



Arrowman Echoes

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Fall Fellowship

Brewer Houlditch, Lodge Treasurer

I am proud to announce the theme for this year's Fall Fellowship will be "Alibamu's Got Talent."

In addition to our service projects and fun activities throughout the day, we will be hosting a talent show, and the winner will receive a prize!

Make sure to register at Alibamu.org, and keep an eye out for an email containing a sign-up sheet for the talent show. If you'd like to be a judge for the show, please let me know by emailing me at brewerhoulditch@gmail.com or calling me at (334)-398-5886.

I hope to see everyone there!



Lodge Banquet

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

On September 14, Arrowmen gathered for our annual Lodge Banquet, a night dedicated to food, fellowship, and fun. It allowed longtime members and newcomers to celebrate the past year's accomplishments and look ahead to an exciting new year.

The banquet kicked off with a lively round of Lodge trivia, adding an element of friendly competition that tested members' knowledge. Last year's Lodge officers and the Lodge Executive Committee were honored for their dedication and hard work, which shaped a successful and memorable year for the Lodge. The evening included the formal installation of the 2024-2025 officers and advisers. We also recognized last year's Vigil candidates, acknowledging their commitment to the values and principles of the Order.

Several awards highlighted the evening, honoring exceptional service and dedication. Joshua Alexander was presented with the Ham Murray Youth of the Year Award, and Mr. David Ehrlich received the Hugh Maldin Adult of the Year Award. The prestigious Founder's Award was bestowed upon Nethan Crew and Mr. Dale Alexander in recognition of their outstanding service to the Lodge.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and made this a memorable celebration of our brotherhood—we look forward to another incredible year together!

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Outreach Hike

Trey S., Outreach Chairmen

Hey, OA! I'm was so excited to see 25 Scouts ready to hike five miles on November 16 at Camp Tukabatchee. We had 15 youth participants, and they were guided by 6 youth Arrowmen.

This trail was so beautiful and fun to walk, and the weather was great. I want to thank the many Arrowmen and Crew 122 for helping get it ready.

Shrimp Boil

Rosie A., Vice-Lodge Chief

The Frontier District's shrimp boil fundraiser on Oct 11 was a great way to support the Scouts BSA organization without even going to camp. We had delicious food, and it was a beautiful night with good music at Lanark's Pavilion. It was a lot of fun to go out and see Lodge members, volunteers, and friends of Scouting, and Lucas Luster won a door prize.

If you missed out this year, make plans to attend next fall!



Rosie A, Sippi Aaij, Brewer Houlditch, and Lucas Luster attended Frontier's Shrimp Boil.

Conclave Prep

Thomas L., Sports Chairman

Do you want to play on a National Championship Team? Here's your chance because Conclave is happening April 4-6.

To show your skills and commit to the team, all you have to do is to participate in upcoming athletic Alibamu events. During Fall Fellowship (December 6-8), you will have time to learn and play each game, including Ultimate Frisbee, Wischixin, and Volleyball.

The Lodge is also planning to host a skills day on Jan 26 and February 16, so make sure to stay up to date for more details and locations.

Here are **5 reasons** why you should join the team!

#5 Become a Frisbee Ninja: Learn the secret art of the perfect throw and the ninja-like reflexes to catch any flying disc.

#4 Tug-of-War Titan: Channel your inner Hulk and pull with the strength of a thousand oxen.

#3 Volleyball Virtuoso: Spike, dig, and bump your way to volleyball greatness.

#2 Make Friends Who Are Fun: Meet fellow Arrowmen who love to laugh, play, and cheer "**ALIBAMU 179!**"

#1 Forge Bonds of Brotherhood: Build lifelong friendships with your teammates and experience the camaraderie of a true sports team.



Workhorse Day Recap

Will Renfro, Service Chairman

On October 5, we had our annual Workhorse Day. We had roughly 25 Arrowmen, Cub Scouts, and Crew 122 who volunteered to help prepare camp for upcoming events.

While most volunteers were getting Camp Tukabatchee ready for the Cub Scout Spook-O-Ree, the Crew was getting the trail ready for the upcoming 5-mile hike, and they spent the day clearing and marking the trail. Others cleaned up the camp sites, made sure the trails around camp were marked and cleared, and cleaned up around the Trading Post, including the volleyball court. Several adult volunteers helped with mowing to get camp ready.

Thank you to all who helped, and lunch was a great time for fellowship!

