



Arrowman Echoes

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Feast & Fellowship

Kaleigh R., Historian

Join us for this year's Lodge Banquet as we come together to celebrate our accomplishments, honor our leaders, and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

This special event will recognize the hard work and dedication of our past Lodge Executive Committee and highlight the many achievements we have made together over the past year.

The banquet is open to all Arrowmen, including new members, long-time members, parents, families, and guests. Our evening program will feature awards and recognition for members who have given outstanding service, the presentation of the John Dowe Scholarships to this year's recipients, and all of the goals we have accomplished this year.

The banquet is **September 20** after Merit Badge Day. Festivities will begin at 6:30 PM at Camp Tukabatchee.

We can't wait to see you there—sign up today through the website!

Pilgrimage Ordeal

Brewer Houlditch, Service Chairman

I am happy to announce that our Pilgrimage Ordeal was a resounding success! We welcomed a total of 61 attendees for the weekend, which allowed us to complete all of the needed projects we had for this weekend.

Our lodge inducted nine new Arrowmen and three Brotherhood members, and we also achieved many of the goals we had set for this event. The last of the new benches at the OA ring were securely set in the ground, and every campsite was cleaned and inspected in preparation for Spook-O-Ree. We completed limb maintenance along the major roadways in camp, and we made progress clearing a dedicated fishing area to be enjoyed during summer camp. We also began the process of repairing and replacing the trail signs around camp to improve navigation and enhance the experience for future visitors.

Our lodge members and inductees went above during the weekend. Their cheerful service, hard work, and positive attitudes not only improved the camp but also strengthened the bonds within our lodge.

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Lodge Log-in

Rosie A., Lodge Chief

The Order of the Arrow is launching a new app and a new event! At Section E6's Section Leadership Seminar, we learned about this new app and some exciting changes coming to Section E6.

First, the new app is called the *Order of the Arrow Members*, and it will help members manage their membership and locate resources for the lodge, section, region, and national levels.

What was formerly called Indian Winter will now be Service Beyond the Fire, and it will focus on community service and fellowship. This event will be held at Camp Sidney Dew on **January 9-11, 2026**. Look for registration information soon from Section E6, and we hope to see you there!



Thomas Lawlor, Nathan Crew, Rosie A., Lukas Sloan, Wes Crew, and Alan F. attended Section E6's Section Leadership Seminar at Camp Bert on August 23.



Fall Hangout

Walker F., Lodge Treasurer

Get ready for a spectacular weekend at Camp Tuk, and join us for a Spook-O-Ree weekend of fun and volunteering!

Camp Tuk is hosting a Spook-O-Ree event on **October 24-26** that you won't want to miss!

Whether you've volunteered before or not, we would love for you to help the Cub Scouts have an amazing weekend and enjoy all the spooky activities that come with it! Along with cheerful service, we will have time with the lodge playing games and the infamous pumpkin-carving competition on Friday night. Registration information will be on the council's website soon.



The pre-Ordeal candidates approach the ceremony ring at Pilgrimage Ordeal in August at Camp Tukabatchee.

A Look Back

Edward Dicks, Associate Lodge Advisor

Here's an interesting piece of lodge history that was recently passed along to me. Ever wonder where the image for our lodge totem originated?

A car company named Oakland—named for Oakland County, Michigan—was founded in 1907. In the 1920s, General Motors created a companion brand for Oakland and named it Pontiac, after the city that served as the county seat of Oakland County. The city of Pontiac, in turn, was named for Chief Pontiac of the Ottawas.

Since there were no known pictures of the chief, GM took artistic license and created one. Years later, when Alabama Lodge changed its name to Alibamu to honor the tribe that once resided in our area, someone (identity now lost to history) suggested using the Pontiac image. At the time, Pontiac dealerships had made this image into a weathervane and displayed it over their lots.

To avoid potential trademark issues, the location of the feather was changed along with a few other minor modifications. The resulting design became our totem—who we now affectionately call Al.

And now you know the rest of the story... at least, allegedly.

Credit to Steve Willis for the information.



Chiefly Speaking

Rosie A. Lodge Chief

“Long ago you gave your promise, said you firmly: on my honor I’ll do my best—I’ll do my duty.”

