



# Arrowman Echoes

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## Fall Fellowship

**Eli Crawford, Lodge Treasurer**

Get ready to drop, because this Fall Fellowship we are at Camp Tukabatchee December 1-3 for an all out Battle Royale. That's right, the theme is "Fortnite," but there will be plenty of other things for everyone to enjoy.

Some of the game modes will include Fortnite tournaments, a "Run From the Storm 5k," a "skin" costume contest, and a chug-jug relay race.

Make sure to catch up on your Fortnite lingo because this fellowship isn't one you want to miss! Register at [www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop](http://www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop).

## Fall Hangout

**Rutledge Rogers**

I had a really fun time at Fall Hangout. There was a pumpkin carving contest, and it was really fun to spend time helping out around camp and helping run Spook-O-Ree for the Cub Scouts. My favorite part was the activities on Saturday and all the fun things we got to do. I would recommend anyone who loves Scouting and the OA go to fall hangout.

Congratulations to Conner Zarbo for winning our third annual pumpkin carving contest at Fall Hangout! His winning pumpkin is pictured below.



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# Banquet

**Ellie Malkemus, Lodge Historian**

The 2023 Lodge Banquet was a success! After enjoying the delicious poppyseed chicken and cookie cake, we heard our 2022-2023 Review with Parker Stephens, quickly followed by Lodge Wheel of Fortune. We had three teams battle it out, but Team Brethan came out on top with an astounding \$4,700 in their pot! After congratulating Team Brethan on their win, we began presenting awards. Congratulations to Lucas Luster for receiving the Ham Murray Youth of the Year Award and to Mr. Kevin Houlditch for receiving the Hugh Mauldin Adult of the Year Award! Thank you so much Kevin and Lucas for all your service to the Lodge.

Next, we installed our new Lodge Chief (Jacob Young), Vice Chief (Joshua Alexander), Secretary (Sippi Aaij), and Treasurer (Eli Crawford). Congratulations to all of our new officers!



## Merit Badge Day

**John Leary, Merit Badge Day Chairman**

This year we had the opportunity to host Merit Badge Day at Faulkner University, and it was a huge success! The classes were full of enthusiastic scouts learning new skills and discovering possible career paths. We had awesome counselors teaching merit badges related to their respected professions, giving scouts a deeper understanding of each subject and a valuable perspective into each career field. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to make this classic event a success!



## Indian Winter

**Jacob Young, Lodge Chief**

This year's Indian Winter will be hosted by Ini-To Lodge and held at Camp Thunder in January 2024. Indian Winter is an event where scouts and leaders from different lodges come together to connect, learn, and have an overall great time. With a great set of classes and activities like workshops, fun activities, drumming, dancing, beading, inductions, and ceremonies, Indian Winter offers an inclusive platform for participants to appreciate the values of scouting while gaining a deeper understanding of Native American history. Indian Winter is a great smaller version of Conclave with some of the best fellowship time with the other lodges in our section. It's an event that embodies the spirit of scouting and creates lasting memories for all who attend.

We'll leave ASAP after school on Friday. Register at [www.OAsectionE6.org](http://www.OAsectionE6.org).

# NOAC 2024

**Trey Slagle, NOAC Champion**

NOAC 2024 is gonna be an experience like no other! Anyone young or old anyone can find the time of their lives at NOAC. There are so many ways to learn and have fun. From fun games and trainings in the day to professionally organized events and shows in the evening, NOAC is an amazing experience for OA members.

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference is set for July 27 - August 3 at the University of Colorado in Boulder! The fee is \$1,600 which includes airfare. We're planning to fly Delta, so if you have SkyMiles that could lower the cost for you. If you have any program questions as me. If you have any financial questions, please contact Mr. Mike Bazonis.

I can't wait to see you "Seek New Heights" at NOAC 2024!

## Brotherhood

**Brewer Houlditch, Ceremonies  
Chairman**

Do you enjoy the ceremonies conducted by our lodge for ordeals? Do you like the regalia the ceremonialists wear? Do you think yourself capable of standing tall, and speaking out in front of others? Then consider joining the Alibamu Lodge Ceremonies team. We always need more people to help the ceremonies run smoothly. If the acting and the ceremonies are not for you, then consider being on the support team, to help set up the ring before ceremonies. Without people to help set up or be in the ceremonies they won't happen. If you are interested, contact Ceremonies Chairman Brewer Houlditch at [brewerhoulditch@gmail.com](mailto:brewerhoulditch@gmail.com). Anyone is welcome to join the ceremonies team!



## Work Horse Day

**Joshua Alexander, Lodge Vice Chief**

This year's Work Horse Day proved to be a resounding success, marked by an impressive turnout of volunteers who helped to complete a series of essential service projects. Notably, a new ramp was installed for the dining hall, while surrounding rocks were placed to enhance its stability and aesthetic appeal. The entire camp received some touch ups, with weed-eating initiatives that revitalized the landscape, and all camp porches were cleared of debris. In preparation for the Spook-O-Ree event, both the dining hall and its bathrooms underwent thorough cleaning. Additionally, a brand-new gaga pit was installed, replacing the old one and adding an improved and exciting feature to our camp facilities.



# ACT Conference

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary

This year, Alibamu Lodge sent five youths to the Section E6 ACT conference, hosted at Camp Bert Adams in August. Eli Crawford, Joshua Alexander, Jacob Young, Sippi Aaij, and Ellie Malkemus represented the lodge at this training. These officers learned new tactics, new skills, and new ways to improve the lodge. One session was even taught by the lodge's very own Chief, Jacob Young. We are so grateful to have attended this training, and we to hope to put what we learned to use this year!



## Lodge Dues

It's time again for 2023 and 2024 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.tukabatcheesa.org/shop](http://www.tukabatcheesa.org/shop)



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## 2023-2024 Lodge Calendar

Our 2023-2024 Lodge calendar is now available at [www.alibamu.org/calendar](http://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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## Upcoming Dates

Fall Fellowship- December 1-3  
 Indian Winter- January 5-7  
 Winter Camp- January 12-15  
 Conclave Skills Day- January 28  
 LEC Meeting- January 28  
 Beaver Day- February 24  
 LEC Meeting- February 24  
 Allogagan Ordeal- April 5-7  
 Lodge Elections- April 7  
 Conclave- April 19-21



## Chiefly Speaking

**Jacob Young, Lodge Chief**

Hey y'all! I just wanted to give you an update on how the lodge is currently on track and looking good for this program year.

I had a great time at fall hangout. Thank you to everyone who helped out. I can't wait for our upcoming events, like Fall Fellowship and our upcoming section event, Indian Winter. I hope everyone is getting ready and excited for the Conclave coming up in April, and, of course, for NOAC this summer.

# Mike's Minute

**Mr. Mike Bazonis, Lodge Adviser**

Arrowmen, here's a little quiz for you: "What's the most welcome two-word sentence in the English language?" Some of you might say, it's "We won!" Others would vote for, "Here's money!" But I think the most welcome two-word sentence is "Thank you."

It isn't used as often as it should be. How often do you use it? And how often do you say thank you to the persons who are closest to you: Your mother and father? How often do you say it to your friends or even strangers when they do something for you?

It's so easy to forget, especially if the Good Turn is done by somebody in your family. Too often we take for granted the many things our parents and other family members do for us. Here's a challenge for you: See if you can find some reason to say thank you every day to some member of your family. You may be surprised how they will react.

A simple thank you costs nothing, but it means so much to those who matter most to you. And remember, manners make a person and can be the difference between you being just another Arrowman and one who earns respect from those around them.

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