



Arrowman Echoes

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Tukabatchee Area Council #005
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Annual Awards Banquet Nethan Crew Immediate Past Chief

Our annual lodge banquet is coming up and everyone is invited to this celebration of our past year's successes. The banquet will take place on September 18 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Montgomery starting at 6:00pm. The banquet will be a great opportunity for both newer brothers to be acclimated to the lodge and older brothers being awarded for the great successes of our 2020-2021 term year. The night will be filled with fun activities, recognition of the past years accomplishments, a great dinner, and the installation of our new lodge officers. This is a family event so bring mom and dad. We hope to see as many of you there as we can! Register online or with the form on the back.

Merit Badge Day John Leary Merit Badge Day Chairman

Merit Badge Day is September 18, at Aldersgate UMC. We are offering 13 merit badges taught by experienced and enthusiastic counselors. The merit badges available this year are Automotive Maintenance, Citizenship in the World (Eagle), Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle), Collections, Composite Materials, Electricity, Engineering, Game Design, Law, Medicine, Nuclear Science, and Sustainability (Eagle). The pre-registration deadline is September 7, and classes are filling up! If you would like a t-shirt, then we still have a limited number available at the registration site. We hope to see you there!
For more information, visit
www.alibamu.org/merit-badge-day

2022 Lodge Dues

It's that time again for dues to be paid so please pay yours as soon as possible. All memberships expire 12/31/21. Check your mailing label to see if you've already paid for 2022. Only dues paid members can wear a lodge flap on their uniform. Dues are required to attend any events this year so if you don't want to miss out, go ahead and pay. If you have any questions please contact Jacob or Adam. **Dues can be paid online at**
www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop



Calendar

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September 18 Banquet

October 22-24 Fall Hangout

December 3-5 Fall Fellowship

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National OA Conference 2022

Adam Holtzscher
Lodge Chief

NOAC or the National Order of the Arrow conference is the OA's largest event! Arrowmen across the nation will gather in 2022 for a week-long experience of brotherhood and fellowship. This is no mere camp out, we will be staying in the dorm rooms on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. This is the closest NOAC in recent years so it's your best chance to attend! The main activities at NOAC include ceremonies evaluation, training, Native American events, shows, and Founder's Day. Oh, there are athletics competitions as well. At the last 3 conferences, Alibamu has placed 9th in football, 5th in dodgeball, and 2nd in Ultimate.

NOAC has something for everyone of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events. If you've been to our section's conclave you already know how much fun that is. NOAC is 10 times bigger and 100 times more fun.

Visit www.alibamu.org/national-oa-conference for even more details. We'll depart Camp Tuk on July 24 and return home July 30.

The early bird price is \$700 and you will need to pay \$575 by December 10th. If you wish to take advantage of the early bird discount, take action now! Don't wait! Otherwise, the regular price for NOAC is \$750.

We want everyone to come! If you want to attend NOAC but are concerned about the payment, please contact Mr. Mike Bazonis today about scholarship opportunities. If you'd like to help with scholarships let him know that as well.

I can't wait to see you there with us!



Mike's Minute

Mr. Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser

The NOAC 2022 theme is...Tomorrow Begins Today! What does that mean for us and for Scouting in general? It's been a tough couple of years for the BSA...membership, bankruptcy, lawsuits, COVID, and more. Our world is changing and so must we. Alibamu already has an excellent program and does a lot of things "right", but there's always room for improvement. What ideas do you have that would make our events and programs better? What are we not doing right? If you have any ideas please let Adam or me know. If you're getting this newsletter you're paying your dues. If you're not coming to events, why not? Let us know what we can do to convince you to attend.

Outside of the OA you can help too. Share your Scouting experience with others. We can't rely on just getting new Cub Scouts at schools each year. Talk to your friends about joining. Adults can talk to their friends about getting their kids to join.

The tomorrow of our lodge and Scouting begins today. Let's all do our part to make sure we're still around in 10, 20, or 30 years.

Fall Hangout @ Spookoree

Eli Crawford
Lodge Secretary

Join me at Camp Tuk October 22-24 for Fall Hangout. We'll hangout, play games, and eat on Friday night. Then we'll stick around on Saturday and Sunday to help with Spookoree. There's an LEC meeting Sunday morning as well. Cub Scouts are future Boy Scouts who are future OA members. We need at least a dozen Arrowmen to come help. Will you be one of them?

Fall Hangout is just \$5 and pre-registration is required. Register today www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop.

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Pilgrimage Ordeal Wrap Up

Kayden Ray Vice Lodge Chief



Pilgrimage Ordeal went really great. We got a lot done at camp like cleaning up the chalk ball range, trail work, new latches on every bath house at camp, clean up at every camp site, pressure washed some bathhouses, and deep cleaned the dining hall and the admin building. We inducted eight new Ordeal members, one new Brotherhood member, and two Vigils. Congratulations to Preston Stephens and Mr. Jeff Young for completing their Vigil!

I'm very happy with everything that was done at this Ordeal and I appreciate everyone's participation.



Got 2022 Summer Plans Yet?

Eli Crawford Lodge Secretary



Do you have plans for next summer yet? In the next newsletter we'll talk about Camp Tuk summer staff, but for now let's talk about OA high adventure. The OA has programs at Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the Summit and 2022 registrations have begun. You have to be aged 16-20 on the first day of your trek (14-17 at the Summit). At Philmont and Northern Tier you'll spend the first week building trails and portages. Then you'll spend a week hiking or canoeing. At Philmont your crew will get to go places regular treks don't get to go. At Sea Base, you'll spend the full 10 days sailing and performing conservation work in the Florida Keys! Adam and Ryan Holtzschler attended OA Trail Crew at Philmont in 2019. Both said it was a tough, but amazing experience. Talk to one of them for some great stories.



For more detailed information on these programs and on the Summit program, visit oa-bsa.org/high-adventure. The dates and fees are also available at that site. Alibamu offers scholarship money to help with the program fee. Talk to Adam or Mike for details. If you're working at summer camp and/or going to NOAC, consider signing up soon as those middle dates will fill up quickly.

Although this is an individual activity, having a travel buddy go with you is even better. A couple of guys have already talked about going in 2022. Adam and Mike can help match you up with someone.



2020-21 Banquet & Lodge Dues

Bring your mom & dad!

September 18 @ Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery

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

If paid by 9/13 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

___ \$10 Dinner each

___ \$12 2022 Lodge Dues

___ \$12 2023 Lodge Dues

If paid after 9/13 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

___ \$12 Dinner each

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