At the start of your pre-Ordeal ceremony, Nutiket reminded you of your Scout Oath and Law. As Scouts, we are always mindful of the duty to others we accepted. As Arrowmen, we promise to apply these ideals to brotherhood and cheerful service.

Having just begun my term as Lodge Chief, I am realizing that doing my best and doing my duty don't have to be grand gestures. At SLS, I learned about the importance of paying attention to the smaller details within the lodge. For example, inviting the eligible Brotherhood candidates to Ordeal personally instead of sending out one mass email can have a big impact, even though it's a small gesture.

I will try to reach out to as many lodge members as I can this year because each of you is a piece of the puzzle that is our lodge. Even if you think your work is not seen or not appreciated, I promise you that others notice and that we are grateful for what you do.

Let's commit to paying attention to the small details—the personal invitations, the quiet acts of service, and the words of encouragement—because it's in those moments that we honor our duty to one another and build a stronger brotherhood, one small gesture at a time.



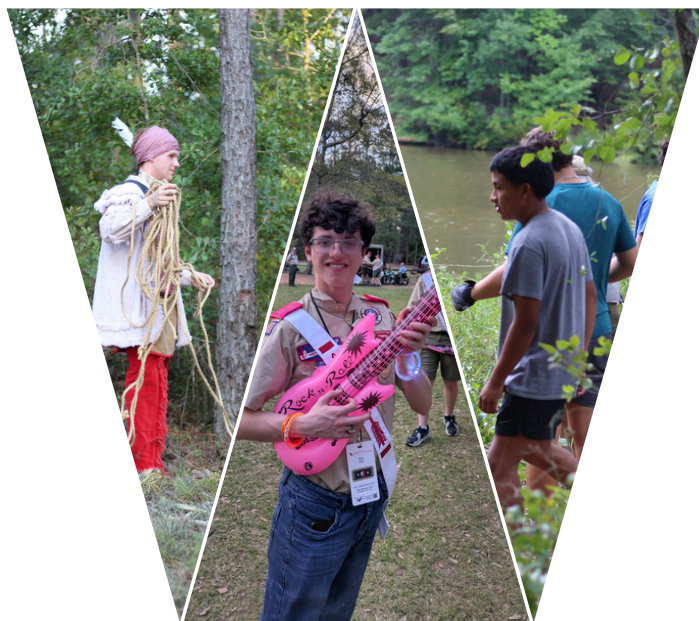
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Sippi Aajj, Lodge Secretary

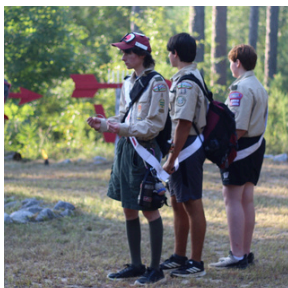
Everyone loves to see pictures, and we love to share them! It can make someone's day to see themselves featured in a post or an article.

Please join the PhotoCircle, so we can all share pictures and memories. Those pictures might be included in the newsletter or on social media:

PhotoCircle.



Flashback to August Ordeal



Lodge Dues

It's time to pay dues for 2026, 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.



Arrowman Spotlight



Congrats to Kaleigh R. of Troop 307 for completing her Eagle Board of Review during Ordeal. Way to go!

Upcoming Dates

- Merit Badge Day/LEC..... Sep 20
- OA Banquet..... Sep 20
- Workhorse Day..... Oct 4
- Fall Hangout..... Oct 24-26
- 5-Mile Hike..... Nov 8
- Fall Fellowship..... Dec 5-7
- Service Beyond the Fire..... Jan 9-11
- Winter Camp..... Jan 16-19

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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

Part of a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson ends by saying, "...to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, that is to have succeeded." To me, that sums up the idea of a heart of service! We all have that in common as Arrowmen in the Order of the Arrow.

I challenge you all to live each day trying to make someone "breathe easier." The benefits you receive will enrich your spirit and mind. It doesn't have to be some world-changing action—start small, maybe with a friendly conversation with someone who might be having a bad day, or help a friend with an arduous task. If we all do the small things, it makes the larger things easier to accomplish!

Spotted!



Emma Wright (Section E6 Chief), Rosie A., Thomas Lawlor, and Stephen Leach (Section E6 Vice Chief) took a picture between sessions at the Section Leadership Seminar at Camp Bert on August 23.