



Arrowman Echoes

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Allagogan Ordeal

Rosie A., Vice-Lodge Chief

Even though the event was postponed one weekend due to severe weather, we had great attendance at Camp Tuk on March 20-22.

We completed service projects around Camp Tukabatchee and Camp Hobbs before we inducted twenty-five OA candidates and three brotherhood candidates. We also prepared friendship bracelets to take to Conclave.

We would like to thank our kitchen crew and all of the Scouters who helped support this event. We got a lot of work completed.

If you were unable to attend, there will be a make-up Ordeal on May 2-4 and Pilgrimage Ordeal is scheduled for August 15-17.



The Arrows Tour Hits the High Notes at Conclave

Get ready for "Arrows Tour," where Order of the Arrow meets pop sensation! This Conclave promises a weekend of epic fellowship, skill-building, and Swiftie-inspired fun on April 4-6, 2025.

Training: Hit Tracks for Scouting Skills

Dive into workshops; each "hit track" will boost your Scouting prowess. Learn about American Indian Activities through dance, drum, and outfit competitions.

Fellowship: The VIP Experience

Connect with Scouts from across the region, sharing stories and trading patches like limited-edition merch. Forge lasting friendships and enjoy evening festivities – it's a VIP experience for every attendee.

Arrows Tour Finale: Sparkle and Shine

Leave Conclave with new skills, strong friendships, and unforgettable memories. "Arrows Tour" blends Scouting tradition with pop energy, creating a weekend you won't forget. Get ready to sing, serve, and shine!

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What's Tailypo?

Kaleigh R., Historian

Tailypo is a conclave event that aims to promote fellowship and interaction among Arrowmen through fun and activities based on each lodge's region or history.

For our booth, we want to embrace the "Arrows Tour" with decorations and a fun activity. If you are attending conclave, please look for a sign-up sheet. We will need a crew for set up, the activity, and clean up. It's a lot of fun to participate, and it's a great way to fellowship with brothers from other lodges. We want to show everyone at conclave our lodge spirit, so come on out to Tailypo!



Indian Winter

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

Indian Winter was a super fun and exciting Section E6 event held at Camp Horne in Jefferson County, Alabama.

This event was full of fellowship with other lodges, informative trainings, and American Indian Affairs events.

Sadly, we were not able to send many people due to the Indian Winter's postponement, but I hope to see all of you at next year's event!

Ceremonies

Tyler Baughman, Ceremonies Chair

Last year, our ceremonies team earned two honor awards for pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies.

This year, we will compete in all four ceremonies at conclave. Tyler Baughman will be performing as Meteu; Lucas Luster, Kichkinet; Brewer Houlditch, Allowat Sakima; and Jaxon H. and Tommy Norris, Nutiket.

Are you interested in learning about the ceremonies team? If so, please contact me. We are looking for two new ceremony team members. Performing ceremonies is a neat experience and you have the chance to embody the principles of the Order of the Arrow.



Top: A pre-ordeal ceremony was held at Camp Tuk on March 21.

Bottom: Lucas Luster performs as Kichkinet during the Ordeal ceremony on March 22.

Cheerful Service

Will R., Service Chair

Thank you, brothers, for your service at Allagogan Ordeal. We cleaned up debris from the storms, which required a chainsaw crew and willing hands. We repaired the fencing and swim area at Camp Hobbs. In all, we completed 420 hours of service, thanks to our 70 participants!

And the spirit of service continues! Mark your calendars for Beaver Day on May 3, where another opportunity to make a difference awaits. Let's build on the momentum of the Allagogan Ordeal and continue to serve with the same dedication and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Chiefly Speaking

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

“We who hear the Admonition, we who bear the Obligation, let this be our resolution: reach a hand to those who need us, walk in brotherhood beside them.”

These are some of the final words that Meteu spoke to you during your Ordeal ceremony. These words are more than a closing to a ceremony: they are a challenge. A challenge to live out the values that define our Order: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

When we accepted the Obligation, we pledged ourselves to a life of service and leadership. We committed not only to serve our fellow Scouts, but to practice support, humility, and integrity wherever we go. Being a part of the Order of the Arrow means that you have already demonstrated a spirit of service. But our obligation does not end with our induction. We are called to continue serving others throughout our journey in Scouting and beyond.

So, I challenge you: pause and look around. Where can you lend a hand within the groups you are already a part of? How can you walk in brotherhood with those around you starting today?

Sometimes, these acts don't need to be grand gestures. Maybe it's helping a younger Scout tie a knot they've been struggling with. Maybe it's offering support to a friend having a hard week. And sometimes, it's stepping up to lead. Not for recognition, but simply because it's the right thing to do. Our lodge grows stronger not just through events and awards but through the daily, quiet acts of brotherhood and service carried out by Arrowmen like you. Let us continue to live by the admonition, not just in our ceremonies, but in our hearts, and minds, and actions.

Game Time

Thomas L., Athletics Chair

We have had two skills days to prepare for quest activities during conclave. We know we will play Wischixin, ultimate frisbee, tug-of-war, and volleyball. There will be one surprise activity that will be announced at the event.

Make sure you have registered for Conclave, and don't forget to bring your cleats and gloves for tug-of-war. JP Baughman will be our coach this year, and Brewer Houlditch is our captain. **ALIBAMU 179!**



Top: Phillip Baughman practices UFC with Connor C.
Bottom: Thomas L. coaches new players through a practice Wischixin match.

Upcoming Dates

Conclave April 4-6
Beaver Day/LEC May 3
Summer Camp June 15-21
OA Night June 19



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.

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OA High Adventure

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a collection of high adventure treks for youth and young adults who are up to the challenge. [LEARN MORE.](#)

Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

As some people know, I have a deep appreciation for trees. In my many hiking and camping adventures, I always enjoy seeing unique and strange looking trees.

It makes me wonder though, what if trees had to deal with some of the same insecurities we have as humans. What if the Pine with it's rugged bark wanted to be like the Sycamore with it's smooth bark? What if the small short trees strived to be just like the big tall trees? What if the twisted and bent trees wished they could be straight like some of the other trees in the forest? If these trees could all change themselves to be or look like the other trees, it would sure make for a less beautiful hike through the woods.

We are no different: what makes us different is what makes us beautiful! Appreciate the uniqueness you bring to the world! I love trees and how each and every one is different! I love you all and how your uniqueness adds to the beauty of our world!

Lodge Dues

It's time again for 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.tukabatcheeds.org/shop.

