



Arrowman Echoes

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Conclave: The Arrows Tour

Rosie A., Vice-Lodge Chief

On April 4, lodge members traveled to Camp Bert Adams in Covington, Georgia, for the annual E6 Conclave. To show lodge spirit, we wore hot pink "179" epaulets and sunglasses in the theme of the "Arrows Tour."

After attending classes like the Section E6 Chief Panel or the driving simulation in the morning, Quest events began after lunch. We had great participation on the fields and on the sidelines. While Alibamu was defeated in tug-of-war, we were very successful at volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Wischixin, which resulted in the Alibamu's "Quest Champion" award.



Jackson H., Brewer Houlditch, Wes Crew, Lucas Luster, and Rosie A., display Alibamu's awards at Section E6's Conclave at Camp Bert.

CONCLAVE RESULTS

- Best All-Around Lodge
- Quest Champion
 - UFC: 3rd Place
 - Volleyball: 1st place
 - Wixchixin: 1st place
- Newsletter: 1st place
- Instagram: 2nd Place
- Attendance: 3rd Place

Tailypo began in the evening: almost all Lodge members assisted with setting up the booth and running it throughout the night. For the game, participants were given a quote and had to guess whether it was a line from an OA Ceremony or a Taylor Swift song. Prizes included friendship bracelets made during the preceding Pilgrimage Ordeal.

The shows on Friday and Saturday night were great opportunities to meet Arrowmen from the other lodges. First-time conclave participant Connor Crook said, conclave was "one of the best experiences in all of Scouting."

On Sunday, lodge members voted for new section officers and received awards. Congrats to our lodge for winning Best-All-Around for the thirteenth year in a row!

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Quest Champs

JP Baughman, Quest Coach

Alibama dominated during the Quest events!

After a tough loss in tug-of-war, Alibamu won all of the volleyball and Wixchixin games. Alibama lost one game of UFC, but still placed third overall.

Buddy L. of Troop 50 said, "I was happy that we played as a team and everyone put in a lot of effort."

Kaleigh R. of Troop 307 said, "It was a shock that we were so good at volleyball. We struggled during our volleyball practices."



Coach JP Baughman celebrated after Alibamu's wins on the Quest field. JP said, "I was really proud of our progress since the skills days."



Alibamu's volleyball team led other lodge's in every volleyball game they played.

Welcome to the Lodge!

Because of the delayed Allogagan Ordeal in May due to the weather, we had two ordeals this spring, which resulted in 34 new Arrowmen and 6 Brotherhood members.

Cheerful Service

Thomas L., Service Chairman

We had a great Beaver Day/Make-up Ordeal May 2-4. Thank you to all of the Arrowmen who attended.

We completed several service projects, including relocating rocks from the road to the island, cleared along the swimming and boating areas, mowed the island, and installed a bench at the ceremony ring. We also had a team of people removing dead trees in preparation for summer camp.

Again, thank you for all of your cheerful service!



Lucas Luster, Brewer Houlditch, Tyler Baughman, and Rosie A. conducted the ceremonies on May 3 at the rescheduled ordeal.

Arrowmen in Action!

Rosie A. met former Alibamu Chief (1996) and National Chief (1999) Will Parker at the Scouting at the Capitol event on April 8, 2025.



Riley G. catches the volleyball during a volleyball match at conclave. Alibamu won all of their volleyball games.



Mr. Wes Crew and Ms. Deborah Clark enjoying the festivities outside of the Tailypo booth at conclave at Camp Bert Adams.



Chiefly Speaking

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

We hear the word “Brotherhood” a lot in our organization. It’s one of our core principles—after all, we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. When we recite our Obligation, we promise to “always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting.” But what does that truly mean?

The members of our Lodge are united by more than just a shared Ordeal experience (though that alone is powerful). We are bound together by the deeper connection of our shared commitment to the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We strive to serve, to give back, and to care for others. Those are the ties that are truly lasting.

Brotherhood means knowing that wherever you go, whatever challenges you face, you’re not alone. Every Arrowman you meet at camp, at school, or out in the world shares something essential with you: a promise to live with purpose, humility, and service.

