebrate, support each other, and face challenges with a positive and spirited outlook.

Thank you to all of our Brothers who competed, participated in the shows, volunteered for the activities, and encouraged our Lodge. Also, thank you to the adults who helped before and after Conclave: we appreciate your support!

Chiefly Speaking

Jacob Young, Lodge Chief

Are you ready for the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC?

Log into NOAERS and make sure your information is up to date and all required trainings are complete. This will make check-in seamless and allow us more time to socialize upon arrival. We are looking forward to a fantastic time in Boulder, CO!

Our annual awards banquet is quickly approaching. Make plans to attend on September 14 for good food, good fun, and good fellowship. Registration will begin soon for the banquet and Merit Badge Day on the council’s website.

Honor Team

Brewer Houlditch, Ceremonies Chairman

As the lodge's Ceremonies Chairman, I am pleased to announce that our team won two Honor Team medals for our Ordeal and Pre-Ordeal ceremonies. This means none of the four team members ranked at the lowest scoring tier, and at least three had to be graded at the highest scoring tier.

Our Conclave team this year comprised Brewer Houlditch, Lucas Luster, Joshua Alexander, and Tyler Baughman, as well as Jaxon Hutto, ready to step in if one of us was unable to perform. Tyler Baughman said afterward, "It took time and effort, and I'm proud of how we performed and the accomplishments we gained." When asked how he hoped these wins would affect the lodge, Lucas Luster said, "It goes to show that putting our minds to it and practicing has really paid off. I hope that Alibamu keeps striving to be better so we can continue to win honor team and make our ceremonies the best possible for our new candidates." It is my hope as the Ceremonies Chairman that these wins at Conclave will encourage others to try their hand at ceremonies so that we may field more than one team and continue winning medals for our Lodge.



The Ceremonies team, which included Joshua Alexander, Brewer Houlditch, Lucas Luster, and Tyler Boughman, received Honors for Ordeal and pre-Ordeal ceremonies.

Conclave Athletics

Nethan Crew

Conclave was an absolute blast, and we're so glad that so many people were able to come together at Flint River Adventure Area! For athletics, we took home first place in ultimate frisbee, second in wischixin, and third place in tug-of-war. This helped lead us to be Quest Champions once again and helped us take home our 12th Best All Around Lodge award in a row!

A big shoutout to our arrowmen who served as Conclave Vice Chiefs for this Conclave, including Jacob Young for Taliypo, Eli Crawford for Quests, and Nethan Crew for Ceremonies. If you're interested in any of our lodge committees that helped lead us to BAAL, talk to Lodge Chief, Lucas Luster.



Alibamu won third place in tug-of-war at Conclave at Camp Thunder.



OA Night

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief-elect

Thursday night of summer camp is OA night! This is our opportunity to showcase the Order of the Arrow and Alibamu Lodge to our fellow scouts and scouters. As Jacob Young put it, "It is our chance to show everyone at camp what the lodge is about."

We will kick off the evening with Vigil callouts at 7:45 pm. Afterward, we will enjoy fellowship through ice cream floats, branding, patch trading, sports, and a scavenger hunt. Brewer Houlditch sums it up perfectly: "We have ice cream and fellowship. What more could you ask for?"

We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th of June as we recognize some of our own and foster that spirit of brotherhood with our fellow scouts. Don't miss this exciting night of fellowship and fun.



New Merch!

New Camp Tuk hats will be available in the Trading Post for \$20! These hats will be available in various colors for pets or Scouts.



Lodge Dues

It's time again for 2024 and 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.tukabatchebsa.org/shop



2024-2025 Lodge Calendar

Our 2024-2025 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.

Find Us Online!



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Upcoming Dates

Summer Camp..... June 16-22
Nat. OA Conference... July 28-Aug 3
Pilgrimage Ordeal..... Aug 9-11
Merit Badge Day..... Sep 14
OA Banquet..... Sep 14
Fall Hangout Oct 18-20

Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

Anyone who knows me has probably heard me say, "A little confidence and common sense will go a long way."

I still believe in this whole heartedly; however, I have learned a new way to look at confidence. Sometimes you may struggle with a new environment of friends or a new job or task in life. When you may not be as skilled as you would hope to be in these situations, remember this new ideal: Put your confidence in your intentions, not in your skills. This idea will generate authenticity when dealing with new or difficult people and tasks.

If your intentions are to "do a good job" or "to make friends in a new environment," that authenticity will show throughout and you will be surprised with the results!

Publications

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary

Thank you for a great year in Alibamu and congrats for earning third place at Conclave for our Instagram page!

So many brothers have shared pictures in our PhotoCircle or hit "like" on our Instagram or Facebook posts. We have such a supportive community, and it has helped me put together these newsletters during the last year. We have made a big shift from a mostly printed newsletter to a mostly digital one, but each picture and newsletter article continues to tell our story and builds our community.

Let's keep sharing! You can join our Photocircle with this code:
join.photocircleapp.com/RBSYJGC4R3.