



Arrowman Echoes



Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.
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Banquet Adam Holtzsch Immediate Past Chief

Once again, we are holding our annual awards banquet. It will be Saturday, September 10, after Merit Badge Day at Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery. The Lodge will host dinner and activities, and most notably, recognize the service of our excellent members in the past year.

This event is open to people outside of the Lodge and Scouting. We encourage you to bring as many family members and guests as you wish.



Fall Hangout Preston Stephens Lodge Secretary

Fall Hangout will be on October 21-23 at Camp Tukabatchee during Spookoree. On Friday, we will have fellowship with the lodge and have games and pumpkin carving. Fall Hangout is only \$5 with a whole weekend of fun. On Saturday, we will help with the Spookoree so we can leave an impactful memory on young Cubs that will become future lodge members.

For LEC members, we will have a meeting on Sunday morning at 9am.

Lodge Dues

It's time again for dues to be paid so please pay as soon as possible. Only members with dues paid can wear a lodge flap on their uniform. Dues are required for attending events this year so, if you don't want to miss out, go ahead and pay. If you have any questions, please contact a lodge officer.

Dues can be paid online at:
www.alibamu.org or the QR code on the last page.



2022-2023 Lodge Calendar

Our 2022-2023 Lodge calendar is now available at www.alibamu.org. Make sure to add our dates to your calendar or subscribe to the Google Calendar so you'll know when our events, meetings, and work-days are.

We highly encourage you to put our conclave work-days on your calendar. We need lots of help getting ready for conclave!

2-Merit Badge Day
2-Pilgrimage/Future Service

3-NOAC

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Merit Badge Day 2022

John Leary
Merit Badge Day Chairman

Merit Badge Day is nearly here! This year we will introduce scouts to the OA by hosting a few games of Wischixin, giving away old patches, and having ice cream! We will have a donation bin at the upcoming ordeal, so please bring any unwanted patches you have. I am also trying to organize some activities/fellowship for adults throughout the day. If you're interested in volunteering in any of the following activities, please let me know!

Pilgrimage Summary and Future Service Opportunities

Joshua Alexander
Service Chairman

The Pilgrimage Ordeal was a huge success. Hard at work, the lodge was able to start and complete many service projects.

These projects include:

- Spreading sand across McCurdy Field and the trading post to help with irrigation and keeping the soil in place.
- Fixing and replacing broken and rotten picnic tables throughout the camp.
- Creating and improving Tukabatchee's trails to allow for safer and easier travel.

In the coming year, there are plenty of service events scheduled to get Camp Tukabatchee ready for conclave. There is a Workhorse Day on October 8th, starting at 8am. We will be focusing on projects around the camp. On December 2-4, Fall Fellowship is happening at Tukabatchee. This event is heavily focused on fellowship and fun, with a small bit of work mixed in. Everybody's help is needed in order to keep Camp Tukabatchee an amazing camp.

Youth:

- Running Wischixin during lunch and after classes
- Running/volunteering at the OA table during lunch and after classes
- Donating old patches!

Adults:

- Leading a 10-30 minute session for promoting the OA to adults
- Running get-to-know-you games for adults
- Leading a 10-30 minute session about troop recruitment for adults
- Leading a 10-30 minute session about anything scout-related for adults

We also have a lot of fun merit badge classes to take this year, so go ahead and sign up! In addition, please wear your sash at MBD in order to promote the OA. See you there!

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National OA Conference 2022

Shows
Ellie Malkemus
Towassa Chapter Chief



The NOAC shows were a wonderful experience, filled with games, plays, and some amazing people to hear from! It was incredibly exciting to get to hear from our very own national, vice, Eastern, and Gateway chiefs and be able to get to know a little bit about their pasts. One of the most entertaining nights was when they created a game show that pitted the Gateway Region and Eastern Region against one another, with both interaction from the audience and competitions played on stage such as Four in a Row. While the game was rigged so that neither side would win, it was amusing to watch the Eastern and Gateway chiefs play the games and eventually both get slimed in the end. Overall, the NOAC shows were a great way to bring all the lodges from around the country together to have some fun. They also created a good opportunity for each scout to feel a little closer to the chiefs by getting to know their personalities and how, just a few years ago, they were in the same places many of us are now!



Athletics
Eli Crawford
Athletics Chairman

At NOAC, we participated in a number of sports including volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and pickleball. We played our hearts out; however, we did not advance far in Ultimate Frisbee or volleyball. In pickleball, we were able to advance all the way to the quarterfinals. NOAC gave us an opportunity to see how we can work together as a team and as a lodge. Be sure to attend our conclave skills day on January 29 and other events like Fall Hangout and Fall Fellowship so we can tune up our skills. If we want to win Quest, we need to practice, work hard, and have fun.



Staffing NOAC
Jacob Young
Lodge Treasurer

Personally, I think staffing NOAC was a great experience. I learned so much about how to teach a class. Prior to staffing, I was not very good at teaching others; however, I learned so much at NOAC and I am now prepared for teaching in the future. I got lots of advice about motivating youth and how to work with them. Also, I gave my thoughts to adults about how to motivate youth better from the adult perspective. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I would encourage all of you to staff in the future.

2022 Banquet

September 10 @ Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery

Check-in begins at 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm

Register at [TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop](https://tukabatcheeBSA.org/shop)

Cost is \$10.75 per person.

Family and guests are invited.

The \$2 late fee begins September 5th.

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