So don’t forget the ties that bind us. In Scouting, in the Order, and in life, your brothers are standing with you.

OA Night at Summer Camp

Sippi Aaij, Secretary-Elect

We had a great event during summer camp on May 19. After call-outs and the vigil ceremony, we hosted several stations for campers, including a root beer station, a screen-printing activity, and a branding station.

Congrats to Phillip Baughman and Thomas Lawlor as the youth vigil candidates and to Dondra Houldith and Gina Aaij as the adult vigil candidates.



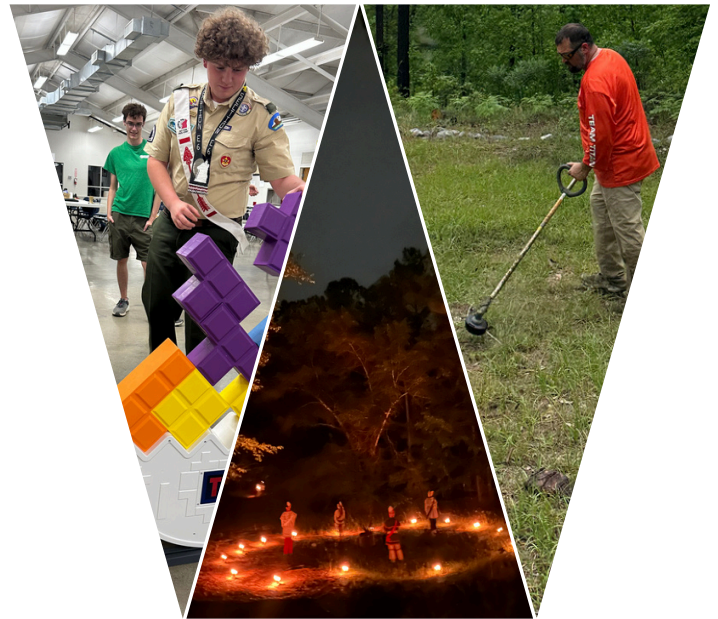
On May 19, Dondra Houldith, Gina Aaij, Thomas Lawlor, and Phillip Baughman were tapped out as the vigil candidates for the lodge.

Thank You, Alibamu

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

Wow, time has really flown by. It feels like not too long ago that I was getting ready to start this year. This past year has been a massive success for our lodge. We cheerfully supported the scouting community through our service events and our brand-new 5-mile hike event. We also got to grow together through our fun fellowship events like our first ever winter camp OA night. Additionally, we were recognized as a High-Performing lodge by the National OA and received Best All-Around lodge from Section E6.

This amazing year would not have been possible without all of your support of our council, love for service, and commitment to the principles of the Order of the Arrow. Thank you all for making this year one of the best chapters in our Lodge's history. I hope to see you at future events so we can continue to make our lodge the best that it can be.



2025 Lodge Calendar

Our 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.

Upcoming Dates

Pilgrimage Ordeal..... Aug 8-10
Merit Badge Day/LEC..... Sep 20
OA Banquet..... Sep 20
Workhorse Day..... Oct 4
Fall Hangout..... Oct 24-26
5-Mile Hike..... Nov 4
Fall Fellowship..... Dec 5-7

Save the Date!
Jamboree
July 22-31, 2026



Arrowman Spotlight

Congrats to Thomas L. of Troop 1 for earning the 12-month camper award. Learn more about it [HERE](#).



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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

"Sticks and Stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

That is something many of us were taught growing up. Although it was intended to strengthen us when it comes to verbal insults, it may not be the best strategy in which to live. I personally cannot remember the pain from falling and breaking my wrist in Grade 6; what I do remember in that same year is a comment spoken by one of the popular girls (that many boys had a crush on) about me and my hefty size. When we speak to others and ourselves, we should bring positive vibes and peace. If we speak to others harshly, with or without reason, we will assuredly be remembered for that.

Living in the Scout Law is to be kind in words and deeds. There is an abundance of harsh words that strike the heart spoken daily. Be the kind and friendly voice who uplifts. The genuine kindness you give comes back multiplied!!

Lodge Dues

It's time again to pay dues for 2025, 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.tukabatcheesa.org/shop.