Congrats to Vigil Honor Class of 2024!



David McCaughtry, Brewer Houlditch, Tyler B., Lucas Luster, and Charlotte Bridgeman earned Virgil on Oct 25, 2024.

Chiefly Speaking

Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief

As of the start of November, I am honored to have served as your Lodge Chief for four months. Though it may not sound like much, it's already a third of my term—and I'm continually inspired by the energy, dedication, and service of our Lodge members. In this short time, we have shown how powerfully our Lodge can impact the community around us.

At every event, I've had the privilege of seeing the genuine heart of service that defines our Lodge members. Every act, no matter the size, adds to the strength and presence of our Lodge.

The service you bring to the Lodge doesn't go unnoticed. Each time you give your time, effort, and heart, you're not only strengthening our Lodge but also inspiring others around you. I encourage you to keep serving with pride, both in the Lodge and within your communities. Even if it sometimes feels like no one sees what you're doing, I promise you—it makes an impact, and people feel it.

Thank you for all you do. Let's make the coming months unforgettable and continue to inspire others through our actions.



Thomas L., Rosie A., Will R., and Lucas Luster attended NLS on Nov 1-3 in Thomas Station, TN.

Fall Hangout

Rosie A, Vice-Lodge Chief

The Lodge kicked off Fall Hangout on October 18-20 with a pumpkin-carving competition, which Brewer Houlditch won. After a fun night of fellowship, we got to work in the morning with plenty of service opportunities in preparation for the Cub Scout Spook-O-Ree.

Arrowmen served meals, cleaned bathhouses, took out the trash, and kept the dining ready for the Cub Scouts and their families. Some Arrowmen served on the Spook-O-Ree staff and helped with the haunted trail, and others ran the Trading Post. It was a great weekend at Camp Tuk for the Cub Scouts! Thank you to everyone who made it a success; we appreciate your cheerful service.



During the Cub Scout Spook-O-Ree, Arrowmen helped run the Trading Post. Over 50 Arrowmen served the youth of our council at the event.



Indian Winter

Sippi Aaij

Indian Winter will be at Camp Horne on Jan 10-12 in Cottondale, AL, which is less than 2 hours away! I have already registered, and so should you!

Indian Winter is a section-wide event, meaning that every other Lodge in our Section E6 will be there with their own contingents. This is an amazing way for you to meet new people and form connections outside of our Lodge. There will also be a multitude of events, trainings, and activities throughout the weekend for you to participate in, as well as important AIA events and shows to watch! I highly recommend going.

Indian Winter is one of my favorite events of the year, and Arrowmen who register before December 15 will pay a discounted registration fee of only \$15. Sign up today!



National Youth Leadership Seminar (NLS)

Rosie A, Vice-Lodge Chief

The National Leadership Seminar, or NLS, was held near Nashville, Tennessee, and four of us from Alibamu Lodge got to meet OA members from our Section and from our Region. When we arrived, each of us joined a different crew for our weekend of learning. My crew included Scouts from New York, Illinois, Georgia, and more.

During the sessions, I worked on a lot of valuable lessons regarding leadership, including learning styles, individual skills, and adapting to different problems. We also had the privilege of learning from experienced youth like the National Chief, David Gosik, and the Eastern Region Chief, Cameron Dalton. We really enjoyed spending time with our Section Chief Emma Wright.

All of the staff encouraged the NLS crews to participate and make new friends, making it a very welcoming and fun environment!



Alibamu Lodge sent four youth to NLS who are pictured here with Section Chief Emma Wright.

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.tukabatcheebsa.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.

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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

You can't stay here!

Yes, you may have a great situation going on. You can't stay here!

Yes, being young is pretty great most of the time. You can't stay here!

Yes, you may think you have the best adult life you could ask for. You can't stay HERE!!

Life is all about change!

To reach new heights, literally or figuratively, you can't stay here! We all have to be willing to move through changes in life to be successful. Keep looking onward and upward; you might like the way life changes when you keep that positive spirit of achievement.



Upcoming Dates

Alibamu 5-Mile Hike... Nov 16
Fall Fellowship..... Dec 6-8
Indian Winter..... Jan 10-12
Winter Camp..... Jan 17-20
Conclave Skills Day..... Jan 26
Conclave Skills Day..... Feb 16
Allagogan Ordeal..... March 14-16
Conclave..... April 4-6